

I run the Adult Hockey Leagues in Breck. When we have a forfeit, we allow the nonforfeiting team the ice to have a practice or scrimmage. It goes in the books as a win and the refs do not "work" the scrimmage. Hope this helps.

What we have done in the past is if a team forfeits we will give them a call and see why they took the forfeit. If it happens again and they do not call we have the right to kick them out of the league. I hope this helps.

Any team that forfeits is charged \$25.00. They are not allowed back in the league until they have paid the \$25.00. This also helps us cover the cost of paying the officials.

This is something I've been working on as well... whatever you decide please let me know because it is something I'd love to implement...

This is what we've been doing - if we know in advance we give the winning team before the forfeit another game... this team never seems to mind because its another game... if it happens the day of we try to get an open rec team to play - this could be anyone as long as they sign a waiver... our goal is to play

Now for the forfeiting teams we keep track of all points scored against so of course it is an automatic loss as well as a tremendous amount of points against - so their play off standings are in jeopardy...

In flag football if a team forfeits that are not eligible for awards or able to participate in post season play. 2 forfeits = removal from league.

Softball is the same, except for summer. A team would have to forfeit 2 games to become ineligible and removed after a 3rd forfeit.

Our rule is 2 forfeits and you are expelled from the league with no refund. We have had to use it once in 20 seasons.

Generally speaking here is our policy for adult sports leagues:

Forfeits: Teams not ready to play at the end of the 5 minute warm-up period will forfeit that game. After a team's second forfeit, the team may be removed from the league (at the discretion of the League Coordinator and/or Sports Coordinator) for the remainder of the season and no refunds will be offered. A forfeit may be called by the referee or League Coordinator when a team's conduct, in the referee or League Coordinator's opinion would cause control of the game to be lost, or when the team's conduct is inappropriate.

If a team does not show for a regular season scheduled game, the team will be assessed a \$25 forfeit fee which must be paid to the League Coordinator prior to playing any future games.

When it comes to adult sports, what we try to tell our captains that two forfeits without a 24 hour notice would cause an elimination from the league.

We haven't had to many problems in our men's and women's league. Our captains have been good in the past in staying up with the 24 hour rule of letting us know they can't show. Charging a fee might be a good idea if you have a lot of paid staff that shows up to put the game on. In our men's league, we don't have paid basketball officials until tourney time.

One thing I would like to share with you is that in our adult basketball leagues we have installed a code of conduct, teams are graded each night on sportsmanship. This has gone over real well. The teams are more concerned about their conduct grade than actually the team score. If their conduct grade is low, they could be jeopardizing their next contest. We hope this code of conduct will work again next year. Adult sports are a lot more tricky than the youth ones at times.

For the City of Lakewood we do have a very loose forfeit policy. We know that forfeits do happen, even though everybody frowns upon it, but that is just a fact of life. So we allow two forfeits, any more after that, they will be banned from the league for that particular season with zero refund. Luckily we haven't encountered any problems yet with that rule

If there's a no show forfeit without notification (calling me so I can notify the other team by 4pm) then we charge a \$25 forfeit fee that must be paid prior to their next game. 2-3 forfeits (depending on the length of the season) and they are removed from the schedule with no refund.

I use the 2 forfeits and you're out of the playoffs policy and we don't charge a fee. Working in Granby, we have a small number of teams so to take them completely off the schedule ends up making the league that much smaller. I also have a set score for a forfeit. For example, in flag football if a team forfeited they lost 30-0.

In the past with larger programs I have used the 2 forfeits and you are dropped from the league and used their scheduled times for make-up games or reschedules. Charging a forfeit fee is great because it really is a pain in the butt for everyone that showed up at the scheduled time. I would just be careful not make it too high.

I let the teams forfeit. It usually happens because they do not have enough players. But if it becomes a habit of 3 or 4 times I would not let them in the league next time. If a team can not commit it is not fair to the other teams. Most of my leagues have tournaments though and forfeiting would hurt their league standings.

A team who forfeits more than two games in a season will be eliminated from the playoffs and receive no refund of the registration fee.

We do not have a policy that punishes a team if they forfeit.

If they have more than 2 forfeits in a season we drop them from the schedule. Also if they forfeit after a certain time, we fine them.

Our current guidelines allow a team to forfeit 4 out of 16 games for softball men's teams. Coed is 3 out of 12. Flag Football is 2 of 6.

Adult Basketball is 2 of 6.

Obviously, we allow a team to forfeit about 30-33% of its games. This is more to do with living in a smaller community. Some years we don't get as many teams as in the past or vice versa. I would like to institute some more stringent rules but do not plan on it at this point. Oddly enough I get more forfeits for our end of season tourneys than I get during the regular season.

I never refund teams for forfeits, if a team forfeits for the first time I call to find out why, second time I let them know I have "free agents available if they need additional players and asked them if they plan to continue to field a team, third forfeit out of the league (no refund of any kind) and I re-do the schedule, teams that were forfeited to I give them an extra game.

Apex Park and Recreation District utilizes a \$25.00 "No call / no show" forfeit fee for teams. If you do not call or no show that team must pay a \$25.00 forfeit fee before that team is allow to play again. Games are *NOT* rescheduled or replayed under those circumstances.

Here is our rule/procedure on forfeits.

FORFEITS

Forfeits may be declared for one or more of the following infractions:

- * Illegal players, e.g., players not on a roster, players using an assumed name or ineligible players.
- * Misconduct by players, coaches or team representatives before, during or after the contest.
- * Failure to submit a legal roster prior to the team's first scheduled game.
- * Failure to have the required number of players to play an entire game.
- * Team no-shows.

A forfeiting team must pay a \$20 fine plus the total umpire fees for game forfeited to the Sports Office prior to its next scheduled game.

At its next scheduled game, the team will be required to show a receipt to the site supervisor prior to taking the field. No further notification to pay this fine will be given. A team with two forfeits may be dropped from the league without a refund.

We allow our teams' one free forfeit, which still counts as a loss. If the same team forfeits a second game they get a loss, and they lose their tournament seed at the end of the year no matter what their record is at the end of season play. Opposing teams obviously get "wins" for those games. The only time we pay officials for forfeits is when we know we will not make up those games.

We charge them the full or at least the cost to cover the games played if we can find another team to fill in the remainder of the season.

No charge for a one time forfeit - if they continue to forfeit games then you could ban them from registering the next season.

Right now for a single forfeit it's just reflecting in the standings as a forfeit and a loss.

We don't really charge anyone, but if it's a situation where everyone on the team did not show up and the manager did not call me to let me know, I'll generally have an ugly conversation with him. I always mention this at the manager's meeting and for the most part we don't have a problem with this.

We charge every team \$50 for every forfeit without 24 hour notice.

This has not been a big issue with us. We ask that a team let us know ASAP if they need to forfeit. I then call their opposing team and let them know that their game will be a forfeit; however, they have the right to use the court as they wish for the hour of their scheduled game. Forfeits have been few and far between.