

## **VAVi SPORT & SOCIAL CLUB** **OFFICIAL SPORTS LEAGUE POLICIES**

### **SPORTSMANSHIP**

The idea of VAVi is to have fun. We hope that all participants keep that in mind when becoming involved. Although the games may become intense, you still can be competitive while maintaining good sportsmanship. With this said, any behavior deemed unacceptable by staff may result in suspension and/or ejection from a game or the league. Abuse of staff will not be tolerated. VAVi reserves the right to remove a player from a game or a league if they are considered to be bringing down the quality of the league. VAVi will not tolerate fighting! Fighting will be an automatic ejection from any game and in most cases ejection from the league for the remainder of the season. If you feel that someone on your team or on another team is not practicing good sportsmanship, please let us know. You may email [feedback@govavi.com](mailto:feedback@govavi.com) or call 858-273-3485 ext 10.

### **CANCELLATIONS/RAINOUTS**

If weather is going to be a factor, cancellation notices are sent, via email, 4 hours prior to the start of the first game the day of the league. You may also call the weather/after hour's phone at 858-220-8328 at that time on the day of the game to find out if your game is cancelled. If there is no message concerning weather cancellations you can assume there have been no cancellations up to that point.

Although weather may not be a factor the day of, adverse weather from previous days may still affect the field. In this case, please call to verify whether or not cancellations have been made. We have also initiated a new Rain Out Bulletin on our home page. We will be reporting all Rain Outs on this Bulletin which will pop up whenever the status of a field has changed. If you do not see the bulletin on the left tool bar of our home page, please call (858) 273-3485 ext. 10 to check for the status of your league.

We will make every attempt to reschedule the cancelled games and notify you within 7 business days with the updated schedule. In very rare and extreme instances, we may not be able reschedule all missed games.

### **SCHEDULES**

All schedules are subject to change at any time during the season. If a game needs to be replayed, we will do our best to reschedule the game on the normal weeknight games are played and push the playoffs back one week. Please plan your personal schedules to accommodate for this if this situation were to occur.

## **REFUNDS**

After 7 days before the first day of play, no refunds for sports leagues registrations will be given for any reason. Please email [refund@govavi.com](mailto:refund@govavi.com) with your refund request. Refunds are issued within 10 business days from the request date and will be issued back to your credit card. If you paid by cash or check, a VAVi check will be mailed to you within 10 business days. There are no refunds for vacations, or parties.

## **REGISTRATION**

By signing up as a free agent or small group member, you are not guaranteed to be placed on a team. Logistically we are sometimes unable to place everyone on a team, but we will do our very best. If we can't get you on a team we will notify you no later than 24 hours before the league starts as well as issue you a full refund within 10 business days. Due to the large number of males that sign up, free agent females and small groups with females in them have a better chance of getting placed on a team. As always, league registration is 'first come first served.'

## **RETURNING TEAMS**

VAVi League registration is done on a 'first come first served' basis. Team spots will not be held or reserved for returning teams for any reason. We appreciate your participation in our events so to ensure your team's spot in the upcoming league your entire team must be registered before the league is full. For your convenience, upcoming leagues are posted on our website up to 4 months in advance.

## **TEAM CAPTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES**

Only team captains may dispute a call with the umpire.

Reporting Forfeits – see "Forfeits" below

Keeping team up to date

## **FORFEITS**

It is the team captain's responsibility to notify the VAVi office 48 hours before the start of the game if their team must forfeit. VAVi staff will immediately notify the opposing team captain. VAVi staff will also make a reasonable effort to find another team to play in place of the forfeited team. If a team is found, the game will be played only as a recreational game and it will not count towards the non-forfeiting team's record. The non-forfeiting team will receive a win.

If a team forfeits more than once in the same season without ample notification/explanation additional penalties may result including expulsion from the league or playoffs. Notified forfeits are always looked upon more favorably than unnotified ones and no shows. This will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Sports Director.

## **ROSTERS**

It is the responsibility of the team captain, who signed up and paid for an entire team, to submit a full roster to our Assistant Sports Director 48 hours before the start of the league. Rosters are REQUIRED due to insurance purposes and must include names, email addresses, phone numbers and shirt sizes (if applicable). If a roster is not submitted your team may not be allowed to participate in the event, or will have to forfeit games until a roster is submitted. The email addresses and phone numbers are used solely as a way to communicate specifics of the event. The phone numbers are usually only used when there is a last minute cancellation and your team will receive better communication from us in situations like that if we have phone numbers and email addresses.

## **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

Only players who have been placed on the roster are eligible to play; however, subs are allowed free of charge for single games during the regular season only (this is not allowed during tournament play or during the playoffs). In this case, VAVi must be notified 24 hours before the start of the game who the player is that is subbing in and who they are replacing. A formal protest may be filed to the referee before a game if an opposing player's eligibility is in question. Any protest made during a game or after a game will not be considered a formal protest. The player in question will be required to show his ID to the official. If no ID is available, the player must write down his full name, email, phone number and signature. The game will then be played in its entirety as scheduled. Teams will be notified of all rulings on the identified eligibility discrepancy before the next week's games – decisions will not be made on site. If the protest is proven to be legitimate, it will result in the forfeiture of the game in question. All rulings by VAVi staff are considered final.

Teams may pick up players from other teams in the same league (maximum 2 players) only during the regular season and only if they do not have enough to field a full team. In other words, teams may not pick up players if they already have enough to field a team or if it is during the playoffs. Players not on your team roster may not play in the playoffs. If players are picked up to play and the rest of the team arrives later, then the players that were picked up may not play in the remainder of the game. A formal protest may be filed with the referee if you believe a team has violated this policy BEFORE the end of the game. Any protests after the game will not be eligible.

## **TEAM NAMES**

VAVi has the right to decline submissions of team names for any reason. All names shall be subject to approval by VAVi Staff. Team names should not be of a sexual, racist, or otherwise offensive nature. If you think your team name may be offensive, please contact us to verify acceptance. If you find another team name offensive, please let us know by calling the office or emailing us.

## **SCORES**

Our best effort is made to post scores and game results within 72 hours after the completion of games. If there are any discrepancies between the results posted and the actual game results, please contact us at [scores@govavi.com](mailto:scores@govavi.com) or call 858-273-3485 ext 10.

## **LEAGUE POLICIES**

### **Alcohol Policy**

Drinking alcohol before or during the game is strictly prohibited. If the umpire or director believes a player has consumed alcohol they reserve the right to remove them from the game. Drinking alcohol at VAVi Sporting events is PROHIBITED. If any team is caught drinking alcohol during their game on park property, the referee has the right to forfeit the game to the other team. The same rule applies to spectators. If a spectator is caught with alcohol, they will be asked to leave. If they refuse, the referee or umpire has the right to forfeit the game to the opposing team. \*\*This policy is not in effect at venues where drinking is allowed (Dave & Buster's).

### **Smoking Policy**

The City of San Diego has passed a ban on smoking at all city parks and beaches. Please make sure your team is aware of this policy. If any team is caught smoking during their game on park property, the referee has the right to forfeit the game to the other team.

### **Fighting Policy**

Fighting is not allowed at any VAVi Sport & Social Club event and/or league and will not be tolerated. This constitutes any violent or malicious action or attempted action by one or more participants including retaliatory acts. Persons/teams involved are subject to immediate removal from the league and possible further action by VAVi Staff. Refunds will not be granted to players expelled from the league.