

Adult Sports General Policy Statement

1. Rosters and Player Eligibility

- A. Rosters are limited to 20 players. Players can be added to a team's roster by 5:00 p.m. the day of the game and 5:00 p.m. on Fridays for weekend games by phoning the Parks and Recreation Office at 874-7460. This can only be done by the captain or manager of a team. The address and phone number of the player must be indicated.
- B. If requested by an official, a player must produce positive identification (with photograph; i.e., driver's license).
- C. A player must be seventeen (17) years of age or out of high school to participate in all adult sports offered by Columbia Parks and Recreation.
- D. Players may play on more than one team as long as the teams are NOT in the same league and/or there is not a division leap (unless managers agree prior to game).
- E. A team will forfeit every game in which an ineligible player participates.

2. Player Conduct

- A. ***New for 2018 - The Parks and Recreation staff and/or Umpires reserve the right to eject a player from the complex if necessary. The amount of time will be determined by the severity of the act. A player or manager ejected from a game for misconduct will be subject to the following:**
- **First ejection - Suspension from the remainder of the game and player must leave the park immediately, also suspended for that teams next scheduled game.**
 - **Second ejection – 3 week suspension from all leagues and leave the park immediately.**
 - **Third ejection – 6 week suspension from all league play with any team in any league and leave the park immediately. NOTE: Also subject to suspension for future leagues.**

The player's suspension will begin at the time of the ejection, regardless of appeal. If a suspended player participates in a game during suspension, the player will be suspended for one year and the team will forfeit that game. In addition, the team may be subject to a one year suspension from the league without refund.

Any person making verbal assaults and/or physical contact with the intent to bring harm to an umpire, employee, league director, spectator or other player will be asked to leave the park and will be suspended for a period of one year from the time of the incident. In addition, if conditions warrant, criminal charges will be brought against said person, and he/she could be barred from participating at any other City of Columbia Recreation facility.

FIGHTING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!!! Any fighting in a game will result in a one year suspension. Anyone ejected from a game must leave the field immediately and take no further part in the game. If the participant does not leave immediately, the manager of the team will need to leave with the player. If the situation cannot be resolved it will be a team forfeit. Police may be called if necessary.

- B. Alcoholic beverages are strictly forbidden in the gymnasium and on playing fields.

3. League Administration

- A. Forfeits - A team must have the minimum number of players required by the rules of that sport. Should there be less than the minimum number of players required at game time the team must forfeit the game.
- B. Protests must be made at the time of occurrence. The official must be notified of the protest. A written protest must be filed with the Parks and Recreation Department by noon on the day following the game in question.

BLOOD RULE

While risk of one athlete infecting another with HIV/AIDS during competition is close to non-existent, there is 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 judgement. 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 (softball, volleyball) or the manager may need to carry an extra uniform (basketball).
- 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.