Inter Tribal Sports
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## LeAGUE UNiform Policy

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## PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for the use and wear of league uniforms as well as the requirements for ordering and tracking.

## POLICY

Inter Tribal Sports (ITS) shall provide uniforms to all participating tribes/tribal organizations for youth sports leagues. Matching uniforms serve as a component of building camaraderie and a team atmosphere. Additionally, by providing matching uniforms to all teams, youth are dressed similarly regardless of financial status and socioeconomic levels. This policy will ensure that the investment in uniforms is controlled and that the benefit of providing uniforms is maximized.

## Uniform Requirements

All players must wear the ITS-issued/approved uniforms to be eligible to play in league games. If players are found to be wearing any uniformed item not issued/approved by ITS, they will be given an opportunity to change into the appropriate uniform or be removed from the game. If one or more players fail to comply with the rule and continue to play, the result will be forfeiture of the game. Specific details on uniform requirements are included in the official rules of each sport.

## Special Circumstances

Under certain circumstances exceptions to the uniform requirements can be made, pending Board approval. These may include but are not limited to unavailable uniform sizes, back ordered uniforms, and grant funded non-ITS branded uniform wear.

## Uniform Accessories

Undergarments, socks, stirrups, and other accessories such as ribbons, head bands, and wristbands are not provided by ITS, but are allowed to be worn during games, unless specified otherwise. Teams and players are encouraged to match these accessories to their uniform colors.

## Ordering Procedure

Uniform order due dates will be established by the administrative office prior to the start of each season and shall be included on the annual calendar. Orders are placed through ITS by filling out the uniform order form. Uniform orders shall be limited to twice per season, a primary order prior to the start of the season and a late order after the first week of games. No additional orders shall be placed possibly resulting in teams not having sufficient uniforms to play games. Therefore, teams should plan accordingly.

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Ordering Cycle/Limits
ITS utilizes a universal uniform for all sports. The universal uniform consists of a shirt and shorts. Order limits are based on individual uniform pieces (shirt size/short size). The following outlines the ordering cycle and limits. Each participanting tribe/tribal organization will receive 60 uniforms for a 2 year cycle.

Ripped or torn uniforms may be exchanged for new uniforms, which will not be counted against the limit per ordering cycle. Once the allotment has been reached, the cost of additional uniforms during the current ordering cycle is the responsibility of the tribe/tribal organization. The tribe/tribal organization ordering the uniforms will be invoiced directly by ITS unless otherwise requested. Uniform orders being invoiced by ITS must be paid prior to championships. If payment is not received prior to championships, teams will not be eligible to compete. Any tribe/tribal-organization with an outstanding balance at the time of the team registration deadline for any following sports season will be considered ineligible and none of the teams from that tribe/tribal organization will be placed in the league.

## Tracking Inventory

Uniforms paid for by ITS are the property of ITS, not the individual players. Once uniforms are delivered to each tribe/ tribal organization, it is their responsibility to issue, track, and maintain inventory of the uniforms. It is required that a check-out procedure is implemented. A Uniform CheckOut form template is available from the ITS office and will be provided in advance to all team managers and/or coaches staff via email. Collecting a uniform deposit from each player is also recommended to ensure the uniform is returned at the end of the season. Some teams have also found the most effective method is to collect, wash, and redistribute the uniforms between games, so the players never take them home.

## Lost Uniforms

If under any circumstances, a team or athlete has lost or misplaced any number of uniforms, tribes/tribal organizations will be responsible for covering the cost for those items. It is at the discretion of each individual tribes/tribal organization discretion to determine whether an invoice be sent to the athlete(s) parent/guardian.

## RELATED INFORMATION

## Inter Tribal Sports Documents:

League Rules (see specific league); ITS Uniform Checkout Form (PDF); ITS Uniform Order Form (PDF)

## Inter Tribal Sports Related Policies:

600.6 Game Cancellation \& Forfeiture Policy

## Related Links:

www.intertribalsports.org $\rightarrow$ Team Central $\rightarrow$ Coach Corner $\rightarrow$ Player Forms
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