

Sports Leagues are for Hyde Park members, Austin churches and the Austin community at large whether it is a corporate team or group of friends. Leagues are offered four times a year (Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall).

All players must sign a information and liability form to participate.

Coaches must agree to lead their team in prayer after each game with the opposing team. We also encourage coaches to lead their team in a devotion before or after a game. Coaches are responsible in keeping a current schedule from the website. All coaches must sign up on our coaches email list. We use the email list to update coaches on league changes.

Rainout info can be found on our website.

General Rules

REGISTRATION

- There are four distinct seasons (Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall). Registration deadlines are usually one month prior to the start of the next season. Registration information and forms are available online and may be mailed upon request. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis because of the limited number of spaces available for teams. The current League Registration Newsletter will assist you finding out what sports are currently offered and the corresponding fees. Registration forms and fees must be mailed or dropped off at the Quarries office (11623 Spotted Horse, Austin, TX 78759).

PRAYER

- The winning team will be responsible in leading the prayer following each game. All participants including the officials are encouraged to take part in the group prayer.

SCHEDULING

- We strive to make schedules available about two weeks prior to the start of the season. Schedules are always available online and only upon special request will schedules be faxed or mailed.

FORFEITS

- If you know in advance that your team is unable to make a scheduled game, contact the opposing coach and the Recreation office as soon as possible. **If and only if** the opposing coach agrees with rescheduling **and** if the Recreation Ministry is notified **at least one week in advance**, then a game may be rescheduled if openings are available. **There are no refunds for forfeited games.** Any team that forfeits will be ineligible for Championship contention, and will receive a "2" rating on the Sportsmanship Grading Scale.

DRUGS

- Absolutely no drugs, alcohol or tobacco products are allowed at any HPBC Recreation event. Any violation will result in immediate expulsion from leagues if compliance is not obtained.

PROTEST

- All protest must be made to an official within ten minutes after the game in question ends, or it will not be acknowledged. The team coach must inform the official that the game is under protest and state the reason. A written protest must then be sent to the Recreation Director, along with a twenty dollar protest fee (refundable if the protest is won) describing the situation. The director will form a special committee to handle the protest. Mail written protests to Hyde Park Baptist Church (Attn.: Recreation Director). 11623 Spotted Horse Austin, Texas 78759. **A PROTEST MAY NOT BE FILED ON AN OFFICIAL'S JUDGMENT CALL.**

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- Any team is allowed to pick up two players as long as the players are in a separate league of an equal or lower level than the one for which they will be playing. Except for a coach, if you are on a team in a division, you are considered part of that team and may not participate with another team. Men and women playing in their respective divisions may also play on a CoRec team.
- All coaches are encouraged to visit our Draft List where interested players enter themselves as available to play in a respective league. There is no limit as to the number of players that any team may pick up from the Draft List.
- Minimum age for all Men's leagues is 16 while the minimum for all Women's and CoRec leagues is thirteen. However, officials may refuse to allow any player younger than 18 to participate if he/she feels that the player is at risk of injury during the contest.

UNCHRISTIAN LIKE CONDUCT

- HPBC Recreation Ministry maintains a zero tolerance policy regarding behavior inappropriate in a Christian environment.
- Unchristian like conduct penalties shall be called as deemed necessary by the respective official. **Inappropriate language, fighting, baiting of an opponent, and violent outbursts** shall constitute unchristian like conduct fouls. Any player may be ejected following one unchristian like conduct foul. It shall be the sole decision of the respective official as to whether any player's actions warrant ejection.

SUSPENSION

- Any player that is ejected is ineligible for the next game. If the ejected player participates in any other league or sport, he is not eligible for play until he has served out his suspension. Players who are ejected twice during the same season are required to sit out one full season in order to become eligible again. Physical threats or actions shall constitute immediate expulsion for the current season. Any participant who strikes or threatens an official is immediately banned from all HPBC Recreation events. Officials will file full reports on any instances of ejection.
- Teams are judged by all participants' actions. Therefore, if a team receives a below average rating for two consecutive seasons, then that team and all its participants are

required to sit out one full season.

AWARDS

- The Recreation Ministry shall decide the winner of each respective league either through regular season record or tournament play. Tiebreakers will be decided according to the respective sport. Winners in each league and division will usually receive t-shirts and may purchase additional shirts through the Recreation Ministry. Number of shirts that are awarded are different for each sport (SB - 12, BB - 8, VB - 9, FB - 11).
- Tiebreakers are as follows:
 - head-to-head competition
 - point differential in head-to-head competition
 - point differential for all games
 - total offense