



Adult Sport League Standard Rules for all Adult Sport Leagues

Player Eligibility

1. Rosters are to be submitted on the official roster form. Each Player's full name, signature, age, address and phone number(s) must appear on this form. Players listed without signature and age are ineligible.
2. Any team using an ineligible player shall automatically forfeit each game in which the player participated. If a team uses a suspended player or a player under an assumed name, that team shall automatically be dropped from the League without refund and or be subject to disciplinary actions as deemed necessary by the Department. Each game played with that player and all scheduled games not played shall be forfeited to the opponents.
3. Protests as to the use of an ineligible player must be made within 48 hours of game time and no protest fee is required. The protest must be submitted in writing to the Department.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

1. A player, coach or manager who is ejected from a game by an official shall be suspended from any participation for at least 1 game (not including the game from which he/she was ejected). Any further ejection during the current season shall be dealt with more severely by the League Director.
2. All ejections and suspensions are taken without the possibility of a refund.
3. Anyone who strikes, shoves, pushes, bumps or otherwise physically or verbally threatens an official, a member of his/her team or any other team or spectator shall automatically be suspended from all Department sponsored activities for at least 1 year from the date of the incident.
4. The use of vulgar or profane language may result in the ejection of that player from the game.
5. The team manager is responsible for the conduct of their team and spectators.
6. A team member and or spectator may be removed from the immediate field area when deemed necessary by the game official or HCRP staff. Failure to leave the area when requested may result in immediate forfeiture of the game.
7. The Howard County Employee Manual requires the Department to take action against anyone who harasses any Department of Recreation and Parks staff.
8. Substance abuse by player personnel during the game shall be subject to ejection by game officials and/or disciplinary action to be taken by the League Director.
9. Any player, coach or manager suspended from play from another program or jurisdiction shall also be suspended from participation in any program operated by the Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks.
10. Individual player disciplinary protest must be made in writing to the league director within 48 hours of the disciplinary action. Individual player protests can only be received through the team manager. All team or individual disciplinary actions are communicated to the team manager. It is the team managers' responsibility to notify their team/player of disciplinary action taken by the department.

Miscellaneous

1. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PROHIBITED IN THE PARKS. Action will be taken against any individual or team in violation of this policy.
2. No smoking or the use of tobacco products is allowed on the playing field or bench area.
3. A player who is bleeding or who has blood on his/her uniform shall be prohibited from participating further in the game until appropriate treatment can be administered. An athlete shall not continue competition unless the bleeding is controlled and the wound covered.

Forfeit Policy

1. Teams who forfeit a game will be required to pay the officials fee for that game. The fee will be based on the per game fee the game officials are paid. If a team forfeits 2 games (doubleheaders for adult softball) they may be dropped from the league without refund. Teams who participate in a league where a forfeit bond is required must repay the forfeit bond before there next scheduled game.