

WELCOME

The Parks and Recreation program is designed to encourage all members, residents, guests of Flowers Plantation to participate in organized Recreational Sports activities with emphasis on “no experience necessary”. These programs will provide the use of facilities for such activities, organize and promote competition between groups and individuals, enhance physical fitness through competitive activities, and foster a spirit of fair play and sportsmanship among participants and spectators. In order to meet its goals, the Parks and Recreation program offers events in team, individual and dual sports.

Participation in all Parks and Recreation programs is completely voluntary. Individuals participate at their own risk and assume responsibility for their own health and safety. The Club at Flowers Plantation and River Dell Investments, LLC is not liable for injuries sustained during participation in any Parks and Recreation sponsored activity. It is strongly recommended that all participants consult a physician and/or have a physical exam prior to participation. It is also strongly suggested that all participants obtain medical insurance before they participate in any Parks and Recreation activity. We are excited to have you as a part of our program and hope that you enjoy your recreational experience.

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Parks and Recreation Director



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Flowers Plantation Parks and Recreation 2015 Policies and Procedures

Parks and Recreation Mission Statement

The Mission of Parks and Recreation is to provide quality programming that offers diversity and intentionally creating an environment that fosters leadership and social development, healthy active lifestyles and lifelong wellness for the members, residents, and guests of Flowers Plantation.

Activity Registration and Dates

All Youth Sports registrations will go through Blue Sombrero at sports.bluesombrero.com/flowersplantation

All Adult Sports registration will go through IMLeagues at www.imleagues.com/FlowersPlantation.

All payment will be taken through each website. Blue Sombrero will charge an additional 3.4% processing fee for each transaction.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

The possession or consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs is prohibited at any Parks and Recreation activity. Any individual suspected of being under the influence will be asked to leave the facility complex. Each team is responsible for enforcing this policy with team members and spectators.

Identification Policy

All coaches or managers are responsible for signing off on players who are in attendance. If there is any question about a person's identity a photo ID may be asked by staff to confirm the identity of a player (adult leagues only).

Assumption of Risk Statement

Participation in Parks and Recreation activities at Flowers Plantation involves potential risk of physical injury. By engaging in recreational activities, the participant assumes the risk of bodily injury and agrees to release The Club at Flowers Plantation, River Dell Investments, LLC, its officers, employees and agents from all liability for injuries sustained by the participant.

Persons participating in Parks and Recreation activities at Flowers Plantation are strongly recommended to acquire their own personal health insurance since the club does not carry health or accident insurance to cover injuries and medical care for these individuals.

In addition, it is strongly encouraged that participants consult with their physician before assuming any physical activity and to reduce the potential for injury by stretching adequately before and after any activity.



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Defaults and Forfeits

Defaults:

As a courtesy to their opponents and to avoid being charged with a forfeit, teams may request a default for games they will be unable to attend. All defaults must be made known to the Parks and Recreation Director within 24 hours of the contest. For games scheduled on Saturday or Sunday; notification must be made by 12:00 pm on Friday. All youth coaches must contact the Parks and Recreation Director; all adult managers may submit their default through IMLeagues.

Forfeits:

If a team fails to appear at the scheduled playing time, the staff member will give the choice of accepting a win by forfeit, or waiting 10 minutes for their opponents to arrive. The coach's or manager's choice is irrevocable. If the coach/manager chooses to wait 10 minutes, then the game clock will be started. As soon as the minimum numbers of players arrive the game will start. If no players are checked in and present for either team, the game will be declared a double forfeit. If at least one player is present for either team, 10 minutes will be allowed for other players to arrive while the game clock is running. To obtain a contest victory by forfeiture, the required number of participants must be present (signed in on the score sheet and on the field/court ready to play).

Cost Recovery Charges:

Forfeit charges are assessed for team sports and individual/dual sports in the case of teams failing to appear for a scheduled or re-scheduled game. Forfeit charges will only be assessed to adult league teams.

Equipment replacement charges are assessed based on the current retail cost to replace the damaged or lost equipment. Any individual/manager that has unpaid charges for lost or damaged equipment will be unable to check equipment out for any activity.

Forfeit Fee Structure (ADULT LEAGUES ONLY):

- Team Sports \$10.00
- Individual/Dual Sports \$5.00

If your team forfeits a game throughout the course of the season and wishes to make the playoffs, a forfeit fee must be paid in order to make the playoffs.

Equipment Payment Structure:

Any damages to equipment, fields or the building that have not occurred within the framework of the activity offered will be charged to the offending participant(s). He/she will be financially responsible for any and all deliberate or negligent destruction to buildings, fields, or equipment.



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All damaged or lost equipment will be charged at the current value of the lost or damaged item(s). Note: Some equipment is sold as a set and does not have an individual price. The total amount to replace the equipment as sold will be charged in order to replace the damaged or missing items(s).

Eligibility

Participation is open to all members of The Club at Flowers Plantation, resident of Flowers Plantation (who are not members of The Club at Flowers Plantation), and members of the outside community.

- Member – Anyone who is a member of The Club at Flowers Plantation or listed as a spouse or dependent of the primary member.
- Non-Member – Anyone who does not have a membership with The Club at Flowers Plantation.

Youth Age Division (For Spring and Summer Leagues)

For age determinations please see the date of birth chart to determine which division your child should participate in:

- U4 (September 1, 2008 – August 31, 2010)
- U6 (September 1, 2006 – August 31, 2008)
- U8 (September 1, 2004 – August 31, 2006)
- U10 (September 1, 2002 – August 31, 2004)
- U12 (September 1, 2000 – August 31, 2002)
- U15 (September 1, 1997 – August 31, 2000)

Youth Age Division (For Fall and Winter Leagues)

For age determinations please see date of birth chart to determine which division your child should participate in:

- U4 (September 1, 2009 – August 31, 2011)
- U6 (September 1, 2007 – August 31, 2009)
- U8 (September 1, 2005 – August 31, 2007)
- U10 (September 1, 2003 – August 31, 2005)
- U12 (September 1, 2001 – August 31, 2003)
- U15 (September 1, 1998 – August 31, 2001)

If you wish to place your child in the next age division, you may do so but no child may drop down an age division. If you have a child under the age of 3 years old at the time of the age cut off but would like to participate please contact the Parks and Recreation Director to confirm the age and eligibility of the child.

All participants must be on a team's roster in order to participate. Failure to comply may result in that participant's team forfeiting the game. Players may not change teams once they have signed in on the score sheet or played any portion of a contest. The first team that a player participates for is his/her legal



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team. Regardless of the reason, no ineligible player may compete in a Parks and Recreation contest. No opposing team may give its consent for the participation of an ineligible player.

The Parks and Recreation Director will handle any special circumstances/exceptions on an individual basis.

Participation Units

Parks and Recreation activities are mostly composed of co-rec (mix of males and females) activities with some individual/dual sports being separated into male and female leagues.

Players may only play for 1 team in any given league.

Parks and Recreation recognizes the gender of an individual by the gender they are registered with at The Club at Flowers Plantation.

Protests

Player Eligibility:

Player Eligibility protest must be made to the Parks and Recreation Director.

Note: The Parks and Recreation Director will handle all eligibility protests on an individual basis.

Scheduling and League Structure

Most activities will be scheduled on Saturdays and Sundays during the school year and after 5:30 PM on Monday – Thursday evenings in the summer. All attempts will be made to schedule games for youth on Saturday mornings and afternoon and adult games on Saturday and Sunday afternoons leaving weeknights as make-up time slots for most leagues.

Schedules will be posted online. It is the responsibility of the team manager/coach or individual/dual sport participant to know this information for participation in the scheduled activities to avoid forfeit charges.

Tournament Structure and Qualification:

To be eligible for the postseason tournament, teams must have at least a 3.0 Sportsmanship Score at the conclusion of the regular season. Each team must maintain a minimum of a 3.0 rating to continue in the playoffs, regardless of the outcome of the game. Teams are only compared against other teams in their league to determine playoff qualification. All teams will advance to the postseason tournament, unless the team has failed to pay their forfeit fee. If there is a tie, the following factors will be used to break the tie:

- For volleyball:
 1. If still tied, season average Sportsmanship Score will be utilized.
 2. If the tie is between two teams, head-to-head record will be utilized.



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3. If the tie is between three teams, or the tie is between two teams that did not play each other, winning percentage as it relates to total sets will be utilized.
 4. If still tied, total point differential will be utilized.
 5. If still tied, each team will be assigned a number, and a random number generator will be used to select a team to eliminate.
- For all other sports:
 1. If still tied, season average Sportsmanship Score will be utilized.
 2. If the tie is between two teams, head-to-head record will be utilized.
 3. If the tie is between three teams, or the tie is between two teams that did not play each other, total points allowed will be utilized.
 4. If still tied, each team will be assigned a number, and a random number generator will be used to select a team to eliminate.

Tournament Structure:

Tournament brackets will be posted on Blue Sombrero (Youth) and IMLeagues (Adults). Additionally, a listing of play-by dates by round will be posted if necessary. Participants will be responsible for contacting their opponents to schedule a time to play their match. If you are unable to get in contact with your opponent you should contact the Parks and Recreation Director immediately for assistance.

Sportsmanship and Conduct

Team Sportsmanship Guidelines:

Each team receives a Team Sportsmanship Rating at the conclusion of each game by the game officials and Parks and Recreation staff members. An individual's behavior can have a dramatic effect on a team's rating.

A team must have a 3.0 average rating during the season to be eligible for the playoffs. Each team must maintain a minimum of a 3.0 rating to continue in the playoffs, regardless of the outcome of the game.

Note: If a winning team is removed from the playoffs because of the Team Sportsmanship Rating System, no team will advance from the contest.

There may be adjustments made to the Team Sportsmanship Rating System if unsportsmanlike behavior merits such adjustments for management effectiveness.

The following list is not an exhaustive list of unsportsmanlike actions, nor does each element of each grade have to be obtained in determining a Team's Sportsmanship rating.

5 NORMAL GAME: Allowed to ask an Official about a rule interpretation.

4 SOME STATIC: Some questions of judgment calls. No infractions issued.

3 DIFFICULTY: Repeated questions of judgment and complaints. Any player receiving an unsportsmanlike foul (Flag Football), yellow card (Soccer and Volleyball), technical foul (Basketball), or restriction to the dugout (Softball) for any reason will automatically receive no higher than a 3.

2 HARASSMENT: Multiple unsportsmanlike fouls, technical, yellow cards, or restriction to the dugout (not on the same participant) or spectator harassment of the Officials.



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1 EJECTION: Any ejection, whatever the cause, with no further issues from the ejected person's team.

0 FORFEIT OR FIGHTING: Includes threatening an employee, or any ejection, whatever the cause, WITH further issues from the ejected person's team.

Special Game Situations:

If a game did not begin due to weather/poor field conditions/power failures/etc. and the game cannot get rescheduled both teams will receive a 5 sportsmanship rating and a 1-1 tie for that game. If a game has begun, a sportsmanship rating will be given based upon each team's actions during the contest.

A team winning by forfeit/default for reason other than sportsmanship will receive a 5 sportsmanship rating.

- If a game is forfeited during the contest due to sportsmanship, the opposing team will receive their rating based on their actions up to that point.

A team losing by default will receive a 4 sportsmanship rating.

A team losing by forfeit for a reason other than sportsmanship will receive a 3 sportsmanship rating.

Teams receiving a 2 or lower must have their team manager or coach meet with the Parks and Recreation Director to be eligible to play their next scheduled contest.

Suspension from Play:

All ejected participants or parent/guardian of the ejected participate (in youth leagues) must contact the Parks and Recreation Director and arrange an appointment with him, prior to any further participation in any Parks and Recreation activity. Disciplinary meetings will take place in person and no individual will be reinstated in Parks and Recreation prior to this meeting for ejections pertaining to unsportsmanlike conduct. Participants who fail to meet with the Parks and Recreation Director or designee will be ineligible for all Parks and Recreation activities.

Assaulting a staff member or game official in any manner will result in immediate ejection and lifetime suspension from participation in any Parks and Recreation activity. This also includes an attempt to strike, even though contact may not be made. Participants using threatening behavior, intimidating tactics, or taunting game officials or staff members will result in immediate ejection and suspension from participating in Parks and Recreation activities. Unacceptable physical contact or fighting (defense is not an excuse for fighting) during any Parks and Recreation activity will be handled on a case by case basis. Any long-term suspension from Parks and Recreation activities may also affect your ability to use The Club at Flowers Plantation.

Any ejection regarding unsporting behavior towards Parks and Recreation staff, spectators, coaches, or other participants will result in a minimum of a 2 game suspension.

Any ejection that is not unsporting in nature will result in a minimum of a 1 game suspension.

All suspensions will begin after the mandatory meeting with the Parks and Recreation Director takes place.



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Participation is not required to be ejected from Parks and Recreation activities and to be made ineligible.

Ejections involving unacceptable physical contact; disciplinary actions may result in more severe penalties.

The following will result in a minimum of a 3 month suspension:

- Participating while suspended
- Signing in under a false name
- Knowingly playing on more teams than allowed

Fighting during a Parks and Recreation event will result in a minimum 1 year suspension.

*The Parks and Recreation Director will reserve the right to adjust any participant's suspension.

Team Managers/Coaches

Each team entered in any Parks and Recreation activity must have a designated Team Manager (Adult Leagues)/Team Coach (Youth Leagues) who will act as the official liaison between the team and the Parks and Recreation office.

Some Team Manager/Coach responsibilities include:

- Registering the team for team sports or completing entry forms for Individual/Dual Sports or Special Events, prior to registration deadlines.
- Notifying his/her team members as to the time and place of scheduled activities to avoid forfeits.
- Ensuring that forfeit payments are brought to the front desk of The Club at Flowers Plantation by the designated date. If payment isn't made, the team will not advance to the playoffs
- Ensuring a team representative call to notify the Parks and Recreation Director of a default.
- Informing all participants and spectators that The Club at Flowers Plantation is not responsible for lost or stolen property, damage to personal property or injuries sustained while participating.
- Becoming familiar with the governing rules and specific sport rules and relaying this information to all team members.
- Having players sign in with Parks and Recreation Staff prior to participating in any contest
- Organizing their teams for play in a manner that avoids conflict or mismanagement:
 - Check and verify the eligibility of each player before and during the season
 - Make an effort to see that those representing his/her team/organization play according to the rules of the game and conduct themselves as good sports, including spectators.
 - Verify that no players are participating under an assumed name or while they are currently serving a suspension from Parks and Recreation.

Team Name and Uniform

The Parks and Recreation Program will reserve the right to change any team name that is deemed inappropriate or offensive to participants. Please use proper judgment when selecting names and uniform



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artwork. Intramural Sports reserves the right to disallow uniforms or jerseys that are deemed inappropriate. If you are unsure if a team name will be accepted, contact the Parks and Recreation Director.

All youth teams, if noted in the registration process, will have uniforms furnished as part of their registration fee.

All adult teams, if you wish to purchase uniforms please contact the Parks and Recreation Director for supplier who may provide a significant discount for teams.

Teams may also opt to using the Parks and Recreation jerseys if they wish.

Youth Participation

In all age divisions below U10, each child must play at least ½ of the game. For the U12/U15 age groups, it is recommended at each child receives equal playing time and each child plays for at least ½ of the game.

Inclement Weather

The Intramural staff makes decisions concerning the postponement or cancellation of games due to inclement weather at 3:00 pm Monday – Friday, 8:00 am on Saturdays, and 12:00 pm on Sundays. Participants or parents/guardians will receive an e-mail and text message if games are cancelled; teams should not assume that games are cancelled simply because of rain, nor should they assume the fields are open simply because it is sunny at their location, or if it has rained heavily recently but is currently sunny. Normally, games will be rescheduled or cancelled within 24 hours. Teams should check the Parks and Recreation website to confirm their schedule after all inclement weather situations. Both Blue Sombrero and IMLeagues have the ability to send text messages to parents/guardian or participants. We would highly recommend that you check to receive text messages from both sites. The only text messages that will be sent via Blue Sombrero or IMLeagues will be concerning rain cancellations or rescheduling.

Special Game Situations:

- Inclement weather for Soccer and Flag Football:
 - Games stopped at any time before halftime will be completed from the point of interruption with the score as is. After halftime all games will be ruled official contests.
- Inclement weather for Softball/Kickball:
 - Any game stopped prior to 4 innings will be completed from the point of interruption with the score as is. All games stopped after the completion of the 4th inning will be ruled official contests.



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