

City of Portland
Department of Parks & Recreation
General Rules & Regulations

I. ELIGIBILITY

A. PLAYERS:

1. Resident of the City of Portland
2. Resident of the Portland School District.
3. A player under 21 years of age living with his/her parents or legal guardians are residents of the City of Portland or the Portland School District.
4. Teams or player registered with or participating in a Municipal League which has the privilege of sending a representative team to MRPA Tournaments shall be ineligible to participate in the same MRPA Tournament.
5. Players must meet the eligibility requirement of association of which the Portland Department of Parks and Recreation is a member. These requirements will be listed in the by-laws for each sport.
6. Must be 18 years of age for flag football, basketball or volleyball leagues. For MRPA State Tournaments, age is determined as of July 15 for softball, as of February 15 for volleyball and basketball and as of October 15 for flag football. For softball each participant must be 16 years of age by approximately midpoint through the season. The exact date will be determined by the Parks and Recreation Board each year and published in the by-laws for that sport.
7. Must be under signed contract, countersigned by the manager and on file in the Recreation Office in order to participate. Contracts must be in the Recreation Office by 4:00 p.m. of the day in which you wish to play. Failure to comply with this rule will result in an automatic forfeit of the games the player plays in without having the contract on file.
8. May participate with only one team for each sport. This is to allow for maximum participation.

B. TEAMS

1. Each team is allowed to have under contract the following number of players:
 - a. Softball = 20
 - b. Basketball = 15
 - c. Volleyball = 12

II. CONDUCT

- A. Any person suspended from any game, the player must, if so directed by the official:
 1. In basketball and volleyball, proceed immediately to the locker room and remain away from the playing area for the duration of the contest.
 2. In softball, proceed immediately to the parking lot and remain away from the playing area for the duration of the contest. (Failure to do so after 1 minute will automatically result in a forfeit to the other team.)
- B. Any person having been expelled from one game will be ineligible to play or participate in the team's next game including league and/or play-offs.
- C. Any person expelled twice in any sport in the same season will be removed from the league and ineligible to participate for the duration of the season.
- D. Any person having used unrestrained physical violence in demonstrating with another player, official, or spectator, will be automatically suspended from the game and from the respective league for a period of one year from the date of the infraction.
- E. Any person having used objectionable or profane language may be ejected from the game.
- F. The Department of Parks and Recreation may suspend players and/or managers for conduct or actions detrimental to the Recreation Program. Detrimental actions would include but not limited to being visibly intoxicated or drugged on the playing area, threatening other players or spectators, performing unlawful acts while in the parks or playing area, etc.
- G. Ineligible player/players will be automatically removed from the league and forfeit all fees and all games that they have participated

in as an ineligible player. Protect yourself. Do not use ineligible players. If you are not sure; check with the Recreation Office.

- H. If you receive your second one year suspension due to conduct you will be indefinitely suspended from the league from that date forward.
- I. The Director shall notify the individual by mail of the suspension and shall give the individual 30 days to request a hearing. The suspension committee shall consist of the Parks and Recreation Board Chairperson and two other Board members appointed by the Chairperson. The suspended players may be ineligible to participate in all Portland Parks and Recreation sponsored activities.

III. MANAGERS SHALL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- A. Knowledge of general rules and regulations and the transmission of this material to his/her players.
- B. Knowledge of by-laws and passing on of such information to his/her players.
- C. Presenting any or all members of their teams for inquiry or identification upon request of the Department of Parks and Recreation.
 - 1. Players can play immediately after their contracts have been filed in the Recreation Office by 4:00 p.m. the day of the game. No contracts will be accepted by the scorekeepers, officials, the Recreation Director, on Saturdays, Sundays or Holidays.
 - 2. Players injured to the extent that they will not be able to play for the balance of the season maybe replaced after the deadline date provided they provide proof from an accredited doctor regarding their injury. Such players will not be eligible to participate in MRPA Tournaments.
- D. Players transferring from one team to another are ineligible to play in his/her new teams:
 - 1. Next game after filing date of release if the new team is scheduled to play 10 or less games per season.
 - 2. Next tow games after filing date of release if that team is scheduled to play 11 or more games per season.

3. Exception: No penalty if a player is transferring from a team that has not played.
4. A player transferring a second time will be ineligible to play in his/her new team's:
 - a. Next two games after filing date of release if that new team is scheduled to play 10 or less games per season.
 - b. Next four games after filing date of release if that new team is scheduled to play 11 or more games per season.

E. PROTESTS

1. If a manager feels there has been an error in the interpretation of a rule, it is his/her responsibility to follow the correct procedure listed in the rulebook. Failure to do so will result in the disallowance of the protest.
2. The manager must submit a written protest to the Recreation Director within 48 hours of the game in question. (Does not include weekends or holidays.)
3. With the written protest, the manager will present a check for \$25.00. If the protest is allowed, the twenty-five dollars will be returned and the game will resume at the point of protest. If the protest is not allowed, the money will not be returned and the game will stand as played.
4. It is the duty of the Recreation Director to sit in judgment on all cases of protest brought by any team.

F. First Aid

1. Manager shall provide first aid kits for their team and will be responsible for make sure players are properly bandaged before returning to the court.

IV. OFFICIALS AND SCOREKEEPERS

A. The game officials and scorekeeper are the representatives of the Parks and Recreation Department and are officially in charge of the field and game.

1. The game official is empowered to suspend players from the game for violation of the official rules and regulations.

V. FEES

A. An entry fee is required to be paid by each team in the league.

B. Individual fees will be collected from each participant. For residents of the City of Portland and Portland Township the fee is \$20.00. For nonresidents of the City but residents of the Portland School District the fee is \$30.00. For nonresidents of the Portland School District the fee is \$35.00.

C. Substitution player fee will be \$ 5.00 per game or match and will be applied to the full player fee based on their residency if they decide to play the rest of the season.

VI. FORFEITS

A. Any team that forfeits two (2) games in one season will be removed from the league and all individual and team fees will be forfeited.

VII. SCHEDULE OF GAMES

A. Each manager will be furnished with a schedule of his/her team's games and will be notified of any changes in the schedule.

B. No postponement of league games will be granted except by special approval of the Recreation Director. Request must be due to extreme hardship due to unforeseeable circumstances.

1. If postponement is granted, both managers must agree on a makeup date and time.

C. Change of time of scheduled games:

1. Manager requesting change in time of game must proceed as follows:

a. Receive permission from their opponents to change the time of the game to the requested time.

- b. Contact the managers of both teams playing at the requested time to see if they will agree to play at the time you are scheduled.
- c. If all parties agree, all four managers must call the Recreation Director to verify the agreement of the new time.

VIII. The Director of Parks and Recreation may deviate from these General Rules and Regulations to insure the successful completion of a recreational activity.