



LEAGUE WEBSITE:

<http://www.cityofdover.com/Field-Hockey-Leagues/>

WEATHER LINE:  
(302) 736-7155

REPORTING SCORES:  
(302)736-7050

**2016**

**ADULT CO-ED SUMMER FIELD HOCKEY LEAGUE BY-LAWS**

1. NAME

The League shall be known as the City of Dover Adult Summer Co-Ed Field League.

2. ORGANIZATION

The City of Dover Sports Coordinator will preside over the Leagues and his decision is final. All concerns shall be directed to the Recreation Office at 736-7050.

3. BEGINNING DATE

June 7, 2016

4. WARM-UP PERIOD

Prior to the first game, the field is available to both teams for open practice. **Managers must clear players from the field** and submit their lineups to the scorer ten minutes before the scheduled game time. A ten minute warm-up on the field will be allowed as time permits for all games scheduled thereafter.

5. HALF TIME

Half time will last no longer than five (5) minutes.

6. GAME TIMES

Games scheduled on Tuesdays will begin at 5:45, 6:40, and 7:35 p.m. without a "grace" period.

7. POSTPONEMENT

No game may be postponed by anyone other than the Sports Coordinator or the head official. Games may be called off by the Sports Coordinator or his representative due to inclement weather no later than 3:00 p.m. on Sundays and 4:50 p.m. on weekdays. Team managers should call the Dover Recreation Cancellation Recording at 736-7155 to be sure a game is not postponed due to inclement weather. If not called off by the Sports Coordinator or representative, **BOTH TEAMS MUST REPORT** for a decision by the head official at the scheduled starting time. **All managers or a team representative must be registered for Rainedout in order to receive an instant text message concerning cancelations.**

8. RESCHEDULING OF GAMES

In all leagues the Sports Coordinator or his representative will be responsible for the rescheduling of games. Rescheduled games may fall on any day of the week. Once 48 hours of notification has been given, a forfeit will be issued to teams unable to field a team. **Rescheduled games will be posted on the City of Dover website.**

9. GAME BALLS

The official game ball for the Leagues will be a National Federation approved game ball. The home team will provide one ball to the head official at the start of each game.

10. ROSTERS

Each team will submit their completed player roster to the Recreation Office prior to their first game. After rosters have been submitted to the Recreation Office, **a team may drop or add players to its roster on July 9 or July 10 by 4:30 p.m.** Rosters must show first and last names, complete mailing address, and be signed by all players. Participants must be at least 16 years of age by June 10, 2015. Participants under the age of 18 must submit a City of Dover waiver signed by a parent/legal guardian. Rosters are limited to 20 players per team.

No player may play with more than one team in the League. He/she shall be considered a member of the team on which they play first.

**In order to participate in the adult league, the participant must be out of High School eligibility.**

11. PAYING PLAYERS

No player shall be paid in any form for playing in the League.

12. EQUIPMENT *(see #21 for rules)*

All players are responsible to provide their own equipment. Every player will be required to wear a mouth guard. Shin guards are optional. Team members should wear like colored shirts, hence the team shirt. In cases where individual players are wearing the same color jersey as the opposing team, that player will not be permitted to participate. Goalies must wear the proper safety gear.

13. PLACE OF PLAY

All games will be played at officially designated fields. An attempt will be made to limit travel requirements for teams involved.

14. REGULATION GAME

A regulation game is any game that has completed the first half. If the first half has not been completed the game will be rescheduled and play will resume from the time of stoppage.

15. CONDUCT

Each team manager shall be responsible for the conduct of her/his players at all times.

Player(s) who have been ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct (physical or verbal abuse of a player or official, or any situation that the official deems unsportsmanlike) will automatically be suspended from the next game in which her/his team is involved. Any player who verbally harasses an official or staff member after a game or during suspension will be suspended from her/his team's next regularly scheduled game. Repeated offenders will be expelled from any further games in the League.

Player(s) who have been ejected from a game for fighting will automatically be suspended for the remainder of the season and will face review by the Sports Coordinator before gaining re-entry into the league.

Any other actions felt to be detrimental to the league will be reviewed by the Sports Coordinator. Players, groups of players, and/or entire teams will be suspended from League play if necessary.

16. NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED ON PREMISES - There will be no alcoholic beverages permitted on any of the playing fields, spectator areas, or parking areas before, during, or after play.
17. CONTROL OF THE BENCH  
Players, managers, and one scorekeeper are to be the only persons allowed on the players' side of the field during the game.
18. FEES
  - A. Franchise Fee: Each team will deposit a franchise fee, set by the Sports Coordinator, payable to the City of Dover for the purpose of League operating expenses. The City of Dover will be responsible for paying expenses incurred by the League for officials, certain equipment, field lining, and other authorized expenses.
  - B. Forfeit Fee: If a team forfeits a game, that team must pay \$25 to the City of Dover before it can continue to participate in the League. If a team forfeits a second game, that team must again pay the forfeit fee before it can continue to participate in the League. If a team forfeits a third game, it must do the above plus appear before the Sports Coordinator to discuss their plan of action for avoiding additional forfeits. The Sports Coordinator may, following this review, suspend the team from further League play or allow it to continue. There will be a **TEN** minute grace period before a forfeit is called by the Referees for lack of players.
19. PROTEST  
Any protest must be made to the head official at the point of play and submitted in writing to the Sports Coordinator within twenty four (24) hours of the game protested. The Sports Coordinator will review the protest and rule on it within ten (10) days of the date received. This written protest must be accompanied by a fee of \$25 payable to the Recreation Department. If the protest is upheld, the fee shall be forfeited to the Recreation Department and used for operating expenses. An official's judgment call cannot be protested.
20. HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITY  
The Home team will be required:
  - A. To assist with getting the goals in play before and after the game when necessary.
  - B. Provide an alternate scorer/timer.
21. OFFICIAL RULES  
International Hockey Federation Rules (F.I.H.) will be used unless amended by the League By-Laws.  
FIH Website Link: <http://www.fih.ch/en/sport/rules>
22. REPORTING GAMES  
The winning team **must** report the score to the Recreation Office by 10:00 a.m. of the day following the game. In case of a tie the Home team is responsible for reporting on time. Failure to report game scores will result in: First Offense: Warning; Second Offense: \$5 fine payable to the Recreation Office prior to your next scheduled game; Third and Subsequent Offense: \$5 fine payable to the Recreation Office prior to your next scheduled game plus one win subtracted and one loss added to the violating team's record. (Ties will be subtracted if no wins are available).  
  
This situation will in no way affect the win/loss record of other teams. Failure to comply will be cause for forfeiting each game thereafter until such fee is paid.

23. ASSUMPTION OF RISK

The City of Dover Parks and Recreation Department and its officers assume no responsibility for injuries to the members of any team holding a franchise in this league, no matter under what circumstances incurred; and adoption of these rules by the team managers shall be equivalent of full and lawful release and discharge of any claim that any members may have or that may arise in the future against any of the above named for injury to their persons or property.

24. LEAGUE AMENDMENTS

- I. Games are played 11 versus 11.
- II. A minimum of three (3) male participants are required on the field at all times.
- III. No more than five (5) men are allowed on the field at any time.
- IV. No league standings will be kept.
- V. No league playoffs.