

CITY OF FRISCO



# Frisco Adult Sports

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**FLAG FOOTBALL**



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## Article I. CITY OF FRISCO Policies and Procedures

### Section 1.01 CITY OF FRISCO POLICY:

- (a) The Frisco Adult Sport Leagues shall be governed by the City of Frisco Parks and Recreation Department (“Department”). The Department shall rule on protests, appeals and extended disciplinary action.
- (b) Games will be played under a State and/or National Association for game play rules unless modified by Rule Supplements with local Department By-Laws. The Department reserves the right to modify rules when needed.
  - (i) **\*Please visit [www.TAAF.com](http://www.TAAF.com) for the official rules for 8x8 and 5x5 flag football.**
- (c) Per City Ordinance, the consumption or possession of any alcoholic beverage is prohibited in each and every park located within the city. This includes the parking lot.

### Section 1.02 REGISTRATION AND FEES:

- (a) Registrations are accepted online at [www.FriscoFun.org](http://www.FriscoFun.org) as well as at the Frisco Athletic Center (FAC) within the registration dates set by the Department. All teams shall pay the applicable registration fee for participation in league. The Department offers two flag football seasons per year which are classified as the Spring and Fall seasons.

### Section 1.03 DIVISIONS:

- (a) Each division is required to have a minimum 6 teams. In the event that a division does not make, teams will be given the option for refund or merge with another division.

### Section 1.04 PLAYER CLASSIFICATION:

- (a) Players are classified by the highest level of play they participant in per season. Players cannot play with multiple teams in the same division.

## Article II. Rules and Clarification

### Section 2.01 GAME TIMES/TIME LIMIT:

- (a) 8x8 games are two 20 minute halves. 5x5 games are two 14 minute halves with the referee being the official time keeper.
- (b) Game start time is forfeit time.

### Section 2.02 UNIFORMS:

- (a) All team members must have shirts with the same base color with numbers permanently attached in 6” letters or larger on the back of the jersey.
- (b) Only whole numbers from 0-99, no tape, permanent marker or duplicate numbers will be allowed.
- (c) Cleats are allowed, except for metal spikes. Inspections will take place before every game by the officials.
- (d) Shirts must be tucked in shorts, pants, etc.

- (e) All shorts, pants, etc. must not have any pockets of any kind.
- (f) No headgear with an extended bill may be worn (ex: caps, visors, etc.).
- (g) Flags – Flags must be a minimum of 12 inches in length and 1.5 inches in width and must be a different color than the player’s shorts, pants, etc.

Section 2.03 GAME BALLS:

- (a) Each team provides their own game ball(s).
- (b) All game balls must be (FULL SIZE) official NFL/NCAA leather or composite ball.
  - (i) No rubber balls will be allowed.

Section 2.04 HOME TEAM:

- (a) Home team will be pre-determined by generated schedule.

Section 2.05 TEAM ROSTERS & WAIVER FORM:

- (a) The Department promotes a family friendly environment; please keep that in mind when creating your team name. Please refrain from using suggestive, offensive or derogatory team names. What team names are considered as such is at the sole discretion of the Department.
  - (i) The max roster size for 8x8 is 20. The max roster size for 5x5 is 15.
  - (ii) Players must be at least 18 years of age.
  - (iii) All players must complete the Team Waiver Form prior to playing in any game.
  - (iv) Players may only be on one team roster per night of play.
  - (v) Roster changes must be made prior to game time with the onsite athletics staff..
  - (vi) Rosters are required for any playoff team.
  - (vii) PLAYERS MUST PROVIDE A DRIVERS LICENSE IMMEDIATELY UPON REQUEST. Players must have their driver’s license with them at the game field. If a player is unable to present their driver’s license when asked, they will be considered an ineligible player for that game.
  - (viii) Illegal player issues must be resolved at the time of the occurrence. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT PLAY AS IT WILL NOT BE PROTESTABLE. If one team protests the eligibility of a player, then the said player in question must produce their driver’s license. If a player is deemed to be ineligible, that player must be removed from the game. If the removal results in a team dropping below the minimum number of required players the game will be forfeited.
  - (ix) No individual may play on multiple teams in the same division on the same night.

Section 2.06 FORFEITS:

- (a) As a courtesy to all involved, if coaches know they cannot field a team for a game, they must contact a Parks & Recreation Department representative member.
  - (i) If teams needs to forfeit, contact should be made to Athletics Staff in Section 3.09 by phone or e-mail by 3:00 PM on day of game. If after 3:00 PM or athletics staff is otherwise unavailable, please contact the Manager on Duty at the Frisco Athletic Center at 972-292-6600.
  - (ii) Notification must be received 90 minutes before scheduled game.

- (iii) *It is HIGHLY recommended that teams receive verbal or written confirmation from a Parks & Recreation staff member of their need to forfeit.*
- (b) A forfeit will be scored a 14-0 win.
- (c) *The penalty for a team forfeiting a game WITH notification is as follows:*
  - (i) *2<sup>nd</sup> offense: Written and Verbal Warning*
  - (ii) *3<sup>rd</sup> offense: Team is ineligible for playoffs*
- (d) *The penalty for a team forfeiting a game WITHOUT notification is as follows:*
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense: Verbal & Written Warning*
  - (i) *3<sup>rd</sup> offense: Team is suspended for remainder of season (no refund)*

## Article III. Conduct

### Section 3.01 SUSPENSIONS AND EJECTIONS:

- (a) REMOVAL: The referee has the right to remove any player from the game for minor infractions, but the player does not have to leave the facility / park. There is no team penalty, and the player is not suspended. (Example: uniform infraction)
  - (i) *The use of profanity and insulting language towards other players, umpires, athletics staff, or in general WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. It will be the discretion of the umpire or athletics staff to determine the severity of the behavior. Excessive use of profanity will result in disciplinary action including game ejection, expulsion for the season, or permanent suspension from all Frisco adult leagues.*
- (b) EJECTION: Any situation that a referee deems unsportsmanlike may be cause for ejection. Anyone ejected from a game (player or fan) for inappropriate behavior must leave the facility property immediately. If they do not comply or if they leave and return, their team will forfeit their game for that day (even if game has already been played). If that game was played and lost, the next game will be forfeited.
  - (i) *Ejected players will automatically be suspended for 7 days. If a player is on multiple teams in different leagues, he/she will be suspended from all of their next scheduled league or playoff games within the suspended time frame. It is the responsibility of the manager and/or player who was ejected to comply with this policy. Any violation of this policy will result in further disciplinary action to possibly include expulsion from the league.*
    - First Offense = 7 Days*
    - Second Offense = 30 Days*
  - (ii) *Player(s) will be ejected from a game for drinking or smoking on park premises.*
  - (iii) *Any player who verbally abuses a player, official or staff member, AT ANY TIME will be suspended under the ejection rule.*

- (c) EXPULSION: Physical abuse of a player, official or staff member will result in expulsion of that player(s) from all City of Frisco Leagues for at least a one year period and possible legal action.
  - (i) *Physical abuse is defined as any unwanted contact by the person or object that does not fall into the natural play of the game. This is to include any initial or secondary contact.*
- (d) The Department reserves the right to increase or decrease the severity of penalties based on previous history, unusual or special circumstances, or to protect the integrity of the league. Players that would like to contest the ruling of any suspension must notify the League Commissioner in writing within 72hrs of suspension. Any suspension of 30 days or greater will need to be reviewed and approved by the Parks and Recreation Board.

#### Section 3.02 GAME PROTEST:

- (a) All game protests must be submitted in writing and accompanied with a \$50 protest fee (Money Order ONLY made out to the City of Frisco) to the Frisco Athletic Center at 5828 Nancy Jane Lane, within 24 hours of the completion of the protested game. Rule interpretation is the ONLY protestable issue that will be considered. The Department will review the protest and rule on within 48hrs of receiving.
- (b) You can only protest a rule interpretation NOT A JUDGMENT CALL!
- (c) Protest fees will be returned to the team/player ONLY if the protest is upheld.

#### Section 3.03 PLAYING FIELD CONDITIONS/RAIN-OUTS:

- (a) The Department will post the condition on the [www.teamsideline.com/frisco](http://www.teamsideline.com/frisco) website as well as Rainout Line. If weather and/or field conditions change, the onsite supervisor will monitor and follow proper protocol when dealing with weather.
  - (i) *Parks and Recreation Department Rainout Line at (972) 292-6666.*
  - (ii) *If the first game is canceled, all remaining games on that field are canceled. Likewise, if the second game is cancelled, all subsequent games will also be canceled.*
  - (iii) *If a decision must be made during gameplay, the referees will make any cancellation decisions based on the safety of players and staff.*

#### Section 3.04 MAKEUP GAMES:

- (a) All reasonable attempts will be made to reschedule canceled games due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances on your league night. However, the Department reserves the right to reschedule games on an alternate night if necessary. Also, circumstances may arise such as multiple rainouts, in which games are canceled, prohibiting the completion of a season.
- (b) In the event that all games are not able to be played in the regular season due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances, the standings and seeding for playoffs will be based off of the games played and winning percentages.

### Section 3.05 PLAYOFFS:

- (a) The top 4 teams in each division will advance to the playoffs, with the 1st place team playing the 4th place team and the 2nd place team playing the 3rd place team in the semi-finals. Winners advance to the Championship Game.
- (b) All League Rules remain in effect. The higher seeded team will be the Home Team.
- (c) Championship Game will not be timed and will fulfill full innings or mercy rule.

### Section 3.06 TIEBREAKERS FOR STANDINGS:

- (a) Win – Loss record.
- (b) If two teams are tied:
  - (i) *The winner will be the team that defeated the other. (If the two teams did not play each other, move to iii)*
  - (ii) *If there is a split between the two teams, the winner will be the team that gave up the least amount of points against the teams involved for that tie.*
  - (iii) *The team that has given up the least amount of points to all opponents within the league is the winner.*
  - (iv) *The team that has scored the most points against all opponents within the league is the winner.*
  - (v) *The team that has the least amount of forfeits within the season.*
  - (vi) *If still tied, a coin flip will determine the winner of the tie.*
- (c) If there is a tie between 3 or more teams:
  - (i) *The winner(s) will be determined by the team(s) that gave up the least amount of points to all opponents within the league.*
  - (ii) *The team(s) who score the most points against all opponents in the league will be the winner(s).*
  - (iii) *The team that has the least amount of forfeits within the season.*
  - (iv) *If still tied, a coin flip will determine the winner of the tie.*



Section 3.07 COMMUNICATION / WEBSITE SERVICE:

- (a) The Department uses [www.teamsideline.com/frisco](http://www.teamsideline.com/frisco) to post all schedules, standings, game scores, league bulletins and other important league information.

Section 3.08 CLEAN UP:

- (a) In an effort to assist our Department and keep our facilities maintained, we would appreciate players and teams cleaning up after their respective games.

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