

CO-REC 14" SOFTBALL
RULES AND REGULATIONS
FALL 2013



****NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED AT HARRER PARK****

LEAGUE FORMAT

1. Teams will play a schedule consisting of 10 games prior to the playoffs. Standings will be kept over the entire regular season schedule. League champion will be determined by best overall record.
2. At the conclusion of the regular season the top 4 teams will participate in the playoff tournament. This will be the Friday after the conclusion of the regular season. #1vs.#4, #2vs.#3, then winners play immediately after for the championship.

SCHEDULING

1. The "Home Team" will be that team whose number appears first on the schedule throughout the season.
2. Make-up games shall be conducted on Sundays or if possible on the same day of the week.
3. Questions regarding schedules, game locations and times can be answered by visiting www.quickscores.com/mortongrove Rainouts/field conditions can be answered by calling the **Morton Grove Park District 24 Hour Hotline number 847-965-7558 after 4:00 p.m.**
4. All make-up games will be reported to team managers. It is the team manager's responsibility to inform their team members of such make-ups.
5. **There will be no changes in schedules after schedules are posted on-line.**

ROSTER/WAIVER FORMS

1. All teams must have a roster/waiver form on file before the season begins. Rosters must be legible and complete with names, addresses, phone numbers and ages of participants. Roster/waiver forms must include information and be signed by all participants.
Players must be 18 years of age or older.

2. Rosters will be limited to a maximum of (21) players.

3. Rosters due at 1st game - changes may be made until the (3rd) week of the season.
4. Players may play on (1) team per competitive league. In a league with "A" and "B"

levels, a participant may play in (2) levels. Any player found participating on more than 1) team per league, will suspend his or her opportunity to participate and the team participated for, will forfeit all games which used the player. To prevent this shortcoming, all players are urged to carry a **picture driver's license** to all games, and present it upon request.

5. Protest of player eligibility can be made or appealed any time during the game. The field supervisor will check the team roster and at this time, the player must produce proper identification (driver's licenses or comparable identification is acceptable). If player is declared ineligible the team will forfeit the game.

STANDINGS

1. Standings will be posted at www.quickscores.com/mortongrove
2. A (2) team tie in the standings will be broken on the basis of head-to-head competition throughout the season. If the tied teams have the equivalent record against each other, the tie will be broken on the basis of runs scored and given up in the games played against each other. The team who's number approaching (0) if all negative shall be awarded (1st) place, (2nd) place, etc.
3. A (3) team or more tie in the standings will be broken on the basis of runs scored and given up in the games played against each other. The team(s) that has its difference the highest positive number (or number approaching (0) if all negative) shall be awarded (1st) place, (2nd) place, etc.
4. In the event teams remain tied following the run differential procedures stated in rules (2) and (3), ties in the standings will be broken on the basis of runs given up by the tied teams against all opponents throughout the season, will be the determining factor in breaking the tie*
5. The team that attended the April Captain's meeting, will be the determining factor. In the event that teams remain tied following all of the above mentioned procedures, a play-off game will be scheduled to break the tie.

* **With the above-mentioned rules, it is imperative that all scores are accurate on the official scorecards submitted. Thus, both team manager's signature, in addition to the umpire's signature must appear on the scorecard.**

LEAGUE CHAMPION AWARDS

1. A monetary award will be presented to the League Champion team payable to the TEAM CAPTAIN stated on the official application form. This monetary award is being presented in lieu of individual player awards as to allow the Champion Team to choose how best to honor their players.

Refunds for forfeit fees, League/Tournament Champion Payout, sponsorship reimbursement, will be mailed a maximum of 4 to 6 weeks (30 to 45 days) after the end of the program.
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PLAYING RULES

The official rules of softball, as adopted by the Amateur Softball Association of America (A.S.A.) will govern all league play except those rules indicated.

1. The “Home Team” will keep the game ball after the game.
2. Official scorecards will be provided by the Morton Grove Park District. **BOTH TEAM MANAGER’S AND UMPIRE’S SIGNATURE MUST APPEAR ON THE SCORECARD.**
3. The official scorecard may be submitted to the Softball Supervisor or placed on the scorecard clipboard where it will be collected by the Softball Supervisor. If an official scorecard is unavailable to submit, the scoresheet from the winning team’s scorebook may substitute.
4. Games are limited to **one hour**. A regulation game shall consist of 7 innings with the exception of the slaughter rule or a game called by the umpire. **In the event of rain, darkness or other circumstances declared by the umpire, a game shall be considered official after (4 1/2) innings if the “Home Team” is leading.** Should the game not go 4 1/2 innings, the game will be re-played on another date picking up the game at the point where the game was called. **No new inning will start after 55 minutes of play, exception to this rule would be a tie.**

In the rare event of a tie game (after 60 minutes of play or past 7 innings), the game will be played until a winner is determined using the following batter’s count:

1st inning after 60 minutes or 7 innings—Batter’s count is 2-2

2nd inning and over after 60 minutes or 7 innings—Batter’s count is 3-2

5. All teams must begin and/or end a game with a minimum of (8) players, if not, a forfeit will occur (teams must have 4 women to start a game). If a team begins a game with (8) players, (4 Men/4 Women) the (9th & 10th) player may enter the game as soon as he/she arrives and must bat in the (9th & 10th) batter position, respectively. If a team plays with (9) players (5) must be females.
6. **Slaughter Rule: Any team leading by 12 runs at the end of 5 innings or 10 runs at the end of 6 innings will be declared the winner.**
7. Game time will be forfeit time for all games. **The score of a forfeited game will be 30-0.** Eight players must be present by game time. If neither team has (8) players present, both will forfeit the Game (Loss). If (8) players are present, the game must begin.

Teams are permitted two forfeits throughout the season, incurring a \$50.00 fine for the first forfeit. **If any team forfeits a second time, that team may face an additional forfeit fee and be removed and or expelled from the league, forfeiting all league fees paid.** The league schedule may be re-worked at this point and captains will be notified of the new schedule.

If a team walks off the field during a game that is not called final by the umpire, that team will forfeit the game and is subject to removal from the league forfeiting all league fees paid.
8. Each team shall have equal possession of the infield prior to the start of the game, provided the game begins at the scheduled time.
9. No metal spikes or football cleats are allowed. Only rubber cleats are acceptable. Failure in complying with this ruling shall result in an “ejection of the game.”
10. There will be no drawn batter’s box. The batter will be called out if he steps across the side of home plate when the pitched ball is hit foul or fair. The ball becomes dead and base runners may not advance.

11. All bats must say “Official Softball” and comply with A.S.A. standards. (Bats longer than 34” in length will not be allowed) This ruling **no longer** requires an appeal. In the event that an “illegal bat” is used, the batter is declared out, all base runners return to the base occupied at the time of the pitch, and play is continued with the next batter in the lineup. The “illegal bat” will not be allowed use for the remainder of the game. Any continued offenses of using an “illegal bat by the original batter or other team members, will result in an “ejection of the game”. The most current A.S.A. “Banned Bat” list will dictate whether a bat is legal or illegal at the time of play.
12. The “Strike Zone” is the area over home plate that is below the batter’s shoulders and above the knees when the batter assumes his natural batting stance. The “wells” will be considered strikes.
13. After (2) strikes, any batter who fouls off (1) pitch will be declared out, the ball will come dead. The base runners may not advance, unless the foul ball is caught on the fly.
14. A batted **FAIR BALL**, which strikes the overhanging branches of any tree will be a dead ball, and no count will be assessed to the batter. Runners may not advance. A foul ball that strikes the branches will be considered a strike.
15. The pitcher’s pivot must be in contact with the pitching plate until the release of the ball. It is not mandatory to step, but if a step is to be taken, it must be simultaneous with the release of the ball and it may be taken forwards or backwards. **Pitching plate closest to Home Plate (38 ft.) will be used.**
16. **The count of the batter will start with 1 ball and 1 strike.** The pitched ball must be delivered at a slow speed. The pitch shall have no maximum height restriction, thus allowing an “unlimited arc”. There is no minimum arc.
17. After taking the pitching position, with his/her foot in contact with the pitcher’s plate, the pitcher cannot throw to a base. Violations of this rule will result in a ball assessed to the batter. Pitcher may not fake a pitch or leave the mound when pitching.
18. Base runners may not lead off at anytime. They may not leave the base until the pitched ball has crossed the plate. If a runner leaves early no pitch is declared to the batter and the runner is out.
19. Pitchers are allowed three (3) warm up pitches for the (1st) inning of each game and/or if a new pitcher enters the game two (2) warm-up pitches are allowed each inning thereafter. For every additional warm up pitch thrown a ball will be assessed to the batter.
20. A courtesy runner will be allowed by mutual agreement of both captains. The courtesy runner will be the player who made the last out. Female runners for females and male runner for males.
21. On an overthrow, the ball remains in play if it hits the fence behind (1st) and (3rd) base, the fence behind home plate and/or the ball stays within the imaginary line extending from the ends of the fence parallel to the foul lines. Base runners may advance at their own risk. **If the overthrow goes beyond the imaginary line, the ball becomes dead, and the base runner is awarded (2) bases from the runner’s position at the time of the fielders release of the throw.**
22. If a base runner deliberately and with great force, crashes into a fielder while attempting to reach a base, the base runner will be declared out for failing to avoid contact. If the act is determined to be flagrant, the base runner may be ejected from the game.

23. Substitution. By general rule, all players must be substituted for when they are taken out of a game. Exceptions to this rule are as follows:
- (a) The possibility of a player(s) having to leave a game before its completion, and the team has no available substitute(s), thus reducing the team to (8) or (9) players, must be discussed and approved by both team managers before the game **NOTE:** This ruling prevents a team from gambling on reducing the team to (8) or (9) players and pulling a weak hitter in a crucial situation out of the game. The player's turn at bat, and all subsequent turns at bat will be considered an out.
24. Teams will be allowed free substitution in the field. The batting order may be comprised of all players present as long as it alternates male/female. Any of the starting players may be withdrawn and re-entered once, provided the players occupy the same positions at bat whenever in the lineup.
25. Teams must alternate men and women in the batting order throughout the game.
26. If a male player is walked, he has the option to bat again or walk; he must take his base on the second walk in the same at bat. The female player, next in the batting order, has the option of batting or taking an intentional walk (when the male walks twice in the same at bat).
27. Players must play the following designated positions:
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| <u>Female</u> | <u>Male</u> |
| 1 st Base | 2 nd Base |
| Short center | Shortstop |
| 3 rd Base | Left Field |
| Center Field | Right Field |
- * Only one male can play in the pitcher-catcher combination.**
28. Women ONLY will be allowed to use a baseball glove if they desire.
29. Smoking is not allowed on the playing field while games are in progress. This includes the (1st) and 3rd) base coaching areas. Failure to comply with this ruling, will result in "an ejection from the game". Players may confine their smoking activities to the bleachers, benches, or aside from the field.
30. **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT ALLOWED ON MORTON GROVE PARK DISTRICT PROPERTY.** Participants showing evidence of being under the influence of alcohol, or any other illegal drugs will be subject to immediate ejection from the game and face up to a (1) or more game suspension. The team involved may face up to a (1) or more game suspension, and expulsion from the league if further violation is committed thereafter.
31. Any verbal or physical abuse of an umpire or Park District Representative or player prior to, during, or after a softball game may result in (1) or more game suspension of the player. In the event of any subsequent infraction, the team will be placed on probation, and may face a one (1) or more game suspension and team ejection from the current league and the league in the following year. Any decision to suspend or terminate privileges to participants will be made by a committee consisting of the umpire, umpire assignment chairman and the Recreation Supervisor.

MANAGERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDUCT OF ALL PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS OF THEIR TEAM.

32. **DOUBLE FIRST BASE RULES**

- A. A batted ball hitting the white portion is declared fair and a batted ball hitting the colored portion is declared foul.
- B. Whenever a play is being made on the batter-runner, the defense must use the white portion and the batter-runner the colored portion. On extra base hits or balls hit to the outfield when there is no play being made at the double base, the batter runner may touch the white or colored portion. Should the batter runner return, the runner must return to the white portion.

NOTE: The batter-runner is out when there is a play being made at first base and the batter-runner touches only the white portion, providing the defense appeals prior to the batter-runner returning to first base.

- C. When tagging up on a fly ball, the white portion must be used.
- D. On any force out attempt from the foul side of first base the defense and the batter-runner may use either the white or colored portion of the base.
- E. On an errant throw pulling the defense off of the white portion of the base into foul ground the batter-runner may use either the white or colored portion.
- F. On plays at 1st base when the batter-runner touches only the white portion and collides with the fielder about to catch a thrown ball while on the white of the base, Interference is called. The ball is declared dead, the batter-runner is out and runners must return to the last base occupied at the time of interference.

33. If the heat index is in excess of 115 degrees at game time, games will be cancelled until the heat index is less than 115 degrees.

PROTESTS

- A. The only protests that will be considered are those which involve misinterpretation of a playing rule, failure of the umpire to apply the correct rule to a situation, or failure of the umpire to apply the correct penalty for a violation. Protests **will not** be accepted for decisions involving accuracy of judgment on the part of the umpire.
- B. The following procedures are to be followed:
 - (1) The official(s) and the opposing team must be informed of the intent to protest immediately at the time of the rule(s) infraction(s). This action must be done before play is resumed. It is recommended the score sheet be marked and initialed by the umpire, which is to be then submitted with the written protest.
 - (2) A protest **must be in writing** and **submitted to the Athletic Department by 5:00 p.m., the next day following the completion of the disputed game.** The only exception being a game played on a Friday or Saturday, or before a holiday. In this case, the written statement must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. the first day following the protested game that the Park District Administration offices are open.
 - (3) All protests must be accompanied by a \$25.00 fee. If the protest is upheld, the \$25.00 will be returned.
- C. The Protest Committee

All protests will be decided by a Protest Committee. The Protest Committee will be comprised of the Athletic Supervisor, Recreation Manager, Softball Supervisor, and the Official Softball Assignment Chairman.

FIELD RENTAL PERMITS

1. Field usage permit reservations may be made at the Prairie View Community Center Administration Office, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. August 13th. Reservations can be made in person or by calling 847-965-1200. Permits may be picked up by previous arrangements after 5:00 p.m. at the Customer Service Desk.
2. Permits are issued for (1 1/2) hours at no fee charge for league teams. Teams are allowed (1) permit per week, on a Monday through Sunday schedule. If the use of lights is requested, teams will be charged a \$20.00 fee. **Field rental fees are subject to change at any time.**

GAME SITES

HARRER PARK
6250 W. DEMPSTER
MORTON GROVE, IL 60053



MORTON GROVE PARK DISTRICT ATHLETIC LEAGUE FEES AND SPONSORSHIP POLICY

In light of recent developments over the past year with teams getting dropped from their sponsor because they did not uphold their agreement they entered with the sponsor, and the sponsor refusing to pay league fees, the following sponsorship policy has been created.

It is the team's responsibility to get the sponsorship and the sponsor's money to the Park District no later than the due date for the league fees (two (2) weeks prior to the league beginning). **The Morton Grove Park District is not responsible for collecting sponsor's payments.** League schedules will be distributed to captains that have paid league fees at this point.

Should the sponsor not pay the league fees up front and decide to periodically cut checks, it is up to the team to pay the league fees up front. Team captains will be responsible for paying league fees.

If this happens, the sponsor can then directly reimburse the captain or make the check payable to the Morton Grove Park District. If the check is made payable to the Park District, the captain should submit the check to the Athletics Recreation Supervisor at which point a check will be issued in the amount of the sponsor's check to the team captain that same week.

The Morton Grove Park District is not penalizing anyone for getting a sponsorship, but please understand that due to recent events there are new requirements for teams that get sponsored.

As always, if there is an issue the Recreation Supervisor for Athletics is available to hear about the situation, and can make an exception to the policy if it is warranted.

Thank you for understanding and your cooperation.

Kevin Slobodecki
Recreation Supervisor—Athletics

COMPETITIVE ATHLETIC LEAGUE GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. INTRODUCTION

General rules and regulations are an integral part of organized competitive play. They help to attract, retain and develop teams, which share a common interest in sound, enjoyable competition.

The key to effective competitive athletic leagues is the responsibility delegated to its participants. It is based in the philosophy of these rules and regulations, that all participants are responsible for their actions. The Morton Grove Park District intends to communicate clearly and adhere to its philosophies, and see that these responsibilities are carried out.

The purpose and creation of the general rules and regulations, are to inform all participants, as well as new teams, of procedures regarding the operation of competitive athletic leagues, and to assure proper understanding and smooth control of these programs. In addition, the Morton Grove Park District will intend to provide the highest quality programming in terms of seeing that each league is balanced in competitive levels, as well as providing a fair opportunity for new participants to be involved.

II. RETURNING TEAMS

- A. It is the procedure the Morton Grove Park District to invite back to the competitive athletic leagues all participating teams from the previous season, **unless the team forfeits its right to return under the two (2) forfeit rule.** This rule is explained under Conduct, Forfeits, and Expulsion from the League.
- B. Teams maintaining their right to return to the league will receive a letter and application form from the Athletic Supervisor approximately (8) weeks prior to the Season, regarding their intentions to participate during the up-coming season. They will have until the posted deadline to notify the Athletic Supervisor of their intentions by submitting application form along with a \$100 deposit to the Prairie View Community Center, 6834 Dempster St., Morton Grove, Illinois 60053. **Failure to respond before this deadline will result in an automatic forfeiture of a spot in the league, in favor of a “new team.”**
- C. After the two-week notification period, managers or Captains will receive a second letter regarding the league Organizational Meeting. The letter shall arrive no later than two (2) weeks prior to the organization meeting, with the meeting scheduled no later than (2) weeks before the beginning of the league. At least one (1) representative is required to be present at the meeting to pay the league fee and discuss any issues pertaining to league rules, officials, re-alignment, etc. Failure to have representation at the League Organizational Meeting will result in an automatic forfeiture of a spot in the favor of a “new team”.
- D. Teams returning with a different manager or captain must have the past season’s manager or captain verify to the Athletic Supervisor that the team consists of at least fifty-percent (50% of the previous year’s roster. Otherwise, that team will be considered a “new team,” and thus, will not automatically return to the league.

III. NEW TEAMS

- A. New Teams may submit applications for entrance to a league during an announced period approximately ten (10) weeks prior to the beginning of the season, with a deadline of approximately six (6) weeks before the season.

Announcements will appear in local papers, park district brochures other park publications, and on the park district hotline. No applications will be mailed. All applications must be picked up at the Prairie View Community Center, 6834 Dempster Street, Morton Grove, Illinois.

- B. All applications will receive a notice of status regarding their application approximately six (6) weeks prior to the season.

IV. LEAGUE RE-ALIGNMENT

- A. It is the philosophy of the Morton Grove Park District to create balanced competitive levels as much as possible within each league. Re-alignment of the leagues will take place according to the following guidelines:

- (1) A team may move one (1) competitive level higher or lower from one (1) season to the next. "A" League teams can move down to the "B" League while "B" league teams can move up to the "A" or down to the "C". Similarly, "C" League teams can only move up the "B" League. Teams may stay in the same league as they wish, provided they are not bumped, as outlined in guideline 2 and 6.
- (2) Bumping. In a six (6) or seven (7) team league, the top three (3) teams will have their choice of remaining in the same league or moving up to the next highest competitive level. In an eight (8) team league, the top four (4) teams will have their choice. In competitive leagues where there are two (2) "B" and "C" levels, the top two (2) of those leagues.
- (3) Bumping Out. When a team exercises their right to move up in competitive levels, they automatically bump the last place team down to the next level of play. A second bump moves the next to the last team down to the next level, etc. (Note: teams cannot choose to move down.)
- (4) Teams must be prepared to play on any given night. If bumped teams cannot play in their new league or on the new night, the Athletic Supervisor will try to meet the needs of two (2) teams if they are unable to play on a given night.
- (5) New teams may be placed in any league according to applications received, and will represent the last team in their respective league. They are the only teams that may move two (2) competitive levels from their original placement due to above-mentioned bumping procedures.
- (6) With the exception of the highest competitive level, teams that win their respective leagues two (2) years in a row will automatically move up the next level of competition. The above mentioned procedures will follow the team's advancement.

- (7) All movement to re-align leagues must meet final approval of the Athletic Supervisor. The Athletic Supervisor reserves the right to alter the above procedures when special cases may occur.
- (8) In the event, a team finishes in last place in their league; they must reapply as a new team in the league for the next season. They will be notified by mail informing them of the application deadline.

B. Levels and Days/Nights of League Play

- (1) **Basketball**
Men's Summer League - Sunday Morning
Men's "B" League - Sunday Afternoon
Men's "C" League - Sunday Night
Men's 6 ft. and Under League - Sunday Morning
Women's League - Sunday Afternoon
- (2) **Volleyball**
Co-Rec League - Wednesday Night
2 on 2 League - Thursday Night
- (3) **Men's 16" Softball**
"B" League - Tuesday Night
"B" League - Wednesday Night
- (4) **Men's 12" Softball**
"Open" League - Monday Night
"B" League - Wednesday Night
- (5) **Women's 12" Softball**
"Open" League - Tuesday Night
- (6) **Co-Rec. 14" Softball**
Open League - Friday Night

V. SCHEDULING

- A. Schedules will be prepared and e-mailed to managers or captains following the pre-season meeting, to be received no later than seven (7) days prior to the first league game. Teams will be issued one (1) schedule only. Schedules will also be posted at www.quickscores.com/mortongrove
- B. In the event that the league format calls for each team to receive a bye, it is the team manager or captain's responsibility to inform the Athletic Supervisor of what day or night the team cannot play. **There will be no changes in schedules after schedules have been made.**
- C. Games that are to be made up due to weather conditions, holidays or other circumstances, will be reported to team managers or captains. It is the responsibility of the manager or captain to inform their players of such changes.
- D. If there are questions whether games are to be played, telephone the Morton Grove Park District Hotline (**847-965-7558**) after 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and after 9:00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

VI CONDUCT, FORFEITS AND EXPULSION FROM THE LEAGUE

A. Conduct

- (1) League officials have been instructed to eject participants from the game(s) for the following violations: abusive or profane language, obscenity, fighting, and throwing of equipment. Officials will report conduct violations separately. All these violations are stated in the park district zero tolerance policy.
- (2) Any participant ejected from a game must be properly identified by the team manager or captain. Any violation of this rule will result in a forfeit of the game in addition to a one (1) game suspension of the manager or captain who failed to properly identify the ejected participant.
- (3) Managers are responsible for conduct of all players and spectators of their team.

B. Forfeits

- (1) A forfeit will result if a team fails to show for a game by the scheduled time. **Game time is forfeit time.**
- (2) Depending on the league which is being participated in, a team must start and end a game with a minimum number of participants. Anything below the minimum will constitute a forfeited game.
- (3) Teams are permitted two forfeits throughout the season, incurring a \$50.00 fine for the first forfeit. If any team forfeits a second time, that team will be removed and expelled from the league, forfeiting all league fees paid. The league schedule will be re-worked at this point and captains will be notified of the new schedule. **A team with two (2) or more forfeited games will lose their opportunity to return to the league the following year.**
- (4) An illegal roster, as determined by the Protest Committee, will forfeit all games participated with the illegal roster on file. (See Rosters)

C. Expulsion From the League

- (1) Any participant with two (2) or more “ejections from the game” will be suspended from the league for the remainder of the season.
- (2) A team with two (2) or more participants suspended for the season will lose their opportunity to return to the league the following year.
- (3) Any participant (s) who intimidates either physically or mentally an official of the game, will be suspended from the league for the remainder of the season and the following year. Further participation following the suspension, will be determined by the Protest Committee. (See Protests)
- (4) Any participant (s) who deliberately and maliciously injures another participant will be suspended from the league in addition to other Morton Grove Park District competitive leagues until further notice. Further participation following the suspension, will be determined by the Protest Committee. (See Protests)
- (5) Any decision to suspend or terminate league privileges to individuals will be made by the Recreation Supervisor.

VII. ROSTER/WAIVER FORMS

- A. All teams must have a roster on file before the season begins. Rosters must be complete with names, addresses, phone numbers, and ages of participants. All participants must sign them. **Players must be 18 years or older.**
- B. Rosters must be complete and will be limited to a specific number depending on the sport.
- C. Participants may play on one (1) team per competitive league. (For example, in a sport with “A”, “B”, and “C”. levels a participant may play one (1) team in the “B” league and one (1) team in the “C” league.) Any participant found participating on more than one (1) team per league, will suspend his or her opportunity to participate, and the team participated for, will forfeit all games which used the participant. To prevent this shortcoming, all participants are urged to carry a picture driver’s license to all games, and present it upon request.
- D. Roster changes may be made until the third (3rd) week of the particular season.
- E. Any Violation of the above-mentioned rules will forfeit all games participated with an illegal roster on file.

VIII PROTESTS

- A. All protests of games participated must be on an infraction(s) of the rules and not a matter of judgment. Protests will be considered on this basis only.
- B. The following procedures are to be followed:
- (1) The official must be informed of the intent to protest immediately at the time of the rule(s) infraction. This action must be done before play is resumed.
 - (2) A protest must be in writing and submitted to the Athletic Supervisor within twenty-four (24) hours after the completion of the disputed game. The only exception being a game played on a Friday or Saturday, or before a holiday. In this case, the written statement must be submitted by 9:00 a.m. the first day following the protested game, that the administrative offices are open.
 - (3) If there is a protested game, both score sheets are to be turned in immediately. The score sheets submitted must be official. (Please note that in the case of a protested flag football game, score sheets are not required for a protest to be valid).
 - (4) All protests must be accompanied by a \$25.00 fee.
- C. The Protest Committee
- (1) All protests will be decided by a Protest Committee.
 - (2) The Protest Committee will be comprised of the Recreation Supervisor, Recreation Manager, League Coordinator, and the Supervisor of Officials.

IX. AWARDS

A monetary award will be presented to the League Champion team payable to the TEAM CAPTAIN stated on the official application form. This monetary award is being presented in lieu of individual player awards as to allow the Champion Team to choose how best to honor their players.

Zero Tolerance **Policy**

The Morton Grove Park District will suspend or terminate league privileges to any individual(s) involved in the following activities:

**FIGHTING
ABUSIVE LANGUAGE
DEFIANCE OF AUTHORITY
DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR
GENERAL HARASSMENT
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY
DRUG & ALCOHOL USAGE
MOB ACTION**

Please respect your league, its officials and those who participate in it.

**Thank you
Morton Grove Park District**