



Social Boston Sports General Rules

GENERAL CONDUCT

- Always treat SBS staff, all players, and all members with respect. We are all adults here.
- Any aggressive physical contact towards referees or other SBS-ers will result in removal from games and possible further action by the league office.
- It's all about the fun!

FORFEITS

- Please consult individual league rules for specifics.
- Notify SBS by emailing sports@socialbostonsports.com 24-48 hours prior to your game time if your team needs to forfeit. If you fail to give proper notification:
 - o Your first forfeit results in automatic losses of all seeding tiebreakers
 - o Your second forfeit results in automatically missing the playoffs
 - o Your third offense results in removal from the league and possible further sanctions including, but not limited to, being locked out of registering for future leagues.

TIEBREAKERS

- If teams have the same record at the end of the regular season the following tiebreaker rules are put into effect:
 - o 1) Head-to-head match-up. I.E. Team A and Team B have the same record. Team A beat Team B when they played. Team A gets the top seed.
 - o 2) Strength of Schedule. This is when all of a team's opponent's season standings points are added up. The higher the number, the harder the schedule. Hardest schedule gets top seed.
 - o 3) Strength of Hardest Win. A team's victory against their opponent with the best record will be compared to the other team's victory against their opponent with the best record.
 - o 4) Number of points/goals/runs scored during Week 6.
 - o 5) The team that completed their roster first will get the higher seed.

COIN TOSS

- For sports that require a coin toss the following rules will be applied:
 - o A coin toss, or rocks-paper-scissor, or odds-evens will be used to determine side and possession.
 - o The team that wins the coin toss will have a choice of ball first half or second half, or they can pick a side of the field to defend.
 - o After the team winning the coin toss chooses, the team that lost the coin toss gets the chose whichever option the winning team didn't pick. I.E. if the winning team chose to have the ball the first half, then the losing team gets to choose which side of the field they want.
 - o Teams cannot chose to defer their choice to the second half.

CANCELLATIONS

- If SBS needs to cancel due to weather or other conditions we will email each player in a league. Make sure that your account has an updated email address for weather updates and team invitations.
- If a day is cancelled, SBS will do its best to reschedule. If SBS is able to, the cancelled date will be added to the end of the regular season and the playoff date will be pushed back.
- If SBS is unable to reschedule, no refunds for the missed date will be offered. We typically make sure that we have at least two make-up dates in case we need to cancel.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Due to space and time restrictions not all teams will always make the playoffs. However, we do try to get as many teams into the playoffs as possible. When able, we will have consolation games.
- Champions receive Championship Shirts, their names engraved on the trophy, and a pitcher of beer on SBS.

REGISTRATION

- Leagues are first come first serve.
- If a league fills up and SBS cannot offer your team a spot, you will have the option of transferring to another league or receiving a full refund.
- Teams are only considered "complete" and have a spot reserved when their roster meets capacity requirements (check each registration page for specifics).
- Changes to your shirt order (color and size) cannot be made after registration ends. Check registration pages for the specific date for when your league registration ends.

REFUNDS

- Refunds cannot be made less than two weeks prior to the start date. We are not trying to “get” you. We pay our costs up front way before a league starts, so by refunding you, we aren’t just breaking even, we are losing money. If SBS were to refund people during those two weeks we would be hemorrhaging money and be unable to provide fun to thousands of Bostonians. Who wants that? Instead, we ask that you plan ahead and give us notice prior to 2 weeks prior to the league.
- Partial refunds may be given between one month and two weeks before a league starts. This is possible because it gives us time to fill your spot, thus not losing money.
- Full refunds may be given if it is asked for more than a month before the league starts. If we can’t fill your spot in a month then we don’t deserve to be in business.