

City of Fort Worth Adult Sports: Forfeits and Challenges/Protest of Rosters

Forfeits:

- Teams have a 5-minute grace period to field at least 9 rostered players for softball and 4 players for basketball/volleyball; the game clock starts at the scheduled time. Failure to meet this results in a forfeit.
- Two forfeits in a season lead to removal from the league without a refund:
 - 1st forfeit: Warning
 - 2nd forfeit: Removal from league.
- Leaving the field/court to intentionally forfeit awards the opposing team the current score.
- Teams should notify forfeits by 4:00 pm on game day (Monday–Friday) and 1:00 pm (Sunday) as a courtesy.
- Teams forfeiting games to manipulate postseason seeding will lose postseason eligibility.

Challenges:

- Roster challenges must happen before the first pitch with a 100% ID check.
- Ineligible players result in an immediate forfeit.

Protests:

- \$50 protest fee; only rule interpretations and player eligibility protests accepted (no judgment calls).
- Half time for basketball.
- Beginning of the 2nd Set for Volleyball.
- Beginning of the 3rd inning of Softball.

Rule Interpretation Protests:

- Notify the plate umpire before the next pitch.
- Game time stops; the umpire documents the rules and game details.
- Athletics staff reviews rules.
- If upheld, the protesting team wins by forfeit and gets a \$50 refund.
- If rejected, the result stands and \$50 is forfeited.

Player Eligibility Protests:

- Notify the umpire before the inning, set, or half begins.
- Athletics staff reviews rosters.
- If upheld, the protesting team wins by forfeit; the ineligible player is suspended for the current season and following season.
- If rejected, the result stands and \$50 is forfeited.
- The protesting team's eligibility will also be verified.

After a Forfeit:

- After a forfeit, teams may play recreationally without umpires.