

## 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 [customerservice@govavi.com](mailto:customerservice@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, as soon as we are notified of the cancellation by the facility. You may also call the weather/after hour's phone at 858-220-8328 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 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.

We understand that there are times in the course of a season when a team may need to make a schedule request due to other commitments. While we can never *guarantee* to fulfill a request, VAVi's management **WILL DO OUR BEST** to honor all reasonable requests. However, to ensure fairness and ease in scheduling to all teams within your division, all requests must be submitted, **at least 2 weeks prior** to the start of the league. Any requests received after this time will be honored at the discretion of management.

## **REFUNDS/TRANSFERS**

A refund/transfer request must be made at least 7 days before the first day of a VAVi program. If this request is not made in that time frame, no refunds/transfers will be issued for any reason. Please email [customerservice@govavi.com](mailto:customerservice@govavi.com) with your refund/transfer request. Refunds 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/transfers for vacations, parties or races. Fees may apply for transfer requests.

## **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 or transfer your fees to another league. **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.'

For small group registrations: If a small group reaches the specified amount of players on one team (please contact VAVi for that number for the sport in which you are registering) **by the deadline** (see Deadline Info below), it is considered its own team and we will not add others to the roster. There is not a maximum number of players once your small group has reached the specified minimum amount and it has become its own team.

Deadline Info: There are some sports where the deadline to sign up can come as early as a month to two months before the start of the league. As a general rule for all sports, we say that there is no deadline to sign up, but as soon as the event reaches maximum capacity we will close off the registration to new signups and send out a signup deadline email notification. We do our best to notify small groups that have not yet filled up as to a new deadline of when they must get the rest of their team members signed up. After that deadline there is no guarantee of them being placed on your team as all registered players at that time will be combined to form teams.

## **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 2 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 24 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 you are notifying VAVi of a forfeit outside of regular office hours (9am-5pm), please contact our After-Hours line at 858-220-8328.**

If your team forfeits a game during the season, the following rules may apply:

First Offense: Loss of game and warning issued.

Second Offense: Loss of game and staff reserves the right to remove team from playoffs.

Third Offense: Loss of game, removal from the playoffs and additional penalties may result including expulsion from the league.

\*\*Notified forfeits are always looked upon more favorably than unnotified ones and no shows. This will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

## **ROSTERS**

It is the responsibility of the team captain, who signed up and paid for an entire team, to submit a full roster 48 hours before the start of the league. Permanent roster changes may not be made after the 3<sup>rd</sup> game of the regular season. 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. No subs or non-rostered players are allowed in playoffs.

If you sign up a full team and wish to add more players past the roster maximum, a fee of \$15 will be applied to each additional player. This fee covers extra liability insurance costs and extra t-shirt costs.

\*Ringer Clause: If before your game or during the first 10 minutes of your game, you feel that a player on the opposing team is not on an official roster and could possibly affect the outcome of your game, it is the responsibility of the team captain to approach the umpire/referee and log a complaint. If the opposing team captain confirms a player on their team is not on their roster and a possible "ringer", then the non-rostered player in question must sit out that game or the rest of the game. However, if both teams agree to play with a sub or non-rostered player, then it will be played as a true game and the player must sign a waiver form.

Complaints about subs, non-rostered players or “ringers” cannot be logged after 10 minutes into your game or at the end of your game. If you have additional questions about a non-rostered player at your court or field, you may also call VAVi’s After-Hours Phone at 858-220-8328.

### **WAIVERS**

All players must sign either our online waiver or a paper waiver to be eligible to play in any event.

### **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. If before your game or during the first 10 minutes of your game, you feel that a player on the opposing team is not on an official roster and could possibly affect the outcome of your game, it is the responsibility of the team captain to approach the umpire/referee and log a complaint. If the opposing team captain confirms a player on their team is not on their roster and a possible “ringer”, then the non-rostered player in question must sit out that game or the rest of the game, but the game time length before 10 minutes will count. However, if both teams agree to play with a sub or non-rostered player, then it will be played as a true game and the player must sign a waiver form.

Complaints about subs, non-rostered players or “ringers” cannot be logged after 10 minutes into your game or at the end of your game. Any protests after the game will not be eligible.

If you have additional questions about a non-rostered player at your court or field, you may also call VAVi’s After-Hours Phone at 858-220-8328. All rulings by VAVi staff are considered final and are done on a case-by-case basis.

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 or 10 minutes into 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 [vavisports@govavi.com](mailto:vavisports@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.

### **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.

**VAVi has the final say on any disputes and will treat each situation in the fairest and most logical way. Please email Ducote Contreras at [dcontreras@govavi.com](mailto:dcontreras@govavi.com) if you have any questions about these policies.**