



CITY OF PORT ORANGE PARKS & RECREATION YOUTH LEAGUES POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

CONDUCT OF THE COACHES, PLAYERS & PARENTS- Coaches, players and parents shall make every effort to conduct themselves in a manner that will reflect an attitude of sportsmanship and fair play. Willful violation of these concepts of sportsmanship and fair play will lead to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the program.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT- Any player or coach ejected from play during the course of the game will be suspended from the following game. Two ejections during the same season will be cause for expulsion from the league. The Parks and Recreation Department may expel any coach, player or spectator for the rest of the season based on the severity of the first infraction. The Parks and Recreation Department holds the right to eject any spectator from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct.

FEES- All leagues are subject to registration fees. All residents and non-residents are subject to a \$10 late fee for all registrations after the deadline. All fees are subject to adjustment by Resolution of the City Council.

REFUNDS- All refunds are at the discretion of the Parks & Recreation Department. No refunds shall be given due to an ejection from the league or after the first week of games. The \$10-dollar late fee is non-refundable due to administrative costs.

SPONSORSHIP- The Parks and Recreation Department will solicit from local and area businesses and organizations for their support of our Youth Athletic programs. Resolution of Council will set sponsorship fees. The sponsor's name will be displayed on the back of their team's uniform. All sponsor fees will be used to offset the cost of athletic programs.

AFFILIATIONS- The sports programs are conducted under the guidelines of the FHSAA (Florida High School Athletic Association). Any exceptions to these rules will be distributed to the coaches and posted for public knowledge prior to the start of the playing season. Any modifications will be made prior to the start of the season at the coaches meeting. The Recreation staff holds the right to adjust or modify any rule for the safety of the players during the season.

ELIGIBILITY-The Parks and Recreation Department sets the age requirements for each league, and dates may vary from league to league. The age of the child will determine the league in which the child will participate. At the request of the parent, a child may play up one year. No child will be allowed to play down.

PARTICIPATION- Each sport league requires all players who are present to participate in each game. It is the duty of the coach(s) to meet these playing requirements. A failure to meet these player requirements may result in a game forfeit, and if continues, could result in coaches' dismissal from league or coaching duties. The

amount of participation required will vary according to the individual sport and/or league.

WAITING LIST- Once registration closes, players who are still wanting to sign up will be added to the waiting list. If a team(s) still has room to add a player(s), the Parks & Recreation Department will add them to the teams with open spots, based on a first come first serve basis and/or the Parks & Recreation Department's digression. Players will not be added to teams once league games have started, unless the Parks and Recreation Department has deemed it okay.

UNIFORMS- Uniforms are required for each sport. Players must wear the uniform provided by the Parks and Recreation Department. The Parks and Recreation Department will supply one uniform per player and is not responsible with replacing lost or damaged uniforms during the season. Players must not alter uniform in any way.

AWARDS- Those players who are members of a 1st or 2nd place team at the end of the season tournament will receive a trophy. League award ceremonies will be scheduled at the end of the championship game. 6U Rookie Soccer, 6U Rookie Basketball, Youth Tennis and T-ball leagues will receive a participation trophy.

APPEALS- In all matters pertaining to rules interpretation, discipline or suspensions, the final authority rests with the Director of Parks and Recreation whose decision is final.

FORFEITS- According to each sports rule sheet, there are certain requirements to start a game. If those requirements are not met, then the team will forfeit. In that case, both teams may agree to scrimmage. NO officiating will take place during a scrimmage practice game and cannot interfere with regularly scheduled games.

RAINOUTS- Rainouts will be notified through Facebook, texting RECALERT to 55678 and head coaches will receive an email. Games will be made up as soon as possible so it will not disturb league play and keep the season on schedule.

ROLE OF PLAYER- To always exhibit good sportsmanship. Players need to remember playing a sport is an opportunity to learn and grow, to have fun and to make new friends. As a member of a team, it is the duty of each player to try and attend as many scheduled practices and games.

ROLE OF COACH- To lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all players. Coaches need to place the physical and emotional well-being of the players ahead of any personal desire to WIN. All coaches must wear a Parks and Recreation issued volunteer coaches badge during all games and practices.

ROLE OF PARENT/SPECTATOR- To always encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials.

ROLE OF OFFICIALS- To be knowledgeable of the rules, to work in a professional manner and to enforce the league rules with all coaches, players and spectators.

SELECTION OF TEAM COACHES

The Parks and Recreation Department will select a coach for each team. Each coach may select up to two assistant coaches after the draft. Additional coaches must be approved by the Athletic Supervisor. All coach selections are based on knowledge, attitude, sportsmanship, leadership and communication. The Recreation Department has the final say on who will coach based on who is best for the overall program.

The priority for assigning a head coach is:

A returning head coach in the same league

A returning head coach going into a different league

A returning assistant coach

A new coach

No coach may coach more than one team at a time without the permission of the Athletic Supervisor.

All coaches must pass a background check.

PLAYER PLACEMENT DAY (skills assessment)

All registered players are encouraged to attend placement day for their respective league. Players who participate will be evaluated and will be drafted onto a team. Registered players unable to attend placement day will be assigned a rating if known by the Department and/or half of the coaches. The names of the players of unknown ability will be placed in a hat during the last round of the draft and coaches will draw players till the hat is empty and all players are assigned to a team.

DRAFT REQUIREMENTS- Only head coaches & recreation staff are eligible to attend the draft.

SHOWCASE GAMES- The showcase games will take place after the regular season games. The showcase game is designed to showcase the top players in each league, like an All-Star game. Each team in each league will nominate their top players to play in a showcase game. Every team must be represented in the showcase game. Depending on the number of teams in the league, the number of players nominated per team will vary. The number of players will also vary based on the sport. Once the top players are nominated by their coaches, the players will practice at least 2-3 times together and then the coaches will split up the teams and play a showcase game. All Coaches are encouraged to help, but the Head coaches for each showcase team will be nominated by the other head coaches in the league.