

General Adult Sports Policies & Procedures

The purpose of adult sports league programming is to provide desirable physical activity in a positive and welcoming environment with high quality recreational and/or competitive play opportunities. Policies and procedures governing the variety of leagues and programs and their administration shall be the responsibility of West Allis-West Milwaukee Recreation & Community Services Department.

Team Registration & Player Eligibility/Liability

Adult sports leagues are provided for the benefit of West Allis-West Milwaukee residents; however, non-residents may qualify to play as long as their participation does not seriously limit the recreational opportunities for residents. It is the intent of the WAWM RCS Department to retain teams in the adult sports leagues on a fair and equitable basis to include new teams in an orderly manner. Therefore, the following team status policies will govern registration of all teams.

- Teams that were registered during the previous season shall have first priority to return to their same league. If available openings exist, returning teams wishing to transfer to a different league will be served on a first come and paid/first served basis. If a returning team from another season would like to register for a league other than the season they were registered in will have priority over any new team. If available still exist, the new teams will be added on a first come and paid/first served basis.
- The indicated sponsor of previous teams shall be considered to have possession of the team; however, if the sponsor wishes to give up their possession/spot the team manager may obtain “ownership” of the team. Should the sponsor wish to maintain the team slot they possess, but the team manager wishes to form a new team, that manager must register as a new team.
- In order to be eligible for participation, players must be:
 - Not a high school (or lower) student
 - At least 18 years of age or older
 - Not a professional athlete in the same sport they intend to play
 - EX. Professional baseball player not eligible to play in the Adult Softball League.
 - Professional Athlete is defined as an individual who is compensated for playing said sport for their primary source of income.
 - Players may not register for multiple leagues of the same sport per night. Players may transfer from one team to another during a current season if the following conditions are met:
 - Transfer is made prior to the designated roster deadline date

- Written release is received from the transferring player's team manager
- A team found guilty of having an ineligible player in the line-up shall have all games in which ineligible player participated forfeited to its opponents. Also, both team manager and ineligible player will be suspended from the WAWM RCS Department Adult Sports Leagues for one year.

Team Roster/Player Registration

- Team roster minimum/maximum player requirements:
 - Volleyball (Indoor)
 - No less than 4 or more than 12 players on a team roster
 - Softball
 - No less than 10 and no more than 20 players on a team roster
 - 55+ Softball
 - No less than 10 and no more than 20 players on a team roster
 - Men's Basketball
 - (5v5) No less than 5 or more than 12 players on a team roster
 - (3v3) No less than 2 or more than 5 players on a team roster
 - Co-Ed Kickball
 - No less than 10 or more than 20 players on a team roster
 - Cornhole
 - No less than 2 or more than 3 players on a team roster
 - Pickleball
 - No less than 2 or more than 3 players on a team roster
- Only players on the team roster are eligible to participate. Team managers are responsible to monitor players on the current roster.
- Every player must sign the "sign in sheet" prior to participating in a game. Team managers are responsible for making sure all players "signed in."

Fees/Refunds/Credit

- Team entry fees shall be established by the West Allis-West Milwaukee Recreation & Community Services Department.
- Team fee is due at the time of registration.
- A 50% refund will be issued prior to the schedule being created. Once a schedule is created, no refund will be issued.
- If a league is canceled, a full refund will be issued.

League Schedules, Standings and Awards

- The WAWM RCS Department has the sole responsibility of scheduling all league games based on location availability.
- Each player will have access to the league schedule via the WAWM RCS Department's website. Team Managers will receive an email with the initial scheduled as well as schedule changes that may be shared with their teams.

- Games postponed due to weather, facility conflict, etc. will be rescheduled by the Adult Sports Program Manager.
- League standings will be determined by the following criteria:
 - Total number of games won and lost
 - Head to head competition
 - Least amount of points allowed
 - Coin toss by the Program Manager

Officials

- The WAWM RCS Department will provide an official(s) for each league game, except as specified in these policies and regulations.

Uniforms and Equipment

- For each league, a game/playable ball will be provided by the WAWM RCS Dept.
- The WAWM RCS Department is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- Uniform Specifics:
 - Basketball
 - Each team must wear uniform colored shirts. Four-inch numbers or larger must be displayed on front and back of shirts (no duplicate numbers)
 - Softball
 - No metal cleats allowed
 - No specific uniform requirements
 - Kickball
 - Athletic Shoes only
 - Volleyball
 - No specific uniform requirements

Game Procedures and Rules

- Current rules established by the governing bodies of each sport indicated below will apply in conjunction with the WAWM RCS Department rules/policies modifications
 - The rule book of each respective “governing body” will serve as a basis for final determination of rules and/or protests which cannot be clearly defined in WAWM RCS Department’s modifications.
 - Current/selected governing bodies of play:
 - Volleyball NFHS
 - Basketball NFHS
 - Softball ASA - Amateur Softball Association
 - Wiffle Ball - Major League Wiffle Ball
 - Pickleball - USA Pickleball
 - Cornhole - American Cornhole Association
 - Each Team Manager will receive a “Policies and Procedures” handout and sport specific “Rules and Regulations.” It is the

responsibility of each Team Manager to carefully review stated policies and rules to teammates prior to league play,

Forfeits and Protests

- A forfeit will be declared in the following situations:
 - The required number of players to legally start a game has not been met by the scheduled time.
 - Exceptions: In volleyball league play, the first game of the match will be declared a forfeit after 5 minutes have expired beyond the scheduled game time. The second and third games of the match shall be declared forfeits after a 10 minute period has expired (after 15 minutes of the scheduled game time, all three games will be forfeited and the match awarded to the opposing team).
 - Quitting in defiance of an official's decision
 - Playing an ineligible player(s)
- Protests on official judgment of play will not be reviewed. Protests on ineligible players will be accepted any time during the season. Protests must be made at the time of the incident by notifying the game official/sport site supervisor. A written protest must be received by the Program Manager within 24 hours after completion of the game in question. The protests will be ruled on by the Program Manager.

Disciplinary Action

- The following special regulations, rules and procedures define the authority of the WAWM RCS Department and the privileges of the participants. They also specify procedures by which participation is limited, penalties imposed for infractions, and the process of appeal. Ejected players subject to a time suspension are notified of such action by the WAWM RCS Department. The player ejected has the right to a hearing, a request for a hearing must be made to the Program Manager within three days of notification of the expulsion. If the player fails to report for the requested hearing, the expulsion will continue to be upheld until the player meets with the Program Manager.
- **Zero Tolerance Suspension Rule:** A manager, sponsor, player, a spectator ejected from a game by officials/RCS Department for unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspended from all activities conducted by the WAWM RCS Department. The final disposition of the case will be made after the WAWM RCS Department reviews the case.
 - Ejections
 - If ejected, and the parties do not leave the premises, the game will be stopped and officially ruled a forfeit. If both teams create problems, the contest may be declared a double forfeit.
 - Anyone ejected from the game or facility will be reported to the Program Manager by the Program Supervisor.
 - Game Suspensions

- The Program Manager may impose up to a maximum of three games penalty for a warranted infraction(s). Such penalty is not appealable. Notification shall be verbal to the Team Manager followed by a written memo.
 - Infractions that may qualify a player for a suspension, ejection or expulsion from the league:
 - Conduct(Fighting): A player, manager or spectator who physically attacks, threatens, or attempts to strike a game official or player.
 - Language: Swearing or foul language used to embarrass the officials, fans or other players
 - Farce(Joke): Team or player who persists to make a game a “farce/joke” through deliberate actions deemed inappropriate for adult play. Examples - game delays, pranks, etc.
 - Alcohol/Drug Influence: Players/spectators who are suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs by game officials and/or Department staff will not be allowed to participate in the game. Further related problems may lead to dismissal from the league. Team Managers are responsible to ensure that stated “problems” do not occur.
- Appeal Procedure
 - An individual formally suspended/expelled from the league for a period of time may appeal the suspension by request in writing to the Program Manager within 3 days of the player receiving notification of their suspension/expulsion. Failure of the player to request an appeal hearing within the specified time shall constitute a waiver of such appeal rights. When the Program Manager receives the appeal request, an appeal hearing for the suspended/expelled player will be arranged. The Program Manager will review all written testimony, meet with the suspended/expelled players and supporting witnesses. The Program Manager has the discretion to maintain, decrease or increase the imposed suspension/expulsion. The player will be notified via writing the final decision of the appeal hearing.
 - The Program Manager can discipline and suspend without recourse any player for the following causes: use of ineligible player, fraudulent player registration and vandalism of equipment and/or facilities.
 - Anytime served while awaiting the appeal hearing shall be constituted as time served on the suspension and deducted from the appeals final decision.
 - General Conduct
 - No smoking or alcohol on School District Property. Individuals discovered to be smoking or drinking alcohol will be immediately ejected from the game and suspended for the next scheduled game. Cancellations will not apply as a penalty date.

- No ball playing in hallways at any time.
 - Supervision of children: Players will be expected to have adequate supervision for their children if they are attending. They are not to disrupt the game or any other programs/activities at the game site.
 - No dunking at any time.
- Cancellation Information and Rescheduled Games
 - If you think your game may be canceled due to inclement weather, players/team managers may contact our Department's weather cancellation line at 414-604-4900, press #2 after 4pm on the day of the scheduled game. If the weather line does not mention any cancellations, then you should assume that the scheduled game is on.
 - If poor weather conditions develop after 4pm and the WAWM RCS Department has not updated the weather line regarding cancellations for that date, teams should report to the game site if in doubt.
 - When questionable weather conditions arise after 4pm, the game official/Program Supervisor will make the decision if conditions are playable or not.
 - It is the Team Manager's responsibility to remain at the game site with his/her team until the Department has officially canceled the game. Should a team leave the premises prior to an official decision, a forfeit may be assessed.
 - All canceled games will be rescheduled for play during the season. If the season becomes too long due to the amount of reschedules, an alternate day of the week may be utilized to complete the season in a timely timeframe.
 - Be advised that rescheduled game information will be shared with Team Managers and posted online at wawmrec.com - Adult Sports Leagues.

Accident Insurance

The WAWM RCS Department does not provide hospital/medical insurance for people participating in sponsored activities. The Board of Education, School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al does not provide hospital/medical coverage for WAWM RCS Department activities. Participants are encouraged to obtain their own medical insurance.