



ATHLETICS POLICY GUIDELINES

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1. TEAM ROSTERS

- A. All teams will be required to submit a completed roster to the Athletics Division prior to the team's first scheduled game. Teams not submitting rosters prior to their first game will forfeit all games until rosters are received by league office.
- B. All additions and deletions must be completed by the dates specified at the league meeting and printed on league rules
- C. All additions must be completed on the appropriate forms and received by the league office prior to a player being eligible to participate in a league game.
- D. Once a player participates in a league game that player will be considered a member of that team for the entire season and is not eligible to play on another team during that season.
- E. All changes to a team roster must be made in writing and signed by the team manager

2. INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

- A. Any player found to be participating on more than one City of Federal Way team during the same sport season will be ruled ineligible for that season. Any games that the ineligible player participated in will be forfeited by all teams involved.
- B. Coaches who allow an ineligible player to participate will be suspended for the remainder of the season. Eligible players are defined as those whose names appear on the official team roster in the Athletics Office.

3. SCHEDULING

- A. For the purpose of drafting schedules each team will be allowed to designate one conflict. An effort will be made to accommodate a team's conflict request. No refunds will be issued after schedules are drafted.
- B. No games will be postponed by the league office after 4:00pm on the date the game is scheduled to be played. Games will only be postponed by the league office due to unsafe conditions or emergency situations.

4. GAME CONDUCT

- A. Coaches are responsible for the actions of their team and team followers before, during and after a game is completed on or near the vicinity of the playing field or gymnasium. The Athletics division has the right to suspend a team from league play for acts of misconduct by the team or its followers.
- B. Any player or coach who is found to be under the influence of intoxicants or who consumes intoxicants on or near the vicinity of the playing field or gymnasium on or about the time of the recreation activity shall be subject to a period of indefinite suspension by the Athletics Division.
- C. Any coach, player or team who is found to be abusive or using racial slurs toward officials, scorekeepers, opposing team members or recreation personnel shall be subject to a period of indefinite suspension at the discretion of the Athletics Division. This rule applies before, during and after games and anywhere in the vicinity of the recreation program.
- D. Any player or coach ejected from a game will be suspended from participating in the team's next two scheduled games. The suspension automatically applies even though an individual may not receive notification from the league office. Any player ejected from a game must leave the vicinity of the field or gymnasium immediately or risk forfeiture of the game.
- E. Coaches or players who start or participate in a fight will be suspended for the remainder of the season. This suspension can be longer depending upon the severity of the fighting.
- F. Teams who collectively engage in a fight will be suspended for one calendar year.
- G. Any player or coach striking, punching or physically assaulting an official before, during or after a game will be suspended for life from participation in all recreation programs.
- H. Any player or coach making physical contact with an official (other than punching or striking) will be suspended indefinitely. Any player who threatens an official will be suspended indefinitely.
- I. Any team who causes a game to be forfeited because of their misconduct will be placed on probation for one calendar year from the date of their actions.
- J. Any player who is suspended cannot be in the park or gymnasium at any time during the suspension

5. PROTESTS

- A. The team manager must make protests in writing to the Athletics Office accompanied by a check for \$25.00. Checks will be returned only if protest is upheld. All protests must include the scorebook signed by the official and pertinent information including the rule violated. Protests will only be considered on rule interpretation or player eligibility, never on judgment.
- B. To lodge a complaint against an official the coach must submit in writing the nature of the complaint to the Athletics Division. The Athletics Division will relay the complaint to the appropriate officials association. The response from the officials association will be relayed to the team through the Athletics Office.

6. HEARINGS AND APPEALS

- A. All suspensions, which exceed three games in length, may be subject to a hearing review process upon request of the suspended person.
- B. Upon completion of the hearing review process the player(s) or team involved may pursue an appeal. This appeal must be in writing and should be sent to their recreation supervisor. Appeals must be received within five (5) working days from the date of notification of suspension.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Each coach is responsible for obtaining a copy of the rules and educating players as to their contents. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable excuse for a violation.
- B. The head coach or manager is the only official spokesperson for the team players. Appealing individual disciplinary action will be the only exception.
- C. Any change in coaching/manager positions must be made in writing to the Athletics office by completing a new league application form. No exceptions.