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## Adult Soccer MANUAL

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## INFECTIOUS DISEASE GUIDELINES

The Mount Pleasant Recreation Department has published these guidelines to minimize the possibility of transmission of any infectious disease during practices or games.

These guidelines primarily address blood-borne pathogens such as the Hepatitis B virus and the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). However, these guidelines also outline common sense precautions against the spread of less serious, but other contagious diseases. It is the intent and desire of the MPRD that all activity by the participants enrolled should be carried out with the safety of the environment. We encourage all volunteers who are part of these programs in any capacity to help us carry out these aims and objectives.

### BLOOD-BORNE PATHOGENS

Blood borne pathogens such as Hepatitis B and HIV are serious infectious diseases, which are present in blood as well as other bodily fluids such as semen, vaginal fluids, and breast milk. While there are several such diseases, Hepatitis B and HIV are the most known.

Hepatitis B is a virus, which results in a dangerous inflammation of the liver. Its victims can suffer long-term consequences and recurrences and the disease can be deadly if not treated. HIV is the virus that causes AIDS or Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome, which weakens the immune system, thus making a person susceptible to infections their immune systems normally would fight off. AIDS is incurable and deadly.

When giving first aid to others, an individual should wear protective gloves (such as rubber surgical gloves) any time blood, open wounds or mucous membranes are involved. The individual should wear clean gloves for each person treated or when treating the same person more than one time.

If the individual gets someone else's blood on his/her skin, protective gloves should be worn, and the blood wiped off with a disposal alcohol swab.

**Note: If blood gets on a uniform during practice or a game, the uniform should be wiped with a disinfectant such as isopropyl alcohol (rubbing alcohol).**

If an individual begins to bleed during practice or a game, play must be stopped, and the individual should be removed from the game. If there is blood on the floor and/or bench, the floor and/or bench should be cleaned using a disinfectant solution of household bleach and water. The recommended mixture is ten (10) parts water to one (1) part bleach. (Example: 1/2 bleach to one (1) gallon of water). The surface should then be rinsed with clean water to avoid participants getting the disinfectant in their eyes. The person doing this cleanup should wear protective gloves.

The individual removed from practice or a game due to bleeding must have the bleeding stopped and any wound covered before being allowed to return to the practice or game. If the bleeding begins again, the practice or game should be stopped, and the potentially contaminated surfaces cleaned. The manager or umpire/referee



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would be the judge as to the number of times the practice or game would be stopped before the individual is disqualified from further participation in that practice session or game.

The person who has treated an injury where there is blood present or has cleaned a potentially contaminated surface should wash their hands with soap and hot water whether protective gloves are worn.

Disposable towels should be used in all clean up. Towels, gloves, and all protective materials used in the cleanup, as well as items used to stop the bleeding, should be placed in a sealed container lined with a plastic bag. These bags are not to be reused and should be disposed of daily.

Any official who gets blood on himself/herself should do the same as the participants in a practice or game. A disinfectant such as isopropyl alcohol (rubbing alcohol) should be used to wipe the blood from an area.

Although Hepatitis B is a much more common virus than HIV, it is HIV and AIDS more than any other disease that has served to heighten public concern over blood-borne pathogens.

It is most important to carry out suggested procedures in the interest of safety and the health of children who participate in our activity on a day-to-day basis. If this is done, parents and others can be assured that we are concerned about the total well-being of the youngsters entrusted to our care.

The precise risk of HIV transmission during exposure of open wounds or mucous membranes such as eyes, ears, nose and mouth to contaminated blood are not known. However, evidence would suggest it is extremely low. In fact, the possibility of contracting HIV in this manner is much less than the possibility of contracting Hepatitis B or other blood-borne infections.

Everyone must understand that while it is theoretically possible for HIV to be transmitted by blood from one individual through the wound or mucous membrane of another individual, the probability of this occurring is extremely low. One must not assume, however, that the chance of transmission of HIV in this manner is zero. Proper and adequate precautions should be taken to ensure that no transmission could occur.



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### WAYS TO PREVENT THE TRANSMISSION OF BLOOD-BORNE PATHOGENS

If blood is present, positive steps can be taken that will lessen the possibility of transmission of blood-borne pathogens, such as Hepatitis B or HIV, if the person who is bleeding has such a disease.

It is most important that the adults who work with youngsters in youth activities are aware of what steps should be taken in the event an accident occurs and there is a presence of blood. If there is blood present, this situation should be treated with respect regarding its ability to transmit infectious disease.

If the participant has an open wound on their body, they should cover this wound prior to the start of a practice or game. When this is done, the participant will decrease the risk of transmission of a blood-borne pathogen from their open wound to the open wound or mucous membrane of another person or vice versa.

It is essential that good hygiene be used by all adults and youth participants. Towels, cups and water bottles should not be shared.

### OTHER CONTAGIONS

Respiratory secretions, saliva and nasal discharge generally transmit contagions such as the Influenza Virus, the Common Cold virus, and the Mononucleosis virus. This occurs through the air when an infected person sneezes or coughs or by oral inoculation from contaminated hands and surfaces. The possibility of becoming infected with one of these viruses is greater indoors than outdoors. If a person is infected with one of these viruses, they possibly will have an incubation period of a few hours or days. Colds and Influenza are usually known by the individual who may be affected, and normal symptoms include muscle aches, pains in joints, fever and chills. If an individual is affected, they should not be allowed to practice or play in a game due to the weakness that would be present from these viruses. It is important to observe sound hygienic practices when this occurs and towels, cups and water bottles should not be shared among participants.



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## LIGHTNING SAFETY PROCEDURE

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**TITLE:** LIGHTNING SAFETY PROCEDURES

**DATE:** March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** AO-400.01

**RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY:** Assistant Recreation Director  
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**PURPOSE:** To insure as much as possible that the safety of participants is a priority and provide the proper procedure to mitigate the lightning hazard at Mt. Pleasant Recreation Department (MPRD) Athletic Division activities.

**POLICY:** Lightning is the most consistent and significant weather hazard that may affect outdoor activities; therefore the following procedures are to be followed to help insure the safety of MPRD participants and spectators by monitoring how far away the lightning is occurring and how fast the storm is approaching, relative to the distance of a safe shelter.

### **SPECIFIC PROCEDURES:**

1. MPRD has established a chain of command as to who monitors threatening weather and who makes the decision to remove a team or individuals from an athletic site or event. The chain of command will be as follows:
  - a. Facility Supervisor assigned to site/event
  - b. Game Officials/Referees/Umpires
  - c. Recreation Coordinator assigned to activity
  - d. Athletic Division Chief
  - e. Assistant Director
  - f. Director
2. The Facility Supervisor assigned to the activity/site will be the MPRD's representative at the site in the absence of the Recreation Coordinator. The Facility Supervisor will include in their daily procedures monitoring of the weather by visual, audio and electronic means.
3. MPRD will obtain a weather report each day prior to a practice or event. Staff will be aware of potential thunderstorms that may form during scheduled activities.
4. MPRD will monitor the weather reports and National Weather Service-issued (NWS) thunderstorm "watches" and "warnings" as well as signs of thunderstorms developing nearby.
  - a. A **watch** means that conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop in an area.
  - b. A **warning** means that severe weather has been reported in an area and for everyone to take proper precautions.
5. MPRD Staff will know where the closest "safe structure or location" is to the field or playing area and will know how long it takes to get to that safe structure or location. Safe structure or location is defined as:
  - a. Any building normally occupied or frequently used by people; ie., a building with plumbing and/or electrical wiring that acts to electrically ground the structure. Shower facilities are not to be used for safe shelter and **do not use** the showers or plumbing facilities during a thunderstorm
  - b. In the absence of a sturdy, frequently inhabited building, any vehicle with a hard metal roof (not a convertible or golf cart) and rolled-up windows can provide a measure of safety. The sides of the vehicle are not to be touched.
6. MPRD has designated the following areas as a "safe structure or location" for the sites listed below:
  - a. R.L. Jones Center Complex – The R.L. Jones Center building, softball field press box with roll up windows closed or individual vehicles in parking lot.
  - b. Duffy Complex – The concession stand/storage building or individual vehicles in parking lot.



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- c. Patriots Point – Individual vehicles in parking lot.
  - d. Park West – MPRD Park West building, Park West gym, Pavilion building or individual vehicles in parking lot.
  - e. Whipple Road Complex – Tennis Center building or individual vehicles in parking lot.
  - f. Sloan Park - Individual vehicles in parking lot.
  - g. Moultrie Middle School - Individual vehicles in parking lot.
  - h. Town Hall Track & Field – Town Hall gym or individual vehicles in parking lot.
  - i. Old Wando Baseball Field- Press box or individual vehicles in parking lot.
  - j. Whitesides Elementary School - Individual vehicles in parking lot.
  - k. Reid & Speights Street Fields - Individual vehicles in parking lot.
  - l. Longpoint Soccer Field – Longpoint Amenities building or individual vehicles in parking lot.
  - m. Trident Academy Field – Individual vehicles in parking lot.
  - n. Cario Multipurpose Field - Individual vehicles in parking lot.
  - o. James B. Edwards Elementary School - Individual vehicles in parking lot.
  - p. Community Centers – Community center building or individual vehicles in parking lot.
  - q. Julian Weston Tennis Courts - Individual vehicles in parking lot.
  - r. G.M. Darby Building – The Darby building or individual vehicles in parking lot.
  - s. James B. Edwards Park - Individual vehicles in parking lot.
  - t. Alhambra Hall & Park – Alhambra Hall building or individual vehicles in parking lot.
  - u. Kearns Park and Pitt Street Bridge - Individual vehicles in parking lot.
  - v. Carolina Park – Individual vehicles in parking lot.
7. Overhangs, toilet trailers, restroom buildings picnic shelters, tents, dugouts or other areas not listed in section 6 are **not to be used** to avoid lightning.
  8. It is the responsibility of MPRD Staff to be aware of how close lightning is occurring, by using a combination of the “flash-to-bang method” and issued lightning detectors. To use the “flash-to-bang method”, count the seconds from the time the lightning is sighted to when the clap of thunder is heard. Divide this number by five (5) to obtain how far away (in miles) the lightning is occurring. For example, if an individual counts 15 seconds between seeing the flash and hearing the bang, 15 divided by five (5) equals three (3); therefore, the lightning flash is approximately three (3) miles away.
  9. Lightning awareness should be increased with the first flash of lightning or the first clap of thunder, no matter how far away. The most important aspect to monitor is how far away the lightning is occurring and how fast the storm is approaching, relative to the distance of a safe shelter
  10. At a minimum, by the time the monitor obtains a “flash-to-bang” count of **30 seconds**, all individuals should have left the athletic site and reached a safe structure or location.
  11. When consideration is being given to resumption of athletic activities, a 30 minute waiting period after the last flash of lightning or sound of thunder is recommended before returning to the field or activity.

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**Athletic Division Chief**

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**Assistant Recreation Director**

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**Recreation Director**



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## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The following policies and procedures have been established to help provide an enjoyable Adult Soccer Program. For the program to run as smoothly and fairly as possible, it is imperative that you become knowledgeable of these policies and procedures, as they will be strictly enforced. We are governed by current United States Soccer Federation (U.S.S.F.) rules for all Adult Soccer leagues, unless otherwise noted in these policies. It is the responsibility of the manager to ensure his/her team complies with what has been established. If you have any questions about the interpretation of these policies/procedures, contact Ian Evans at 843-884-2528 or email [ievans@tompsc.com](mailto:ievans@tompsc.com).

### MEMBERSHIP

Any organized team with a manager to represent it may enter the Adult Soccer Program by satisfying the entrance requirements, provided space is available.

**The Mt. Pleasant Recreation Department reserves the right to refuse inappropriate team names.** Please ensure that your team's name is in good taste and is not offensive to individuals or groups. If a team enters competition with an inappropriate name, the name of the team captain will serve as the team's name for the remainder of the season.

Individuals who are not residents of Mt. Pleasant are required to pay an additional **\$27.00 non-resident fee.**

**EXCEPTIONS:** (1) Individual owns property and pays property taxes in the Town of Mt. Pleasant.

(2) Copy of proof of property ownership.

(3) An employee of a licensed business located in the Town of Mt. Pleasant that sponsors the team the individual plays for.

The \$27.00 non-resident fee is the responsibility of the individual non-resident, not the coach or sponsor. Any non-resident fee paid applies for that individual only. That fee may not be transferred to be applied to another player's nonresident fee.

### PLAYER ELIGIBILITY & PLAYER CONTRACT

All players must be 18 years of age or older by:

<u>Spring</u>	<u>Fall</u>
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	September 1 <sup>st</sup>

A player may participate in the Co-Ed League if they meet the age requirement. Players may only participate in one division per league.

No professional soccer players can play in the league. A professional is defined as currently trying out for or playing on a professional team. A one-year period must elapse after the player has played on a professional team. The player does not have to be paid to be professional.

Twenty (20) players will be allowed to sign player contracts during the season for each team.

Thirteen (13) players constitute a team.



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No player shall be eligible to play until his/her player contract has been **COMPLETELY FILLED OUT, RECEIVED BY THE ATHLETIC DIVISION**, and signed by the manager. Incomplete player contracts will be returned to the manager and player will be ineligible until the contract is returned properly completed. **In the event a player is found to be ineligible, all games in which that person has participated in will be forfeited.** Such forfeits shall be declared as unexcused, and two (2) unexcused forfeits shall result in expulsion from the league.

In the event an ineligible player participates in the post-season tournament, the team in which he/she played for will be expelled from further tournament play.

No players may be added to the roster after the first game of the season.

The Athletic Division reserves the right to check picture IDs at any time during the season.

**Once rosters are completed and submitted, SCASA will send player passes for all registered players. Players must have these cards at all games to be eligible to play. If a player does not have a SCASA player pass they will not be allowed to participate in the match. The team manager will submit the roster to the Athletic Coordinator and cards will be sent to him/her. The roster must be completed in full.**

To play on another team, a player release form procedure is required to be completed and turned in to the Recreation Specialist/Soccer by the player. This form must be turned in **24 hours** prior to the player being eligible to play for his/her new team.

**EXCEPTION:** If the manager refuses to release a player, the player may complete the appropriate section of the player release form, without the manager's signature, and turn it in to the Recreation Specialist/Soccer. If after one week of receipt of the players release form by the Recreation Specialist/Soccer the player has not appeared on his/her former team's lineup card/game roster, did not dress out, AND did not play, he/she will be released automatically without the manager's signature.

A player released by a team will not be allowed to sign a second contract with that same team during the remainder of the season.

## MANAGERS

The manager:

is the official representative of a team.

is responsible for sending roster and changes to both MPRD and SCASA.

is responsible for fielding a team in accordance with the official schedule.

is responsible for ensuring his/her teams' compliance with league policies and procedures.

is responsible for the conduct of his/her players and spectators during all practices and matches.

is responsible for all his/her players to have properly completed player contracts on file with the Recreation Specialist/Soccer.

must advise each player upon signing him/her to a player contract that no accident insurance is provided, and that the player participates in all practices and games at his/her own risk.



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is responsible for ensuring that all players on the team's roster are eligible to play in the league.

is responsible for presenting a Game Day Match roster and player cards to referees BEFORE each game.

shall, upon request, present any information necessary concerning disputes or protests.

is responsible for signing the scorecard after the match to verify the score

**In addition to the duties of the manager listed previously, he/she is the only person allowed to address the officials or other Recreation Department personnel if they have concerns or questions about any discrepancies that may occur. The manager must identify himself/herself.**

### PROTESTS

Regular Season Protest - Protests will be allowed; however, judgment calls by the officials cannot be protested. The proper procedure for filing a protest is as follows:

1. All protests, including player eligibility, must be initially filed with the head official at the game site by the protesting manager and entered on the score sheet at the time of the incident that prompts the protest. **Failure to do this will result in the protest not being recognized.**
2. The official protest form must be completed and submitted with a check for **\$50.00** within 24 hours after protest is made on the playing field, with the Athletic Division. Protest forms will be available at all sites.
3. The form must be properly filled out and include the following: 1. Coach's name filing protest. 2. Team and age division. 3. Date of protest. 4. League that game was played in. 5. Content to include date and time. 6. Recreation Supervisor(s) present. 7. Game Official(s) present. 8. Protest described in detail to include rule being protested and the point of the game that the rule is protested.
4. The Protest Committee will make a recommendation on the outcome of a protest to the Athletic Division Chief. The Athletic Division Chief will have the final decision on the outcome of the protest.
5. The **\$50.00** protest fee will be returned only if the protest is upheld by the Athletic Division Chief.
6. Managers will be notified and may be on hand to answer questions concerning protests as needed by the Athletic Division Staff.

Tournament Protest - Protests in tournaments will be allowed; however, judgment calls by the officials cannot be protested. The proper procedure for filing a protest is as follows:

1. The **\$25.00** protest fee will be in effect during the tournament. If the protest is denied, the protesting team must pay the **\$25.00** before their next scheduled game. If the protest is upheld, the protesting team is not obligated to pay the **\$25.00** fee.
2. If a team continues to protest throughout the game, the Tournament Coordinator/Designee will have the discretion to accept or not to accept the protests. If a team is making a mockery of the game and abusing the intent of the rules, the team in question is subject to forfeiting the game.

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3. All protests, including player eligibility, must be initially filed with the head official at the game site by the protesting manager, and entered on the official Protest Form and score sheet at the time of the incident that prompts the protest. **Failure to do this will result in the protest not being recognized.**
4. The game **will be halted** until protest is decided.
5. The Tournament Coordinator/Designee on site will confirm with all concerned parties, to include managers of both teams, game officials, and any other official deemed necessary to receive information to reach a decision on the protest.
6. After conferring with all parties, the Tournament Coordinator/Designee will render a decision. The Tournament Coordinator/Designee's decision **WILL BE FINAL**.
7. Once the outcome of the protest has been decided, the game will resume at the point determined by the outcome of the protest.

## SCHEDULES

Schedules of play shall be drawn up by the Recreation Specialist/Soccer and /or Coordinator.

Games rained out or officially postponed shall be rescheduled by the Recreation Specialist/Soccer.

Managers will be notified by the Recreation Specialist/Soccer as to when the re-scheduled match will be played.

## MATCH

Game Day Roster and Player Cards must be checked by Referee **PRIOR** to start of the game. Game Day rosters will be kept by the Referee during match and must have current jersey numbers listed.

A minimum of **seven (7) players (9 vs 9)** is needed to start a match.

In the Coed League, no more than five (5) males may participate on the field including the goalkeeper.

No limit on female players.

**Forfeit time is scheduled game time for ALL Games.** If a team has the minimum number of eligible players present at game time, the match must start immediately.

Each match will consist of two (2) thirty-five (35) minute halves (11 vs 11). Half time will be five (5) minutes.

All players must wear shin guards. No shin guards - **NO PLAY!!!**

Substitutions can be made on all goal kicks, after a goal, an injury, or a yellow card.

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Offsides will be called.

No slide tackling will be allowed by any other player **except** the goalie in the Co-ed League. Slide tackling is defined as leaving both feet to take the ball. No unnecessary hard play will be allowed by any man or woman.

FIFA rules will apply.

If a player receives a yellow card, a substitution must be made for that player. If extra players are not available, a substitution is not necessary.

Ties will stay as ties, except for post season tournament. In post season tournaments, two (2) five-minute overtime periods will be played. If a winner still has not been declared, then a shootout will be utilized.

Seeding for the post season tournament will utilize the following point system:

3pts. = win; 1 pt. = tie; 0 pt = loss

The Recreation Department and the referees will make the decisions as to if the field is playable.

If a game is stopped because of weather, the game will not be officially canceled until a minimum of 15 minutes has elapsed. If a game is stopped after the first half has concluded, the scores are final.

All Post Season Tournaments will follow regular season policies unless otherwise noted.

**Rain Outs:** If a game is "rained out", all subsequent games for that night will be rained out and will be rescheduled. Games are **only** to be determined as "rained out" by staff or the officials at the field.

Use [www.rainedout.com](http://www.rainedout.com) only.

## FORFEITS

Forfeit time is scheduled game time for ALL games.

Each team is allowed one (1) UNEXCUSED forfeit. A team's FIRST UNEXCUSED FORFEIT will result in the loss of the game they forfeited. To continue play in the league, a FORFEIT FEE must be paid prior to the team's next game. A **Forfeit Fee of \$50.00 (FIFTY DOLLARS)** has been established.

The SECOND UNEXCUSED FORFEIT will result in expulsion from the league and **ABSOLUTELY NO REFUND OF ANY FEES THAT HAVE BEEN PAID BY THE TEAM AND/OR PLAYERS.**

In the event of a forfeit game, the team declared the winner will be allowed to use the field for a designated time for practice.

In the event one or both teams refuse to continue a game at the command of the officials, a forfeit/double forfeit will result.

In the event a team drops from the league, the Recreation Specialist/Soccer may revise schedules to accommodate the loss of a team.

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### FIELD RESERVATIONS

The Recreation Coordinator/Soccer will schedule all practices for teams wanting to utilize Recreation Department facilities. Please call the Athletic Division at 843-884-2528, Monday–Thursday between 8:30am and 4:30pm, or on Friday between 8:30am and 12:00noon to schedule a practice. A team must be a league member and/or have paid their entry fee before a reservation is made.

### EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

The Mt. Pleasant Recreation Department will furnish playing fields, lights, field maintenance, awards, officials, and schedules.

Each participant must wear cleats and shin guards.

For all leagues, the uniform requirement will be jerseys that are the same in color with a **permanently affixed number**. The numbers must be silk screened, or heat transferred. **No magic markers painted, or taped numbers will be allowed.** No duplication of numbers will be allowed. **Any player in violation of the same color jersey rule cannot participate in that game without the appropriate shirt.**

Switching jerseys during a match is not allowed.

The team listed first on the schedule will be responsible for wearing pennies if both teams show up with the same color jerseys. The Recreation Department will supply the pennies.

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## CODE OF CONDUCT

The Mt. Pleasant Recreation Department has established the following Code of Conduct for all players, spectators, coaches, managers, and referees to follow.

No player, manager, coach, spectator, or referee under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall be allowed in the facility. **NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE PARKING LOT.** In addition, the facility supervisor **WILL** notify the police to respond to the facility in case such is noticed.

Any team allowing the consumption of alcohol or drugs in/on the facility and adjacent grounds by their players shall forfeit the game and shall be removed from the league immediately for the remainder of the season and **ABSOLUTELY NO REFUND ON ANY FEES THAT HAVE BEEN PAID BY THE TEAM AND/OR PLAYERS.**

Any manager/coach allowing an illegal player to participate will receive no less than a one-year ban from participating in any Mt. Pleasant Recreation Department Adult League.

There shall be **NO SMOKING** on the playing field or dugouts by players, coaches, managers, or referees. Violators will be asked to leave or be removed from the facility.

Players ordered off the field by the referee shall obey immediately. The ejected player must leave the premises. Failure to comply will result in the player being given a minimum three (3) game suspension.

Players suspended for flagrant violation of rules cannot play again until reinstated by the Athletic Division Chief. A player will not be reinstated until **AFTER** a meeting with the Athletic Division Chief.

Switching jerseys during the game is not allowed and will result in **ALL** players switching jerseys removed from the game and suspended for the next game.

All persons that are on the sideline area of a team shall be considered as part of the team and treated as such. **Only players on the official team roster are allowed on the sidelines.**

Any player ejected from a game will automatically be suspended for the next game, regular season, or post season game.

Additional disciplinary action for players, coaches, managers, and fans will be as follows:

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<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>1ST OFFENSE</u>	<u>2ND OFFENSE</u>
1. Abusive/offensive language said out loud, but not directed at anyone	Current game plus 1 additional game suspension.	Current season suspension.*
2. Abusive/offensive language directed at officials, staff, players or spectators	Current game plus 3 additional game suspension.	Current season suspension.*
3. Threat of physical abuse directed at officials, staff players or spectators.	Suspension for current season plus 1 year probation.	During probationary period suspension for remainder of probation period plus 2 years probation.
4. Fighting with teammates, fans, officials, staff, or opposing team.	Suspension for current and next season plus 2 year probation.	Permanent suspension from all adult sports.
5. Defacing, damaging, or destroying Town property or equipment.	1 game suspension up to permanent suspension (depending on circumstances and repair/replacement cost).	Current season suspension up to permanent.

\*If suspension occurs at last game of regular season, suspension will carry over into any post season tournament. If suspension occurs during post season tournament, suspension will carry over into next regular season that player participates in.

\*\***3<sup>RD</sup> OFFENSE** or more, disciplinary action will be at the discretion of the Athletic Division Chief.

Additional disciplinary action for any violation or offense not specified will be at the discretion of the Athletic Division Chief. There are no further appeals to the Athletic Division Chief's decisions.

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## POST SEASON TOURNAMENT

Each league will have a post season tournament for those teams that qualify. The rules governing the post season tournament will be the same as the regular season unless otherwise indicated. The championship game will have no time limit. All post season tournaments will be held immediately following the regular season. The format will be single elimination.

If two (2) or more teams have identical win-loss records at the end of the season, the following criteria will be used to break ties **IF DEEMED NECESSARY**.

1. IF TWO (2) TEAMS ARE TIED:

1<sup>st</sup> Tie Breaker - Head-to-head play with the best record against each other will be used.

2<sup>nd</sup> Tie Breaker - If teams split even number of games against each other, then the highest point spread total of games against each other will be utilized.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Tie Breaker - If teams are still tied or did not play during the regular season, then a coin toss will take place.

2. IF THREE (3) OR MORE TEAMS ARE TIED:

1<sup>st</sup> Tie Breaker - Head-to-head play with the best record against each other will be used.

2<sup>nd</sup> Tie Breaker - If teams split even number of games against each other, then the highest point spread total of games against each other will be utilized.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Tie Breaker - If teams are still tied or did not play during the regular season, then a coin toss will take place

In the event there are ineligible players playing in the post season tournament, that team will be disqualified from further play in the tournament.