

POLICY

SUBJECT: FORFEITS

Forfeiting games creates a negative domino effect on the league operations that include the opposing team, parents, players, umpires, field technicians, plus the cost to the league for field rentals and lights.

1. It is very important and critical that teams wishing to play with league communicate prior to the development and finalization of the game schedule advising of any dates during the season that may or will be a conflict for the team, i.e. school events, school testing, weekend tournament, etc.
2. Some league seasons may have specific rules that require a team must have 8 or 9 players to start and finish a game. Each season is different.
3. A team that cannot field the season prescribed 8 or 9 players at the scheduled game time will forfeit the game to the opposing team. There is no "grace period" permitted. Forfeit time is game time.
4. Once the game is forfeited, the umpires will immediately leave the field and will not be permitted to work any non-sanction game between the two teams.
5. If there is another game scheduled on the field, the forfeited game teams must leave the field. No scrimmage or individual team practice is permitted.
6. Team that forfeits a game at the field the following penalty will go into effect:
PENALTY:
 - Team will be assessed fine by the league in the **amount of \$150.00**
 - Payment must be paid in full to the league prior to the team's next scheduled game.
7. Team that starts a game and if a player leaves or gets ejected and there are no eligible substitutes available the team does not have 8 or 9 players to finish the game, the game is forfeited at that point. There is no fine assessed for this type of forfeit.
8. Team that notifies the league in advance that they cannot make a scheduled game will be required to do the following:
 - a. The league will identify any open dates, times and fields that may be available to re-schedule a game.
 - b. The team coach requesting the change will contact the opposing team coach to request and approved of the change based on the information of field availability as provided by the league.
 - c. If the opposing team approves of the change, the league will make the change accordingly.
 - d. If the opposing team does not approve of the change, the team requesting the change will forfeit the game and pay the league the forfeit fine of \$150.00.