



2017 Adult Leagues Constitution & By-Laws

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ARTICLE I

- 1.) The By-Laws as set forth in this Constitution shall be strictly adhered to and supersede rules from all other sources in the specific areas with which they are concerned.
- 2.) All areas not specifically covered in these By-Laws and Constitution are subject to the Governing Body guidelines and regulations.

ARTICLE II

- 1.) The Victoria Parks & Recreation Department shall enforce the By-Laws and Constitution.
- 2.) Any matter not covered in this Constitution and By-Laws shall be left to the discretion of the Victoria Parks & Recreation Department.

ARTICLE III

- 1.) The Victoria Parks & Recreation Department shall have the power to schedule or reschedule any games necessary to complete the regular season or end of season tournament.
- 2.) The Victoria Parks & Recreation Department shall have the power to rule on protested games and suspend players, coaches, or managers for violations of rules, inciting fights, etc.
- 3.) All games are in the hands of the officials, and every player and team is required to respect their authority. Unsportsmanlike conduct, such as profanity, over indulgence in alcoholic



beverages before, during, or after the game, or abusing, roughing up, or fighting with the officials, spectators, teammates, or opponents will not be tolerated. Any player, coach, manager, or spectator ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct may be suspended from league participation.

- 4.) Any player, coach, or manager who is ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct will be subject to suspension from league play. The ejected player must schedule an appointment to meet with Recreation Coordinator to determine if there will be a suspension and the length of suspension depending on the severity of the unsportsmanlike conduct. If ejected from any game(s), the ejected party will not be allowed to participate in further games within any league until they have met with the Recreation Coordinator.
- 5.) All appeals and protests will be handled by the Sports Facility Attendant or Recreation Coordinator on duty at the time of incident.
- 6.) If a suspended player wishes to appeal the suspension handed down by the Recreation Coordinator, they may appeal the suspension to the Recreation Manager. If the ejected player does not agree with the Recreation Manager, they may appeal to the Assistant Director and/or Director of Parks and Recreation respectively. The ejected player will be ineligible to play until the conclusion of the appeal process.

ARTICLE IV

- 1.) A season shall consist of a minimum of 8 games.
- 2.) In the event of a tie between teams at the end of the regular season for Softball or Kickball, standings will be determined by: 1st win/loss record, 2nd head to head, 3rd total runs against, 4th total runs for, 5th coin toss.
- 3.) In the event of a tie between teams at the end of the regular season for Volleyball, standings will be determined by: 1st win/loss record, 2nd head to head, 3rd head to head point differential, 4th coin toss.



ARTICLE V

- 1.) **Players may only play on one team per league. Each player must have printed and signed their first and last name on the roster to be eligible on a team's roster. Players must be listed on the teams' official roster to be eligible to participate with that team. Rosters are due before the start of the first game of the season. Refer to local rules for the deadline to add players to the roster.**
- 2.) **Players must be 16 years of age or older to participate. Players under the age of 18 must have a parent/guardian signature on the roster as well as their own.**
- 3.) **Players may participate in multiple leagues as long as all roster and local rules for each sport are adhered to.**
- 4.) **All team roster forms must be signed by the team manager. This verifies the player(s) meet(s) eligibility requirements. It is the manager's responsibility to ensure all players have signed the roster and are not in conflict to play within their league.**
- 5.) **There will be no alcohol allowed on the playing field.**
- 6.) **There will be no smoking by players or coaches on the playing field, coach's box, dugout, or bench area.**
- 7.) **No animals are allowed inside the Complex.**

ARTICLE VI

- 1.) **All games must start as scheduled.**
- 2.) **Teams must have the appropriate number of players to start and finish each game. A team who wins due to a forfeit must have the appropriate number of players to play at the time of the forfeit. In case of a double forfeiture, both teams will receive a loss.**
- 3.) **If any game of the evening is forfeited, the affected teams may utilize the field until 10 minutes prior to the next scheduled game time. If the last game of the evening is declared a forfeit, the facility and use of lights will be discontinued.**



- 4.) Any team forfeiting three (3) games in a row during the season will be dropped from the league without refund. Any team that forfeits 2 or more games in a single season will be deemed ineligible for the end of season tournament.
- 5.) Awards will be given to the 1st and 2nd place team in each league, with a maximum of 16 individual awards per team for Softball and Kickball, and a maximum of 8 individual awards per team for Volleyball.
- 6.) The Victoria Parks & Recreation Department reserves the right to preempt all facilities.
- 7.) Decisions concerning game cancellations will be made no earlier than 3pm on game day. Game status can be verified by phone/email after 3pm and cancellations will be posted on the Victoria Parks & Recreation Facebook page. Team managers will also receive an email from Quickscores informing them of the cancellation. It is the responsibility of the manager to notify their team.

ARTICLE VII

- 1) The Player's Committee is composed of 5 players from the leagues to act as its representatives. They will serve 2 year terms (as long as they remain in good standing) and will be voted for midway through the Fall season. Players can volunteer for the position and each team manager will get one vote for who they want to see on the committee. The 2 or 3 players (depending on the year) who receive the most votes will become part of the committee. Players can serve unlimited terms, but must meet requirements to be eligible for the position. See Player's Committee Rules and Regulations for more information.

