

APPENDIX B

RULES & REGULATIONS AND CONDUCT FOR LEAGUE OFFICIALS

Coaches, managers, referees and umpires, hereafter referred to as “League Officials” shall be required to execute and date these Rules & Regulations to indicate their agreement with same. Should the League Official fail to execute this document, they shall not be permitted to officiate at any Recreation Department activity on or in any Recreation Department property or facility. The original or e-signature document shall be kept on file in the office of the Recreation Director.

1. League Officials, as applicable, shall annually complete a background check as set out in the Ordinance of the Recreation Board and will not be allowed to conduct practices or games on Department facilities until a background check has been performed and the individual is deemed eligible to participate in Department programs and activities.
2. League Officials, as applicable, shall annually obtain, either in person or online, the required nationally recognized certification established by the local sports board for that particular sport each year in each sport he or she wishes to officiate. Failure to obtain and keep certification current will result in loss of officiating privileges and not being allowed to conduct practices or games on Recreation Department property or facilities until certification is completed. Certifications must be displayed by League Officials in a lanyard at all times during games, and failure to display certification will result in immediate removal from the playing field and forfeiture of officiating privileges for that game.
3. League Officials shall know the rules of the game they are officiating, must observe these rules, and attempt to improve him or herself through knowledge of the sport.
4. League Officials are reminded that they are participating in youth sports for children, and should promote the children participating in the sport, not draw attention to themselves, and realize that the children are more important than the game and/or their personal ambitions.
5. League Officials shall conduct themselves in a manner to be a worthy example to the youth under their instruction and set an example of good behavior for players by controlling their tempers and exercising self-discipline
6. League Officials shall wear proper attire while involved in Recreation Department or team-sponsored activities such games, practice, etc., and clothing shall not endorse or advocate profanity, lewd language, or alcoholic beverages.
7. League Officials shall be fair and unbiased in their decisions regarding the playing of children.
8. League Officials shall be professional and cooperate with fellow coaches, players on both teams, spectators, game officials, and parents, and do nothing to cause public embarrassment to themselves, the Recreation Department, the Recreation Board, or Harris County.
9. League Officials shall be dignified, courteous, positive, friendly, calm, and alert, and never rude, arrogant, and/or overbearing during practice or game.
10. League Officials shall not smoke, dip, chew tobacco, or use any tobacco products on or in the vicinity of any Department property or facilities or during any Recreation activity.
11. League Officials shall not be in an intoxicated condition before or during a game or practice, and shall not have in their possession or consume any alcoholic beverages or controlled substance at any Recreation activity or while on/in Recreation property/facilities. Such use or action will result in immediate ejection from the game, removal from the Recreation Department property/facility, and suspension as determined by the Recreation Director and/or the Recreation Board.
12. League Officials shall not engage in fighting, scuffling, rowdy conduct, or act in an unsportsmanlike manner or in any way that could prove detrimental to the league, players, game officials, spectators, or parents.

13. League Officials having knowledge of any player in the league or in a tournament who is participating under a false name or age, or who is ineligible, shall immediately report same to the Recreation Director.

14. League Officials shall not engage in disorderly or obscene conduct or breach the peace on Recreation Department property or any function sponsored or supervised by the Recreation Department.

15. League Officials shall not engage in conduct which materially interferes with the operation of the Recreation Department or with the operation of a recognized organization while on Recreation Department property, at functions supervised by the Recreation Department or by any recognized Recreation Department organization.

16. League Officials shall not engage in conduct and/or expressions which are obscene or are blatantly offensive to the prevailing standards of the recreation participation.

17. League Officials shall not use profanity or indecent, inappropriate, offensive or unrestrained language while on any Recreation Department property.

18. League Officials shall not abuse, either verbally or physically, game officials, scorers, or Recreation staff.

19. League Officials shall not engage in the malicious, willful, and/or attempted destruction or damage to any Recreation Department property.

20. League Officials involved as a parent or spectator at a Recreation Department activity shall adhere to these rules and regulations.

21. League Officials who are ejected from a game must leave Recreation Department property immediately.

Execution of Agreement: Each coach, manager or other individual who volunteer their services must execute this agreement. The president of the appropriate Referee or Umpire Association must execute this agreement to cover all their referees or umpires providing services for compensation to the Harris County Recreation Department.

The undersigned, by executing this form, understands that if circumstances warrant, the Recreation Director and/or the Recreation Board may initiate criminal charges through the proper law enforcement agencies, and that violation of any of the above items, depending on the severity of the infraction, may result in penalties as set out in the Recreation Board By-Laws, which include immediate ejection from Recreation property and/or facility with (a) minimum penalty of a written reprimand; (b) suspension of seven (7) days plus the next scheduled game; (c) suspension for up to twelve (12) months from the day of infraction; (d) temporary or permanent restrictions from Recreation property, facilities and/or activities; and/or (e) jeopardize a team's participation in Recreation programs.

Signature of League Official OR President of Referee/Umpire Association Date

Printed Name Home Phone

Cell Phone Work Phone

Street Address

Mailing Address (if different from Street Address)

Name of YSA or Community of Participation OR Referee/Umpire Association