

ADULT SPORTS PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The following policies and procedures have been established in order to help provide an enjoyable Adult sports Program. Please familiarize yourself and teammates with the following policies and procedures.

I. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Any organized team with a manager to represent it may enter the Adult sports Program by satisfying the entrance requirements, provided space is available.
- B. The team entry fee information is included in the individual sport's guidelines.
Regardless of the sport, LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED. This entry fee is non refundable
- C. Checks must be payable to the Isle of Palms Recreation Department.

II. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- A. A player must be the age noted in the individual sport's guidelines.
- B. Players must complete the team roster and sign the liability waiver and release before he/she will be eligible to participate. Additional players must be added to the roster at least 24 hours prior to participation.
- C. Players may not be added to the roster after the cut off date which is established prior to the start of the season. This date will be indicated in the individual sport's guidelines.
- D. A team may not carry more than the number of players allowed on the roster as indicated in the individual sport's guidelines.
- E. In the event a player is found to be ineligible, all games in which that person has participated in will be forfeited. These forfeits will not count toward the maximum amount of forfeits allowed per sport per season.
- F. In the event an ineligible player participates in the post season tournament, the team in which he/she played for will be expelled from further tournament play.
- G. The Recreation Department staff reserves the right to check picture ID's at any time during the season. If a player does not have a picture ID when checked, they will have one hour from the completion of the game to produce one.
- H. A player, released by a team, will not be allowed to join another team during that season provided they have participated in one scheduled game.
- I. Other player eligibility situations will be assessed by the Recreation Department on an individual basis.

III. MANAGERS

- A. Is the official representative of a team.
- C. Is responsible for fielding a team in accordance with the official schedule.
- D. Is responsible for ensuring his/her teams compliance with league policies and procedures.
- E. Is responsible for the conduct of his/her players during all practices and games.

- F. Is responsible for submitting a completed team roster (players name, signatures, etc.) to the Recreation Dept. as designated in the individual sport's guidelines.
- G. Is responsible for advising each player upon signing the team roster that accident insurance is not provided, and that the player participates in all practices and games at his/her own risk.
- H. Is responsible for insuring that all players on the team's roster are eligible to play in the league.
- I. Is responsible for returning in one (1) copy of his/her line up to the scorekeeper Ten (10) minutes before scheduled game time.
- J. Is responsible for informing his/her players of rescheduled games an tournament schedule.
- K. Shall, upon request of the Recreation Department staff, present any information necessary concerning disputes or protest.

IV. PROTESTS

- A. Regular season protests will be allowed; however, judgment calls by the officials/umpires cannot be protested.

PROCEDURE:

1. All protests must be initially filed with the head umpire/official at the game site by the protesting manager/designee, and entered on the scoresheet/scorecard at the time of the incident that prompts the protest. The game will be completed "under protest".
2. A protest form, available at all sites, must be completed and submitted with \$25.00, check or cash, to the Recreation Director. This must be done within 24 hours of the initial protest.
3. A Protest committee will be formed and will make a recommendation on the outcome of the protest to the Recreation Director. The Recreation Director will have final decision on the outcome of the protest.
4. The \$25.00 protest fee will be returned only if the protest is upheld by the Recreation Director.
5. managers will be notified and may be on hand to answer questions concerning protests as needed by the Recreation Staff.

- B. Tournament protests will be allowed; however, judgment calls by the officials/umpires cannot be protested.

PROCEDURE:

1. All protests must be initially filed with the head umpire/official at the game site by the protesting manager/designee, and entered on the scoresheet/scorecard at the time of the incident that prompts the protest.
2. The game will be halted until protest is decided.
3. The Tournament Coordinator/Designee on site will confer with all concerned parties to include the manager of each team, game officials, and any other official deemed necessary to receive information to reach a decision on a protest.
4. After conferring with all parties, the tournament coordinator/designee will render a decision. The decision will be final.
5. Once the outcome of the protest has been decided, the game will resume at the point determined by the outcome of the protest/

V. SCHEDULES

- A. The Recreation staff will make all game schedules. Games must be played on their scheduled date and time.
- B. Games rained out or officially postponed shall be rescheduled, if necessary, by the Recreation Staff.
- C. Managers will be notified as to when the re-scheduled games(s) will be played.
- D. RAIN OUT HOTLINE: www.rainedout.com

VI. FORFEITS

- A. The first scheduled game of the day will have a five (5) minute grace period. There will not be a grace period for any other games.
- B. In the event one or both teams refuse to continue a game at the command of the officials, a forfeit will result.
- C. First forfeit: the team will lose that game without further penalty.
- D. Second forfeit: the team will be charged a \$25.00 forfeit fee. This fee must be paid prior to the team's next scheduled game or it will result in another forfeit; Team is DQ'ed from the Tourney.
- E. Third forfeit: the team is expelled from the league for the remainder of the season without a refund.
- F. In the event of a forfeit, the team declared the winner will be allowed to use the field/court for a designated practice time.
- G. In the event a team drops from the league, all games which that team played shall not count toward the league standings. The Recreation Staff may revise the schedule to accommodate the loss of a team.

VII. CODE OF CONDUCT

- A. Players, managers, coaches, spectators, or umpires under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall not be allowed in the facility or on Recreation grounds. In addition, the facility supervisor WILL notify the police and file charges, if necessary.
- B. Any team allowing the consumption of alcohol or drugs in/on the facility and adjacent grounds by their players before, during, and after a game, shall forfeit the game and shall be removed from the league immediately for the remainder of the season and ABSOLUTELY NO REFUND ON ANY FEES WILL BE GIVEN.
- C. There shall be NO SMOKING on the playing field/court or dugouts/benches by players, coaches, managers, or umpires. There will be absolutely NO SMOKING inside any building utilized by the Recreation Department for practice/games. Violators will be asked to leave or be removed from the facility.
- D. Players ejected from the field/court by the umpire shall leave immediately. Failure to comply will result in a minimum of a three (3) game suspension. It will be left up to the umpire's discretion as to whether the player must leave the field/court or leave the Recreation facilities/grounds.
- E. Players suspended for flagrant violation of rules cannot play again until reinstated by the Recreation Director. Reinstatement of a suspended player will only occur after a meeting with the Recreation Director..
- F. Switching jerseys during the game is not allowed and will result in ALL players switching jerseys removed from the game and suspended for the next game.
- G. All persons that are in the dugout/bench area of a team shall be considered a part of the team and treated as such.
- H. Any player ejected from a game will automatically be suspended for the next game.

I. Additional disciplinary action for players, coaches, and managers are as follows:

<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>1ST OFFENSE</u>	<u>2ND OFFENSE</u>
1. Abusive/offensive Language said out loud But not to anyone	Current game plus 1 additional game susp.	Current Season Susp.
2. Abusive/offensive Language directed to Officials or staff.	Current game plus 3 additional game susp.	Current Season Susp.
3. Threat of physical Abuse directed at Officials/staff	suspension for current season plus 1 year probation	during prob. Period susp. for remainder of prob. Period plus 2 years of probation
4. Fighting w/teammates fans, officials, staff, or Opposing team.	Suspension for current & next season plus 2 yrs. Probation	Permanent Susp. From all adult sports
5. Abuse of Recreation Property	Current game plus 1 additional game susp.	Current Season suspension

Other violations of the code of conduct will be dealt with on a case by case basis by the Recreation Director.

VIII. POST - SEASON TOURNAMENT

- A. Each league will have a post-season tournament for those teams that qualify. The rules governing the tournament will be the same as the regular season unless otherwise indicated. The championship game will not have a time limit. All post season tournaments will be held immediately following the regular season and games may be played on any day of the week.
- B. The format (single elimination, double elimination, etc.) will vary and will be indicated in the individual sport guideline.
- C. Teams will be seeded according to regular season win-loss record.
- D. If two (2) or more teams have identical win-loss records at the end of the season, the regular season standing will be determined by the Recreation Staff.

IX. AWARDS

Each individual sport's guideline will indicate the awards that will be given.