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Municipal Athletics Conduct Policy and Procedures

Purpose:

To ensure the participants of St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation's youth and adult athletic team competition, a fair and safe recreational environment. Because we offer both youth and adult activities, please note that adult leagues are intended for participants 18 years of age and older.

Policy and Procedure:

The actions listed below are not acceptable in the St. Paul Recreation program and will not be tolerated. Teams, managers, coaches and/or players committing such actions are subject to the penalty that follows each item.

1. *The consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited during all youth activities/events.*

During adult activities, alcohol is prohibited in the field of play and in the bench areas. The Division of Parks and Recreation reserves the right to prohibit alcohol of any kind during youth and adult activities. In addition, during any adult activity taking place at a St. Paul Recreation Center or St. Paul School facility, the consumption of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited. Individual(s) may be ejected from the site, and/or from the game, and the respective team may be forced to forfeit when applicable.

2. *Verbal abuse to opponents or officials*

Individual ejected from game. If ejected during tournament play, the ejection carries for the remainder of the tournament.

3. *Unnecessary rough play*

Individual ejected from game. If ejected during tournament play, the ejection carries for the remainder of the tournament.

4. *Flagrant physical contact*

Individual ejected from game. If ejected during tournament play, the ejection carries for the remainder of the tournament.

5. *Fighting*

Individual or team suspended from all Municipal Athletic programs indefinitely. Individual(s) involved may be requested to attend a hearing regarding reinstatement into the Municipal Athletics program.

6. *Physical abuse of game officials*

Individual or team suspended from all Municipal Athletic programs indefinitely. Individual(s) involved may be requested to attend a hearing regarding reinstatement into the Municipal Athletics program.

7. *Use of ineligible players*

Individual and team subject to forfeiture of all games individual(s) played in. In tournament or playoffs, the team will be removed from competition, and could be subject to a one year suspension from all Municipal Athletics' programs.

8. *Any Unsportsmanlike act not covered in 1-7 above*

Penalty imposed by the official according to the severity of the act. If ejected, the violation or ejection penalty will apply (see below).

****Any fees paid are deemed non-refundable as a result of conduct violation.***

Violation or Ejection Policy:

Violation of this policy and/or an ejection from any game is an automatic (minimum) one week suspension from *all* Municipal Athletic programs. It includes any additional league games scheduled to take place that night and the following week. It also includes all games in any other leagues for the period of one week. Any person receiving two ejections within the same season will automatically be suspended for the rest of the season and may be requested to attend a hearing regarding reinstatement into the Municipal Athletics program. If a player or coach participates during his/her suspension, they will be suspended for the remainder of the season, and the team will forfeit the game.

**For any action, Municipal Athletics reserves the right to impose such penalties as warranted to fit the circumstances.*

***Managers and Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players and fans. They are also responsible for the awareness of these policies and procedures by their players and fans.*