Holy City Sports League **| League Policies**

**1. ROSTERS**

**A.  SOCIAL/RECREATIONAL LEAGUES**

I.  **AGE REQUIREMENT**:  21+: All players must be 21 years or older in order to be able to compete in our leagues. Captains are responsible for knowing if their players are old enough to play in our leagues. Any team found with an underage player(s) at a facility will have the player in question removed from their roster immediately as well as a one game suspension issued to the team captain for the following game.

II. **WAIVERS**: All players MUST complete a waiver prior to participation in any Holy City Sports League sporting event. A hard-copy of the waiver can be downloaded and turned into a Holy City Sports League representative prior to the first scheduled game.

III.**ROSTERS**: Captains and teams are responsible for the contact information of each player on their roster. It is the responsibility of the captain to check, update, and edit their roster to make sure it is up to date. ROSTERS ARE FROZEN AFTER WEEK 3.

IV. **ROSTER SIZE**: The social league will have no limit on their roster size. The team may use any player that they like as long as they are listed on a roster within that league.

V. **ROSTER CHECKS**: Rosters checks will be performed every game. All players will be required to bring photo ID’s to each game. The only way to get your name on a roster is if it have paid the league registration cost.
VI. **MULTIPLE LEAGUES**: Players may not be listed on two rosters within the same sport. Players are allowed to be a substitute on a team of need to meet the minimum amount of players to start the game. Holy City Sports League reserves the right to sanction teams and players accordingly for violations of this rule.

**2. SCHEDULES**

I.**SEASON SCHEDULING**: The schedule for the season will be posted no later than one week prior to the start of the season. Holy City Sports League will make every effort to accommodate a scheduling request.

II. **PLAYOFF SCHEDULES**: The playoff schedule for the league will be posted one week prior to the beginning of playoffs. Please take note of all scheduled playoff games. Holy City Sports League has limited availability to make changes to the posted playoff schedule and any such requests will be fielded on a first come first serve basis.

III. **SCHEDULING REQUESTS**: Scheduling requests can be made at the time of registration and up to the release of the schedules for that particular season.  Holy City Sports League will try to honor all requests as much as possible. Once the schedules are released, Holy City Sports League will not be able to accommodate any in-season schedule changes.

**3. OFFICALS**

I. **DISPUTES**: Any calls made by the umpire that are contested on the field may only be done so by the captain (it is expected that captains carry themselves respectably when doing so). No other player may enter into a dispute with the umpire. Officials when provided are to assist the players in game play and rules. Officials Hold final rulings.

II. **RULES**: If there are questions that arise regarding a league rule, captains must refer to their “League Rules” for clarification. If the issue is not a league rule, then the official has the final say.

**4. CAPTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES**

I. **REPORTING GAMES SCORES**: It is the responsibility of the captain of the winning team to report the score from their game/match. If scores are not reported in a reasonable time, Holy City Sports League will score the game/match as a tie until it is reported correctly.

II. **MANAGING ROSTERS**: The captain is solely responsible for making sure their roster is up to date. Holy City Sports League will help teams update and change their roster, but it is up to the captain to make sure that all player are listed, spelled correctly, and that no one is missing from their roster.

III. **RULES**: If there are questions that arise regarding a league rule, captains must refer to their “League Rules” for clarification. If the issue is not a league rule, then the umpire has the final say.  Captains are responsible for ensuring that all players know and abide by league rules.

IV. **Captains Meeting:** Captains must attend the Captains meeting that will be held in the week prior to each season starting. Time and Location will be communicated between Holy City Sports League and Captains.

**5. PLAYER CONDUCT**

I. **CONTUCT**:  Captains will be held responsible for the actions of their players.

II. **LANGUAGE**:  Foul language is discouraged, however, the official/referee/league official(s) have the authority to make judgment calls regarding profanity and player conduct

III. **BEHAVIOR**:  Players are expected to act civilly towards other players and spectators

IV. **ZERO TOLERANCE RULE**: Fighting, defamation of character, aggressive behavior, and unsportsmanlike conduct is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated. Violators will be under review by the Holy City Sports League team and may be subject to suspensions or permanent expulsion.

V. **EJECTION RULE**: If a player is ejected from any game, that player’s team will be forced to play the remainder of the game shorthanded. In coed sports, if a female is ejected that team will be forced to play with one less female, if a male is ejected they will be forced to play with one less male. All ejections will be subject to review.

VI. **SUSPENSIONS, PROBATION, or EJECTION:**  Holy City Sports League reserves the right to impose disciplinary actions against any individual or group who intentionally circumvents the rules of player conduct and/or the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship. Disciplinary actions could include, but are not limited to the following: Individual game suspensions, multiple game suspensions, season long suspensions, probation, or permanent expulsion from all Holy City Sports League activities.

VII. See specific league rules books for more details rules and information.

**6. WEATHER POLICY**

I. In the event that the facility is closed due to inclement weather, Holy City Sports League will notify the captains of each team. It is the responsibility of captains to pass along cancellation information to teammates.

II. Decisions on cancellations occur approximately 60-90 minutes prior to the first scheduled game of the day/evening.

III. Please always assume that all games are on unless otherwise contacted. Holy City Sports league may play in inclement weather, so as long as there is no lighting present and the facility allows it. Please do assume that your game will be taking place until you hear otherwise.

IV. If a game is canceled on site, Holy City Sports League will attempt to contact those teams still scheduled to play the remainder of the day/evening.

V. If we do cancel, check with the league site for the following week’s schedule.

VI. Holy City Sports League will make every effort to play all scheduled game. In extreme circumstances, Holy City Sports League reserves the right to run a shortend season without a refund. Holy City Sports League also reserves the right to schedule games on days other than your regularly scheduled league day/evening if necessary in conjunction with each team.

**7. FORFEIT POLICY**

I. **FEES**: Holy City Sports League takes numerous steps to prevent forfeits. In the unlikely event of a forfeit, the forfeiting team will be responsible for the referee fees. This fee must be submitted prior to the forfeiting team’s next scheduled game.

II. **MULTIPLE FORFEIT PENALTY**: If a team forfeits twice in a season, the team will be immediately removed from the league and will NOT be issued a refund.

III. **GRACE PERIOD**: Teams will have until 10 minutes after the scheduled start time to come up with the minimum number of players required to start the game. Teams that excessively abuse this rule will receive an official warning from the league.

**8. PLAYOFFS**

I. **PLAYOFF ELGIBLE**: In order to be eligible for the playoffs, your team must be 100% paid in full and have submitted a roster according to the roster deadlines stated as stated above.  Any team that has an outstanding balance or has not submitted a final roster that fails to meet the minimum amount of required players will not be able to participate in the playoffs.

II. **TIEBREAKERS**: In the result of a tie, we will use the following tie breaker system to determine a winner. In the case of a multiple team tie (3 or more teams), the tie breaker will be used to determine one winner. Once a winner has been determined, we will start the tiebreaking process all over again with the remaining teams that are tied. Tiebreakers will be sorted in the following order via the criteria listed below:\*

1.  Forfeits – In the case of a tie, any teams that have a forfeit on record for the season will move to the back of the tie breaker scenario.  If three or more teams are tied for the least amount of forfeits, the next step will be used (only teams tied with the least amount of forfeits will move onto the next step).

2.  Head to head match-up:  If two or more teams are tied, Holy City Sports League will attempt to break the tie using Head to Head matchups to determine a clear winner of the group.

3.  Points/Runs/Goals Against

4.  Point/Runs/Goals Differential

5.  Points/Runs/Goals Scored

\*Holy City Sports League reserves the right to adjust the tiebreakers if circumstances dictate. Holy City Sports League representatives have the final say in playoff standings

**9. ALCOHOL POLICY**

I. Alcohol is PROHIBITED on the playing field/court and during play of all Holy City Sports League events.

**10.  T-SHIRT SUBMISSION**

I.  In order to receive your T-Shirts for the start of the season, your team must submit all shirt sizes needed prior to the end of Registration.
II. In order for your shirts to be delivered by the start of the season, your team will need to be 100% paid in full by Week 1.

**11.  REGISTRATIONS FEES**

I.  In order to be placed on the schedule, your team will need 100% paid in full by Week 1.

**12. CONTACT US**

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\*Holy City Sports League reserves the right to make adjustments to the official rules as necessary.