



Policy Category	Operational - Program
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## CDMFA Standards for Schedules, Reporting & Cancellations

1. **STANDINGS AND PLAYOFF RANKINGS FOR REGULAR SEASON GAMES - FLAG & TACKLE**
  - 1.1. CDMFA league standings and ranking for play-off position will be based on 2 points for a win and 1 point for a tie.
  - 1.2. In the event of two or more teams being tied on this basis and if all tied teams have played each other then they will be ranked relative to each other according to the result of their game(s) against each other. In the event teams are still tied based on performance against each other, that team having overall lowest points against will rank highest. If still tied, the team with the highest plus/minus differential will rank highest.
  - 1.3. In the event of two or more teams being tied on this basis, and if all tied teams have **not** played each other then they will be ranked relative to each other with that team having overall lowest points against ranking highest. If still tied, the team with the highest plus/minus differential will rank highest.
  
2. **GAME SHEETS AND REPORTING SCORES FOR TACKLE**
  - 2.1. During the CDMFA regular season and playoffs, each Participating Association shall assign Scorekeepers to enter scores for each team on the CDMFA Website.
  - 2.2. The home team must enter the game score on the league website no later than 24 hours after the completion of the game. The visiting team must verify game scores on the team webpage within 48 hours after the completion of the game.
  
3. **GAME SHEETS AND REPORTING SCORES FOR FLAG**
  - 3.1. During the CDMFA Spring Flag regular season, scores will be recorded by the game official.
  - 3.2. At the end of the game, coaches must sign the scoresheet, which will then be filed with the CDMFA staff.
  
4. **GAME EJECTIONS**
  - 4.1. Any individual who is disqualified or ejected from a game by a referee will be subject to a one-game suspension. The suspension shall apply to the first game after the CDMFA is informed of the disqualification or ejection, and if applicable shall carry over to the next season. Such suspension shall not be open to the Appeals Process under the CDMFA Dispute Resolution Policy.



## 5. GAME SCHEDULING

- 5.1. Game scheduling requests must be made in advance of the season
  - 5.1.1. Spring Program request deadline is January 1
  - 5.1.2. Fall Program request deadline is February 1
- 5.2. Game scheduling requests will be considered for regular season and playoff games.
- 5.3. Scheduling requests must be simple and consistent with a strong supporting reason. Strong supporting reasons include the head coach and majority of assistant coaches are unavailable regularly due to employment or religious commitments. If requests are excessive, teams may be required to provide proof of their justification.
- 5.4. Reasonable scheduling requests will be accommodated when possible, however as a weekend play league with limited field and official availability, not all requests will be met.
- 5.5. Changes to schedules will be immediately communicated to head coaches and impacted board members by the Executive Director or Technical Director.
  - All reasonable efforts will be made to update game schedules on the CDMFA website, however, it will be the responsibility of the team coach to ensure all players are aware of any changes.
- 5.6. Mid-season requests for changes can be made by head coaches or association board members to the CDMFA Board
- 5.7. In the event that a game must be rescheduled mid-season and three weeks' notice is provided, CDMFA Staff will make the decision and give notice to impacted teams.
- 5.8. In the event that a game must be rescheduled mid-season and three weeks' notice cannot be provided, the CDMFA Staff will gain consensus with the head coaches. In the event that consensus cannot be reached an appeal will go to the CDMFA executive for a decision.
- 5.9. Atoms Tackle division to be scheduled in a regional league play system.
  - 5.9.1. Games would be played within regions.
  - 5.9.2. One week of the season teams are brought together at a central location for games in a Jamboree or Playoff Format.

## 6. Canceling Games & Practices

### 6.1. DEFAULTS

- 6.1.1. A defaulted game is defined as
  - 6.1.1.1. An unplayed game that is recorded as a loss.
  - 6.1.1.2. the failure of a team to show up with enough players as per roster requirements outlined "Registration Policy & Procedure Item 2" to fully participate in that game within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled kickoff.;  
or,
  - 6.1.1.3. the notification that a team does not intend to field a team for a league sanctioned game.
- 6.1.2. At the discretion of the CDMFA Executive Committee, a fine will be levied against the offending Team for a default.
  - 6.1.2.1. The first offence would see a potential fine of \$750 plus game expenses not recoverable by CDMFA, including, but not necessarily limited to, field rentals, officials fees, field staff expenses, and bus expenses.
  - 6.1.2.2. A second offence in the calendar year would include the \$750 fine, game expenses not recoverable by CDMFA (including, but not necessarily limited to, field rentals, officials fees, field staff expenses, and bus expenses, and the loss of a playoff berth.



- 6.1.3. Consideration by the CDMFA Board may be given to reduce, but not eliminate, the fine if at least 72 hours' notice prior to the scheduled game start is provided for a default. A fine and the transfer to the non-offending team will not be reduced below \$250.
- 6.1.4. An offense under section 6.1.2 shall be defined as:
  - 6.1.4.1. a single regular season or playoff game; or,
  - 6.1.4.2. one day's schedule of jamboree and/or pre-season games scheduled by CDMFA.
- 6.1.5. Following the Game Reporting Process, the home team must enter the scores into the system and report the incident to the CDMFA Staff.
  - 6.1.5.1. The offending team shall be recorded as the loser of the game with the score recorded as 40-0 for the non-offending team.
  - 6.1.5.2. The incident report should include date of game, location, names of teams scheduled to play, head coaches on record, explanation of what transpired.

## 6.2. FORFEITURE

- 6.2.1. After a game has commenced, where the Head Coach of one team determines that it is no longer in the best interest of the CDMFA and of his players to continue the game he may, after consultation with and with the concurrence of the other Head Coach, request that the referee declare the game a Forfeiture. The referee shall, after confirming the concurrence of both Head Coaches, immediately grant this request.
- 6.2.2. Following the Game Reporting Process, the home team must enter the scores into the system and report the incident to the CDMFA Staff.
  - 6.2.2.1. Where a game is declared a Forfeit, the score at the time of the declaration shall be considered the final score.
  - 6.2.2.2. The incident report should include date of game, location, names of teams scheduled to play, head coaches on record, explanation of what transpired.
- 6.2.3. When a game is declared a Forfeit, the game may be continued from that point as a "controlled scrimmage" until such time as the normal game could have been reasonably expected to end. The purpose of such a continuation would only be to afford the players a full and meaningful playing experience.
- 6.2.4. Should a Head Coach request a Forfeit and the opposing Head Coach refuse the request, the game shall continue. Both Head Coaches must explain their reasons for requesting the Forfeiture and for denying the Forfeiture, as appropriate, to the CDMFA Staff. These explanations must be submitted via e-mail within 24 hours of the completion of the game. If the CDMFA Executive deems that the reason for either the requested Forfeiture by the requesting Head Coach or the denial of Forfeiture by the denying Head Coach to be without merit, he may at his discretion request that the Executive act under the CDMFA Dispute Resolution Policy of the RPPs. The failure of a coach to submit the required explanations as detailed above shall automatically result in disciplinary action.



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6.3. **Canceling for Weather Conditions** (see also CDMFA Weather Policy)

- 6.3.1. Lightning
- 6.3.2. Extreme Heat
- 6.3.3. Extreme Cold

6.4. **Air Quality Cancellation** (see also CDMFA Air Quality Policy)