

GENERAL POLICY STATEMENT FOR ALL ADULT SPORTS



1. LEAGUE ADMINISTRATION

- The Columbia Parks and Recreation Department will post regular season schedules and make up games on the Columbia City web site at http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/ParksandRec/Sports/Sports_Schedules/index.htm These schedules will be available the Wednesday afternoon prior to the leagues beginning.
- Officials will be provided by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Game Cancellations: In case of inclement weather, decisions will be announced on the Parks and Recreation Hot Line at **874-7663** after 4:00 p.m. If there is no cancellation message, team members should arrive at the game location by game time and expect to play. If conditions deteriorate, games may be canceled at the site and action will be taken to get a message on the Hot Line as soon as possible.

Cancellations are also sent out on our listserv. To sign up for the listserv go to www.GoColumbiaMo.com

- Click on parks, recreation & the arts on the left
 - Click on Sports in the box on the left
 - Click on Sports Cancellations listed under General Sports in the middle
 - Go under Web Mail and click on Subscribe Now
 - Type in your email address in the space provided
 - Place a check next to the programs in which you would like to be included on the listserv - i.e. Indoor Sports – Status of all indoor sport activities or Adult Softball – Status of all softball games
 - Then click on the Subscribe button
- Make-up Games will be scheduled on the first available date at the end of the season. Make-up schedules will be posted on the web site and on the bulletin board at the game site. Make-up games will usually be scheduled on the same day of the week as that of a team's regular season, but in rare cases, they may have to be scheduled on a different day of the week.

2. ROSTERS AND PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Rosters are limited to 20 players. Up to three (3) players may be added to a team's roster by calling the Recreation office during office hours. For adding or dropping more than 3 players, managers should make the changes in person or mail the changes to the Parks and Recreation office. To be eligible a player must be added to a roster no later than 5:00 p.m. the day of a team's game or by Friday for all Sunday leagues.

Players must be seventeen (17) years of age to participate. If requested to do so by an official, a player must produce positive identification with a photograph (for example, a valid driver's license or student ID). Players may play on more than one team as long as the teams are not in the same league.

3. PLAYER CONDUCT

Players will be expected to conduct themselves in a mature manner. Profane or abusive language will not be tolerated and will be cause of immediate ejection. If a player is ejected from a game, the official may suspend this player for the next two games. A second ejection will cause this player to be suspended for the remainder of the season. After a player is ejected, he must leave the entire playing area. Striking an official or player, or destroying property will result in indefinite suspension and probable prosecution.

4. NOTICE TO PARTICIPANTS

The City of Columbia carries no medical insurance and assumes no liability for personal injuries or loss of personal property of persons participating in these activities. A participant's family policy must cover any medical costs incurred.

5. BLOOD RULE

While risk of one athlete infecting another with HIV/AIDS during competition is close to non-existent, there is a greater risk that other blood-borne infectious diseases can be transmitted. For example, Hepatitis B can be present in blood as well as in other body fluids. Precautions for reducing the potential for transmission of these infectious agents should include, but not be limited to, the following: A player or coach who is bleeding or who has blood on his or her uniform shall be prohibited from participating further in the game until appropriate treatment has been administered. If medical care or treatment can be administered in a reasonable amount of time, the individual would not have to leave the game. The length of time that is considered reasonable is umpire/official's judgment. The reentry rule would apply to players.

Appropriate treatment includes, but is not limited to:

- 1 – The flow of blood must be stopped and the cut, open wound, etc., must be covered before the participant will be allowed to continue.
- 2 – If blood is on the participant's shirt, the shirt must be changed before the participant will be allowed to continue. This means each individual player may need to carry an extra shirt or uniform.
- 3 – If blood is on the participant's skin, it must be washed off before the participant is allowed to continue play.

4 – Any blood on the floor must be cleaned up before play is allowed to continue.
5 – If play must stop for an extended period of time the player must either be taken out of the game and then re-entered (softball) or a time out will be charged to the offending team (basketball, volleyball).

6 – Any clean up of blood or bandaging of injuries is the responsibility of the players and managers of the team involved. This is not the responsibility of the official.