



Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services (PRCS) Department

ADULT SOFTBALL RULES



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1 – League Overview

1.1 Purpose and Mission

City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department (PRCS) Adult Softball Leagues are formed and organized for the purpose of promoting and conducting amateur softball contests for the benefit and enjoyment of the players.

Novi PRCS sponsors leagues and activities that are formed and operated on the principles of good sportsmanship, fair play, safety and physical fitness. Policies are implemented in the interest of the players, community welfare and development.

1.2 Governing Rules – USA Softball & Novi Modifications

All Novi PRCS Adult Softball games shall be governed by the rules of USA Softball except where modified by Novi PRCS and set forth in this document. For rule designations, please refer to the 2026 USA Softball Official Rules of Softball. Novi PRCS staff reserves the right to study and incur decisions on any situation not expressly covered by the rules and bylaws. Such decisions are final.

1.3 Meetings

Meetings shall be called at the discretion of the Novi PRCS. Notice of meeting shall be provided to all teams in a timely manner. Each team shall be represented at all meetings called, as outlined in this section.

1.4 General Responsibilities

Every player is responsible for reading, understanding, and following all USA Softball rules as well as the City of Novi league rules and policies. Each manager or coach is responsible for communicating any updates, including those shared during manager meetings or through official league communications, to their team. Novi PRCS staff are available to provide clarification, explanation, or discussion of any rules with players, managers, or coaches participating in the program.

1.5 Liability

The City of Novi expressly denies any responsibility or liability for property damage and/or personal injury to participants, spectators, or others resulting from league play or related events.

2 – Team & Player Eligibility

2.1 Team Registration

Team registration is accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Returning teams may register up to one month before new teams. While teams may request a preferred division, final placement is determined by Novi PRCS based on previous standings and whether the team has won a regular season division title within the past three seasons.

2.2 Age Requirements

All players in the league must be 18 years of age prior to participating. All players participating in a league with specifically designated age divisions must be the specified age prior to participating (example: Players must be 40 years old prior to participating in the 40 years+ division).

2.3 Roster Requirements

The initial team roster/waiver form with at least 10 players must be submitted to a representative of the Novi PRCS prior to the start of the team's first game of the season.

Teams may carry up to 20 players on their roster at any time during the season, plus one designated non-playing manager. Novi PRCS strongly recommends a minimum of 15 players to help teams avoid forfeits and ensure a better overall league experience.

Players may be added to the roster through week three (3) of league play by signing the official team roster with the Novi PRCS Field Supervisor or Parks Office prior to the game. After Week 3, rosters are frozen.

Players may participate on multiple teams, but not within the same division.

2.4 Player Eligibility & Protests

A player is considered illegal if they appear in a game without being listed on the official team roster.

Player eligibility may be protested by the opposing team before the final out or reviewed by PRCS staff at any time. Protests must be noted by the Field Supervisor at the time of the incident. If the protest concerns roster status, the Field Supervisor will verify eligibility using the official roster.

If a player is confirmed ineligible, they will be ejected and an out will be recorded in the lineup for both regular season and playoff games.

2.5 Player Releases & Replacements

To release a player, the team must notify the Novi PRCS Field Supervisor or Parks Office. The manager must sign the designated column on the back of the roster form next to the player's name. A proper release also requires written notification from both the player and the manager confirming the player's withdrawal. Until officially released, the player remains part of the team's roster.

If a player is released during the season, the team may add a replacement as long as the roster does not exceed 20 players. If adding a player would exceed this limit, the team must notify the Field Supervisor of which player is being removed. Rosters are locked at the end of the regular season, and no replacements are allowed for playoffs. All replacement players must sign the official roster with the Novi PRCS Field Supervisor or Parks Office.

2.6 Playoff Eligibility

Only players listed on the official team roster and who have appeared in at least one regular season game are eligible for playoffs.

Any team using a non-rostered or ineligible player during playoffs will forfeit if they cannot replace that player with a rostered player or if it causes the team to fall below the minimum of eight players. Repeated violations of this rule may result in disciplinary action against the player, manager, and/or team.

Players listed on multiple rosters for the same night must choose one team to compete with during playoffs.

2.7 USA Softball Tournament Eligibility

Teams and/or players appearing on a roster designated eligible for a USA Softball Tournament cannot appear on any other designated mParks /USA Softball Tournament roster.

3 – Fees & Payments

3.1 Team Entry Fee

The team entry fee is established by Novi PRCS. A \$10 late fee will be applied to any team registering after the deadline, and all entry fees become non-refundable once that deadline has passed.

3.2 Umpire Payment

One umpire will be assigned to each regular season game, with each team responsible for paying \$25 in cash at the field. If a team prefers not to hand cash directly to the umpire, the site supervisor will provide an envelope for secure payment.

Teams are responsible for paying \$35 in cash at the field for the championship game in playoffs only (two umpire system).

3.3 Forfeit Fee

Forfeit fees are the responsibility of the team and will not be covered by the City.

A **\$50** forfeit fee must be paid to the Novi PRCS Field Supervisor or Parks Office before the team's next scheduled game in order to participate.

If the forfeit occurs at the end of the season, the fee may be added to the team's account and must be paid before registering for the next season.

4 – Schedules & Changes

4.1 Game Schedules

All league games will be scheduled by Novi PRCS and must be played on the assigned date, time, and field. Novi PRCS reserves the right to make changes to the game schedule if team registration or other circumstances cause the need for such changes. Novi Parks will attempt to rotate fields as much as possible.

4.2 Inclement Weather & Rescheduling

In cases of inclement or threatening weather and/or poor field conditions, Novi PRCS reserves the right to postpone or cancel scheduled games. The umpire, Novi Field Supervisor, or Novi PRCS staff may suspend or cancel a game at any time due to darkness, weather, or any condition that may endanger players or spectators, including fire, panic, or other emergencies.

Status updates on pending games can be obtained by calling the Novi PRCS Hotline at 248-347-0473. If a decision can be made before 4:30 PM, the hotline will provide the most accurate and timely information. After 4:30 PM, all decisions regarding postponement or cancellation will be made on-site by the umpire and Novi Field Supervisor.

If early games are canceled, Novi PRCS will update the weather hotline and make every effort to notify managers of later games through additional communication channels.

Cancelled games will be rescheduled by Novi PRCS, typically during the week prior to playoffs. When possible, games will be rescheduled on the regular league night; however, weekends may be used only as available on a limited basis.

Games are considered official after four (4) innings. Any game that does not reach four innings will be replayed in full, weather permitting.

NEW: In the event of multiple cancellations, the regular season may be shortened to ensure that playoffs are played.

League Championship games cannot be considered complete if interrupted by rain or other conditions. Novi PRCS will attempt to reschedule any interrupted championship game to be completed at a later date. The mercy rule remains in effect; however, time limit rules do not apply to championship games.

5 – Game Rules & Procedures

5.1 Game Length & Time Limit

A regulation game shall consist of seven (7) innings, in accordance with USA Softball Rule 5, Section 3. Novi PRCS enforces a 60-minute game time limit. The home plate umpire will announce the official start time of each game and record it on the official scoresheet. The umpire will also start the 60-minute game clock, which is attached to the fence for easy reference. Once 60 minutes have passed, the umpire will announce the time, and the current inning will be completed. The bottom half of the inning will only be played if necessary. Tied scores will stand at the end of regulation time, except during playoff games. The time limit does not apply to championship playoff games.

5.2 Minimum Players

A team must have a minimum of eight (8) players to start a game. Players arriving late must be added to the bottom of the lineup. If a team is reduced to fewer than eight players for any reason, the game shall be declared a forfeit. If a preceding game on the same field runs late, forfeit time will be when the previous game ends.

5.3 Forfeits

Game time is forfeit time for all scheduled games. Games will not be rescheduled due to a team having an insufficient number of players. If neither team has the required number of players to start the game, both teams will receive a loss by forfeit (double forfeit).

A team that forfeits two or more games may be removed from the league, unless sufficient proof is provided that the team can complete the remainder of the season. Teams removed due to forfeits will not receive a refund. Novi PRCS reserves the right to award wins and losses as necessary and may ban the team from future participation.

Forfeit fees, as outlined in Section 3.3, will apply.

5.4 Suspensions & Ejections (Player Conduct)

Any player or manager who strikes an umpire, staff member, spectator, opponent, or any other individual will be suspended for a minimum of one year. In cases where the behavior is deemed severe, a lifetime suspension may be imposed. Similar disciplinary action will apply to individuals involved in disorderly conduct, those found in possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs, or anyone participating in a game while under the influence of such substances.

Players may be ejected from the game and the facility upon the first instance of using foul or abusive language directed at an umpire, field supervisor, or staff member. Any intense, face-to-face confrontation with these individuals may result in further suspension from league play. Additionally, intentionally throwing bats or other objects, or the misuse of equipment or field property, will result in immediate ejection for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Any person ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct must leave the park and all adjacent areas immediately. Ejected individuals have two minutes to be “out of sight - out of sound.” Failure to comply will result in suspension for the remainder of the season and will lead to a forfeit loss for their team.

Any manager, coach, or player who is ejected before or during a game will automatically be suspended for the remainder of that game plus one additional game. If the ejection occurs after a game has ended, the suspension will apply to the team's next two scheduled games. A second ejection will result in suspension for that game and the following three games. A third ejection will result in suspension for the remainder of the season and a one-year probation. If the severity of the offense warrants, at the discretion of Novi PRCS, an indefinite or lifetime suspension may be imposed at any point, including the first offense.

Players who receive a suspension of one year or more from the City of Novi Adult Softball League may also be suspended from participating in any USA Softball or USA Softball of Metro Detroit sanctioned leagues. Novi PRCS will honor all suspensions issued by USA Softball.

5.5 Use of Illegal, Altered, or Non-Approved Equipment

Managers are responsible for ensuring that their team does not use illegal, altered, or non-approved bats or other equipment. Bats may be tested at the discretion of the field supervisor. If a player is found using illegal, altered, or non-approved equipment, they will be ejected from the game. During playoffs, the player will be ejected for the remainder of the current season's playoffs. An out will be recorded in the lineup, and the manager will be subject to disciplinary action. Note: Any previous play involving the bat in question will stand.

5.6 Pitching Screen

Use of a pitching screen is **optional**. When used, the screen must be placed with one leg centered on the mound and may be positioned up to three feet in front of the rubber. Any batted ball that contacts the screen is considered a dead ball strike. Runners must return to their original bases, and if the batter has no strikes to waste, they will be called out. The pitcher must remain behind the screen at all times. If the pitcher is hit by a batted ball while behind the screen, the play remains live. Pitchers may field the ball, but if they leave the screen and are hit, the play is still live.

The screen may be moved to avoid interference with throws from across the diamond or the outfield. If the opposing team does not wish to use the screen, the team electing to use it must remove and replace the screen each half inning. If a pitcher chooses not to use the screen, the “Ball Hit Up the Middle” rule described in Section 5.7 will apply.

5.7 Balls Hit Up the Middle

If a batter hits a ball within the length of the pitching rubber with such force that the pitcher does not have time to react and attempt a defensive play, the batter will be called out and all runners must return to their original bases. This rule applies regardless of whether the ball makes contact with the pitcher. If a pitcher is struck and injured by a batted ball, the bat used will be confiscated for the remainder of the night and tested. If the bat is found to be illegal, both the batter and the coach or manager will be ejected from the game. Additional penalties may include suspension from the league, ineligibility for playoffs, or forfeiture of remaining games without refund. This rule does not apply once the pitcher has left the pitching rubber area.

5.8 Pitch Count & Pitchers Box

All counts are 3 balls, 2 strikes, one to waste. A six-foot pitcher box will be used in all leagues. The pitcher can stand anywhere behind the rubber up to six feet behind it.

5.9 Baserunning

SLIDING: Sliding is permitted in the league and is done at the player's own risk. On force plays, runners are required to either slide or give themselves up to avoid contact. To help prevent collisions at home plate, catchers are encouraged to leave the plate open while awaiting a throw from the field.

To protect defensive players attempting to make a play, any runner who remains on their feet and crashes into a defensive player holding the ball and preparing to apply a tag will be called out. The ball will be declared dead, the runner will be out, and all other runners must return to the last base touched. If the act is deemed flagrant, the offending player will be ejected from the game. To avoid this ruling, runners may slide, go around the defender within the three-foot running lane, or return to the previous base. A runner may legally slide into a fielder. If the ball, runner, and defensive player arrive at the same time and incidental contact occurs, the umpire will not invoke the crash rule, interference, or obstruction.

COURTESY RUNNERS: Each team is allowed one courtesy runner per inning, per gender. Requests for a courtesy runner must be made to the umpire. The courtesy runner must be the last player in the lineup who has recorded an out and must be of the same gender as the player being replaced.

Teams may be allowed additional courtesy runners per inning, but only if both teams and the umpire agree to this before the start of the game.

AVOIDING LINE DRIVES: At no time is a player allowed to lead off a base or stand away from the base to avoid line drives. All baserunners must remain in contact with the base until the ball is hit. Violations of this rule may result in the runner being called out.

FIRST BASE: On plays at first base, runners must step on the orange safety bag. If a runner steps on the white portion of the base during a play at first, they will automatically be called out. However, if the fielder is forced into foul territory or their momentum carries them onto the orange portion of the bag, the runner may step on the white portion to avoid a collision.

5.10 Mercy Rule & Flip Flop Rule

A 12-run mercy rule shall be in effect after 5 innings. The game will be considered a regulation game if a team is ahead by 12 or more runs after 5 or more innings; 5 ½ or 6 ½ innings if the home team is ahead.

If the visiting team is ahead by 12 or more runs after four complete innings, the Flip Flop Rule will go into effect. In this case, the visiting team becomes the home team, and the trailing team becomes the visiting team and will bat in the top of the fifth inning.

If the new visiting team (the team that was originally losing) does not reduce the run differential below 12 in the top of the fifth, the game ends under the mercy rule.

If the run differential is reduced to fewer than 12 runs, the game continues. The mercy rule may be reinstated at the end of any subsequent inning (bottom of the fifth, sixth, or seventh) if the lead returns to 12 or more runs. The new visiting team will continue to bat in the top half of each inning.

5.11 Home Run Limits

Each division has a designated home run limit for untouched, over-the-fence home runs. In D Division, the limit is five home runs plus one additional (5+1). In E Division, the limit is two home runs plus one additional (2+1). For crossover games between D and E Divisions, the limit is three home runs plus one additional (3+1). Any home run hit beyond the division limit will result in a dead ball out, and no runners may advance.

The "plus one" rule does not apply in the top half of the first inning for the visiting team, as the home team has not yet had an opportunity to match. Likewise, the "plus one" rule is not in effect in the bottom half of the seventh inning, since the visiting team cannot respond.

5.12 Lineup & Batting

To begin a game, a team must have at least eight players present in the dugout or team area. A starting player becomes official once the lineup has been reviewed and approved by the plate umpire and team manager during the pre-game meeting. After the first pitch, only the ninth and/or tenth batter may be added to the lineup. All players who appear defensively must also occupy a spot in the batting order.

Teams may bat as few as eight players and up to the total number of players on their roster. Only ten players may be on the field defensively at any time, but any player listed in the batting order is eligible to play defense. Extra players in the batting order may be rotated into the field at any point during the game.

When a team bats more than ten players and a player leaves the game for any reason other than ejection, that player's spot in the lineup will be recorded as an out. No substitutes are available when all players present are listed in the lineup.

5.13 Substitutions & Player Reductions

A starting player may be substituted at any point during the game. The substitute must be a player who is not already in the game and must appear on the team's current roster. Once a starting player re-enters the game and resumes their place in the lineup, the substitute may no longer be used for that player or for any other player for the remainder of the game. If a team does not have a substitute available for an ejected player, an out will be recorded in the lineup for that player's spot.

If a team does not have a substitute available for an ejected player, an out will be recorded in that player's spot in the lineup. Similarly, if a player leaves the game due to injury or personal choice and no substitute is available, an out will be recorded in the lineup. Teams may continue play with as few as eight players; however, for each missing player, an out will be assessed in the batting order. If a team is reduced to fewer than eight players, the game will result in a forfeit loss.

5.14 Game Setup & Bench Procedures

The home team is designated on the official schedule as the team listed on the left side under the heading "Home."

PLAYER'S BENCH: All players, coaches, and managers not actively participating in the game must remain in the designated bench area. Only eligible players, coaches, team managers, scorers, and bat boys/girls are permitted in the bench area and must be available for entry into the game or for official discussions as needed.

WARM-UPS: Warm-ups are not permitted within 10 feet of walkways or within 50 feet of the bleachers. Soft toss is strictly prohibited in all areas.

If a game ball is rendered out of play, the pitcher will continue using an alternate ball. The team at bat is responsible for retrieving any balls hit out of play and must return them to the umpire during a dead ball.

5.15 Coed Specific Rules

BATTING ORDER: In coed play, the batting order must alternate genders. A team must have at least eight players to start the game, consisting of four males and four females. Teams may bat an unlimited number of players. If a team bats nine players (five males and four females), an out will be recorded between the two back-to-back male batters. If a fifth female arrives and is inserted into the lineup between the male batters, the out is removed. There is no penalty for batting additional female players.

BASE ON BALLS: Per USA Softball Rule 8, Section 1, C, 4: when a male batter is walked, he is awarded two bases. The next batter, a female, has the option to walk or bat.

DEFENSIVE: Defensively, coed teams must field five males and five females. There are no restrictions on player positioning, except that all infielders must remain on the infield dirt until the ball is hit. If a team has five males and only four females, they may still play defense under the out penalty rule.

200 FT. LINE: A 200-foot line is used for E League level play. In crossover games, the E League team may request that the 200-foot line be used for both teams and must notify the umpire before the game begins.

6 – Managers

6.1 Roster Responsibilities

Managers are responsible for ensuring the eligibility of all players on their team and for submitting a completed official team roster to Novi PRCS. The roster must be legible, include all required player signatures, and be submitted to the Novi Parks Field Supervisor or Parks Office prior to the team's first scheduled game. Managers must also provide accurate contact information, including work, home, and cell phone numbers, as well as an email address. Unless otherwise specified, the contact numbers listed on the schedule will be used for text notifications regarding rainouts. Teams will not be permitted to begin their season until a minimum of ten eligible players have been officially rostered.

Both the player and manager falsifying a roster will be suspended from play or managing for the balance of the season and the game(s) in which he/she participated shall result in a forfeit loss for his/her team.

6.2 Game Conflicts

Managers are responsible for confirming the eligibility and availability of their players. Games will not be held for players arriving late or coming from another field. Games not starting at the scheduled time will result in a forfeit, as outlined in Section 5.3.

6.3 Conduct

Managers are responsible at all times for the behavior and appearance of their players and spectators, both on the field and in the bench area. They are also expected to maintain a clean and

orderly team bench. Any disciplinary action taken against a manager may result in a forfeit loss for their team.

Managers are expected to uphold the highest standards of sportsmanship and league integrity. Unsportsmanlike conduct, including, but not limited to, harassing umpires, provoking conflicts with opposing players, intentionally delaying games, or being uncooperative during protest procedures, may result in disciplinary action, up to and including removal from the league.

6.4 Changes in Managers

Any change in team manager must be reported to Novi PRCS prior to the team's next scheduled game. The new manager's basic information (name, address, phone number, and email address) must be submitted to ensure proper communication and league coordination.

Managers are not permitted to manage more than one team on the same night.

6.5 Umpire Communication

Only the team manager or a designated representative may engage in discussions with the umpire when a dispute or protest arises. Prior to the start of each game, one manager, coach, or team representative from each team must meet with the plate umpire to review ground rules and any special field conditions. This representative is responsible for communicating those rules and situations to their team and for ensuring that the official game time is recorded on the score sheet.

6.6 Equipment

Managers and coaches are responsible for ensuring that all team equipment complies with league standards. The use of illegal, altered, or non-approved bats or other equipment may result in disciplinary action.

7 – Protests

7.1 Procedure

A protest is a formal request to review either an umpire's rule interpretation or the eligibility of a player. Protests regarding an umpire's judgment will not be accepted. Judgment calls include, but are not limited to, balls and strikes, safe or out calls, fair or foul balls, and whether a base was touched or missed.

To be valid, a protest concerning a rule interpretation must be declared before the next pitch. A protest concerning player eligibility must be declared before the final out of the game. If a protest is not made at the appropriate time, the right to protest is forfeited.

All protests must be communicated to the plate umpire, the Parks Field Supervisor, and the opposing team's manager within the required timeframe. The Parks Field Supervisor will document the protest and either make a ruling on the field or refer the matter to the Recreation Supervisor for further review.

7.2 Evidence & Review Process

Video recordings, photographs, or any other form of media are not permitted as evidence in any protest. If a protest cannot be resolved on the field, it will be reviewed by the Novi Recreation

Supervisor in coordination with designated Novi Parks staff and USA Softball representatives. A final decision will be issued within two to three business days.

8 – Uniforms & Equipment

8.1 Uniform Requirements

Uniforms are not mandatory for league play. However, for USA Softball tournament participation, teams must wear identical uniforms, and no two players may have the same jersey number.

For safety and injury prevention, all players must wear a shirt and pants. Shorts are permitted but are worn at the player's own risk. Shoes are required at all times. Metal cleats, screw-in cleats, and football spikes are strictly prohibited. Players found wearing any of these will be ejected from the game, and the ejection will result in an automatic out in the lineup.

8.2 Jewelry, Headwear, and Braces

For safety reasons, all jewelry must be removed before the start of the game. One team warning will be issued; any further violations may result in player ejection. The only exceptions are medical alert tags and wedding bands.

Headwear such as ball caps, sweatbands, and do-rags may be worn in any fashion but may be removed or adjusted if deemed a safety risk or distraction. Pins, jewelry, or reflective items may not be worn on or in headwear.

All knee and arm braces with exposed metal or plastic must be fully covered with padding or fabric. Additionally, pitchers are strongly encouraged to wear protective face gear to reduce the risk of injury.

9 – Standings

9.1 Tie-Breaking Procedures

Novi PRCS will keep records of standings based on team wins, losses, and ties. In the event of a tie in the standings at the end of the regular season, the following tie-breaking procedures will be used in order:

1. Win-loss record in head-to-head games between the tied teams.
2. Run differential in head-to-head games between the tied teams.
3. Overall run differential (plus/minus) for the entire season.
4. Coin toss.

9.2 Awards

Regular season winners will receive apparel/gear. Playoff champions will receive t-shirts and plaques.

10 – Facility Rules

10.1 Parking

Team managers are responsible for ensuring that their players and spectators park only in City of Novi authorized parking areas. Parking in unauthorized areas may result in a forfeit if the issue is not corrected immediately upon request, or if violations are repeated throughout the season.

10.2 Alcohol & Drug Use

In accordance with Novi Parks Ordinance, the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages, marijuana (in any form), or illegal drugs is strictly prohibited on all City of Novi park property and athletic fields. This includes areas adjacent to the fields and parking lots.

Any manager, coach, player, umpire, or spectator found consuming alcohol, using marijuana, or acting under the influence in an unsportsmanlike or unsafe manner will be removed from the park and may be suspended for the remainder of the season. The Field Supervisor or Novi Sports staff will not hesitate to contact the Novi Police Department in cases of unruly, threatening, or dangerous behavior.

10.3 Smoking

Smoking is not permitted within 100 feet of park features. This includes the playing field, bench areas, and restrooms. Players who wish to smoke must do so away from these designated areas and are expected to properly dispose of cigarette butts in appropriate receptacles. All smoking materials must be fully extinguished before disposal.

11 – Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Policy

Any player or coach who is actively bleeding or has an open wound must be removed from play until appropriate treatment is administered. If proper medical care can be completed within five (5) minutes, the individual may remain in the game. If treatment cannot be completed within that time, the individual must leave the game and may only return under USA Softball and Novi PRCS substitution or re-entry rules. The five-minute treatment period will not count against game time.

As soon as the umpire becomes aware of a bleeding player or open wound, play will be stopped immediately. The Field Supervisor will be notified, and 911 will be called if the situation requires emergency response.

Any bloodied or exposed portion of a uniform must be cleaned, covered, or replaced before the player may resume participation. Teams are encouraged to carry extra clothing. All contaminated surfaces and equipment must be properly disinfected before play resumes.

Novi PRCS reserves the right to disallow participation in any situation involving bodily fluids or open wounds if it is deemed unsafe for players, staff, or officials.

THE NOVI PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJUST/CLARIFY THE AFOREMENTIONED RULES FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEAGUES AND ITS PLAYERS.