
OFFICIAL LEAGUE RULES POLICY

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PURPOSE

Defines how the creation of league rules are produced and implemented.

POLICY

The purpose of rules is to bring about fairness and equity within the game while preserving the spirit of the competition. Rules also serve an underlying purpose to promote sportsmanship and safety. Inter Tribal Sports (ITS) establishes a set of rules specific to each sport that will serve as the foundation for each athletic league. The formation and implementation of these rules are outlined herein.

Formation of Rules

The rules for each sport conducted by ITS shall be considered an extension of the policies. Therefore, all rules and rule changes shall undergo the following process.

1. Rules shall be developed by the professional administrative staff
2. Submitted to the Executive Director for review
3. Approved by the Board of Directors at the next available meeting

In the event that the next board meeting is after the season begins, the provisional rules shall be enforced until final approval by the Board of Directors has been given. Every effort shall be made to present the rules and rule changes to the Board of Directors prior to the start of the season.

The Program Manager or Executive Director shall have the power to make grammatical or verbiage changes that are only for clarification based on the direction of the board and are not substantive in nature which change the meaning of the rule.

Master Association

There are a variety of professional and amateur sports associations that, although similar, do occasionally reflect different rules depending on the members/participants. Aligning with a specific association is important to provide consistency for players, coaches, and officials. ITS shall align with the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) for all rules with related athletics. This will include but is not limited to basketball, soccer, softball, and volleyball. For sports not covered by NFHS, ITS shall use the youth sports organization best associated with that sport: NFL Flag for flag football and US Lacrosse for soft lacrosse.

It should be noted that all ITS specific rules shall supersede any association rules due to the unique nature of the organization. However, if not specified within the ITS rules the master association rules shall apply to the situation.

Rule/Policy Conflict

In the event that a particular rule within a specific set of league rules is found to be incorrect or in conflict with an established policy, the policy shall have precedence over any rules. However, the Board of Directors can issue a clarification directing that the rule is to be enforced pending changes to the policy in conflict.

RELATED INFORMATION

Inter Tribal Sports Documents:

League Rules (see specific sports)

Inter Tribal Sports Related Policies:

100.1 Participant Eligibility Policy; **100.2** Participant Registration Policy; **100.3** Age Verification and Records Management Policy; **100.4** League Uniforms Policy; **100.5** Player Conduct Policy; **200.2** Coach Certification Policy; **200.3** Coach Conduct and Ethics Policy; **200.4** Identification Badge Policy, **600.2** Weather Conditions Policy; **600.3** Game Day Check-in Policy; **600.5** Late Arriving Teams Policy; **600.6** Game Cancellations and Forfeiture Policy

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