



## Sport & Social Club General Rules

### COVID-19 RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOLS & GUIDELINES

- We are committed to providing the highest levels of safety for our community. To ensure player and staff safety, we have implemented mandatory '**Safe Return to Play Protocol & Guidelines**' for all Club Activities. In order to play with SSC and stay in good standing, the following guidelines MUST be followed. A zero-tolerance policy is in place for those who challenge these decisions.
- To ensure a successful season, please remember to practice safe physical distancing and a positive attitude!
- All players are required to read, understand, and adhere to the following:
  1. [League Modifications](#)
  2. [Player Guidelines](#)
  3. [League Representative Guidelines](#)
  4. [Self Screening Tool](#) (done before each game).

As well as:

- [Sport Specific COVID-19 Protocols](#) and modifications to the game, class or activity.
- Facility specific COVID-19 Protocols (you can find these protocols in the facility link in your schedule once live).

### TEAM SAFETY AMBASSADOR (TSA)

- **All teams must assign a Team Safety Ambassador (TSA) for the season.**
- The TSA must be a registered player and identified using the "TSA" label in your online roster.
- **TSA Role:**
  - Watch a pre-season Safe Return to Play training video.
  - Keep a record of attendance at each game. This record may be called upon for contact tracing.
  - Ensure individual wellness checks "COVID-19 Self Screening" are completed by each player prior to each game.
  - Ask players to leave the game if they arrive showing symptoms of cold or flu.
  - Ensure physical distancing measures are enforced by your team. Physical distancing of two meters is mandatory when players are arriving on-site, playing the sport, resting/sitting on the sidelines, and departing the game.
  - Sport-specific rules may adjust physical distancing measures taken on the playing surface.
  - Players must always stay within their designated bench or standing area while not on the playing surface.
  - Ensure your team follows posted ENTER / EXIT signage at facilities (controlled traffic flow).
  - Remind all players to arrive on time and leave immediately after the game is over.
  - Ensure your team is following the equipment sanitization requirements for your sport.
  - Ensure all players have read and understand mandatory Club COVID-19 Protocols.

### LEAGUE MODIFICATIONS DUE TO COVID-19

- **As part of our "Safe Return to Play" format, we are focusing on the safety of our staff and players and leaning into the FUN and SOCIAL aspects of our leagues!**
- **League Guidelines** – For further details, [click here](#).
  - There are no playoff games, trophies or prizing this season, however, scores and standings will still appear on our website.
  - Leagues will be played in smaller Tiers to ensure limited contact with opponents throughout the season. Tiers will be determined based on skill rankings (at registration) and past league results.
  - Each Tier will be confined to a limited number of facilities. You will play at consistent location(s) throughout the season. Please note, we are unable to accommodate or make facility changes based on individual requests this season.
  - All leagues will have an even number of teams to avoid double-header play.
  - Game times will be staggered by a minimum of 10 minutes across all sports leagues to ensure safe traffic flow.
  - Players are asked to compete with a "Play On" mentality. No arguing or disputing calls made during the game.

## SPIRIT POINT REPORTING

- Team captains are responsible for reporting the spirit scores after your game by logging into your player profile and clicking on 'My Team' tab and selecting 'Report Score/Spirit Points'. Teams have a 48 hour window to report scores after the completion of the game.
- Spirit Points (account for 25% of total points): Spirit points are awarded to a team from their opponent after each game to encourage sportsmanship, honesty, integrity and fair play. For more information and how to properly award spirit points, please see our section '[All About Spirit Points](#)'.

## PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- All players must be added to the team roster by the team captain. This process confirms that all players have electronically agreed (checked the box) to our policies and online waiver. **Teams are not permitted to exceed the maximum roster size. See Mandatory Roster Requirements in the sport specific rules.**
- **Substitute players are not permitted unless the substitute player is a player from another team's official roster in the same league and tier. However, regular/consistent use of a substitute player in the same league is considered unsportsmanlike and not encouraged.**

## DEFAULTS

- A default will occur if a team cannot field a squad by 15 minutes after the official start time. If a team does not meet the standard eligibility requirements, team captains must confirm the outcome prior to starting the game. Captains may agree to waive the rules regarding minimum players. **IF IT IS AGREED THAT THE GAME COUNTS, IT COUNTS!** In the event there is a default dispute and the game was played, the SSC ruling is that the game counts.
- In the event of inclement weather, follow the sport specific instruction below. To view our general SSC foul weather policy [click here](#).

## ROUGH PLAY & PLAYER CONDUCT

- It is recognized that incidental contact between players is inevitable – however, all players should go out of their way to avoid creating unsafe play.
- Any unsportsmanlike conduct may result in immediate expulsion from the league. This includes, physical or rough play, verbal abuse, damage to facility property and/or loss of facility permit. Fighting will result in immediate expulsion from the league. To view our Unsportsmanlike Conduct policy [click here](#).

## GAME COORDINATOR (GC) ON-SITE SSC STAFF

- A GC presence is dependent on sport, season, and/or facility locations. They are not referees, as all games are self-officiated. They are on-site to be a neutral supporter of both teams, clarify rules, manage equipment, start/stop games, and to inform players of league news.
- Game Coordinators may stop a game before the full time has expired due to overly aggressive play, persistent unsportsmanlike conduct or a general violation of the rules of the game.
- **As players, we believe that it is important you understand our expectations of those representing our leagues. Many of the guidelines that our League Representatives are held to impact you. If a League Representative asks you to comply to one of these guidelines, please know this is a mandatory condition of play. Please review our [Safe Return to Play Guidelines – League Representative](#).**



## SSC Official Basketball Rules – Open Gender 4-on-4 - COVID-19 MODIFICATIONS

<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The objective of the game is to win points by shooting the ball into the opposing team's "basket." The team with the most points wins.</li> </ul>
<b>GAME LENGTH AND PHYSICAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Games are 55 minutes in length with a 5-minute stop for halftime.</li> <li>Games start and end according to your online SSC schedule.</li> <li>If games start late, games must finish at the scheduled time (e.g. 6:15pm-6:55pm).</li> <li>Players are required to arrive and depart directly before and after their games.</li> <li>Do not enter a playing space until the game before yours has cleared the area or until the SSC Game Coordinator has signaled for your team to enter.</li> <li>Physical distancing of two meters is mandatory when players are arriving on-site, resting/sitting on the sidelines, and departing the game.</li> <li>All players must wear a mask during your arrival/departure from the facility, and when not playing. You are not required to wear a mask while playing sport, as wearing a mask while “engaging in physical activity” is an exception to the rule.</li> <li>Directional signage will be posted onsite when possible to ensure physical distancing is followed.</li> <li>During gameplay, all efforts should be made to avoid contact and provide sufficient spacing with your opponents and teammates. Players must expect that there may be some contact when playing sport. Due to the contact, please avoid touching your face at any time and please sanitize your hands before, during and after games.</li> </ul>
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teams are required to bring 1 basketball to every game.</li> <li>Teams are required to wash/sanitize all team equipment before and after the game.</li> <li>Do not share your game ball and equipment with other teams.</li> <li>Teams must sanitize the game ball at half time.</li> <li>Basketballs and scoreboards are not available for rent from SSC at this time.</li> <li>Teams should bring both light &amp; dark coloured t-shirts to help distinguish opponents.</li> </ul>
<b>PLAYERS ON COURT, GENDER RATIO AND DEFAULTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mandatory Roster Requirements:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teams are comprised of 4 players on the court and a maximum roster of 8 players.</li> <li>No spectators allowed under any circumstance (this includes kids, family, etc).</li> <li>No substitute players allowed outside of your 8-player roster maximum (unless from the same league and tier).</li> </ul> </li> <li>There are no minimum gender requirements. Players participate freely with no restrictions existing as to how many players of each gender are on the court.</li> <li>A team can play with a minimum of 3 people. Captains may agree to waive the rules regarding minimum players before the game starts.</li> </ul>
<b>GAME SET-UP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To determine who starts, teams are encouraged to play rock-paper-scissors or flip a coin.</li> <li>Teams must keep the same team bench for the duration of the game.</li> <li>No handshakes or high fives between teams – all greetings and congratulations should be vocal.</li> </ul>
<b>GENERAL GAME RULES</b>	<p>Standard basketball rules apply to all SSC games. Notable exceptions are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defensive play is man-to-man only (no zone defense). You can pick-up your man anywhere on the court, however double teaming can only be done on your side.</li> <li>Players may substitute after a basket has been scored (although play doesn't stop) or during a stoppage in play (not 'on the fly').</li> <li>Each basket scored counts as a single point (regardless of where the shot was taken from, i.e. no 3-pointers).</li> <li>An out of bounds ball in favour of the attacking team results in the attacking team taking possession of the ball at the top of the key. At this point, the ball must be 'checked in' by the defensive team before play can resume. Once the ball has been 'checked in', the attacking player can dribble the ball but must make a pass (S/he cannot score directly off the 'check-in').</li> <li>When the ball is tied up, and a jump ball call is made, the team who is on defense will be awarded possession of the ball.</li> <li>Teams may call a 1-minute time-out per half if needed except in the final 10 minutes of play.</li> <li>Three seconds in the key: If an offensive player is in the key for more than 3 seconds, the defensive player may give out a warning. An offensive player can receive 2 warnings, after the 3rd warning an automatic turnover occurs. Counting should go as follows: “one one-thousand, two one-thousand, three one-thousand.”</li> <li>Dunking is not allowed.</li> </ul>

<p><b>FOULS &amp; VIOLATIONS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Players should make all efforts to reduce contact among players. Any aggressive contact such as pushing and shoving is not allowed (you should not touch any other player with your body at any time on purpose and should do your best to avoid unnecessary contact).</b></li> <li>• All standard basketball infractions are enforced (e.g. reaching-in, body contact of any kind, charging, etc).</li> <li>• Purposely obstructing an opponent's vision by placing or waving a hand in his/her eyes is not allowed.</li> <li>• The offending player should call their own infractions, however only one of the two players involved in an infraction can make a foul call.</li> <li>• If a defensive foul call is made when a player is in the process of taking a shot and the shot goes in, play continues cancelling out the foul. A point is awarded and the other team takes possession under their own hoop.</li> <li>• If a defensive foul call is made when a player is attempting a shot or layup (thereby affecting the outcome), the fouled player will take a shot from the free-throw line. If the shot goes in, a point is awarded and the other team takes possession under their own hoop. If the shot is missed, play becomes live and the game continues. To avoid defensive players from killing time during the setup for the foul shot, the shooter can attempt the foul shot as soon as the rest of his team is in position for the foul shot (regardless of the position of the defensive players). The foul shooter has a maximum of 20 seconds to take the shot.</li> <li>• If a defensive foul call is made when a player is dribbling, passing, running (not shooting or making a layup), the attacking team takes possession of the ball at the top of the key. At this point, the ball must be 'checked in' by the defensive team before play can resume. If an offensive player causes a foul, the defensive team takes the ball to the closest sideline to the foul and starts play by inbounding the ball.</li> <li>• Intentional fouls are not condoned by the league.</li> </ul>
<p><b>PLAYOFFS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>There are no playoff games, trophies or prizes this season, however, scores and standings will still appear on our website.</b></li> </ul>

**REMEMBER... ALWAYS HAVE FUN AND PHYSICALLY DISTANCE!**