



## SPBDL STATE TEAM RULES

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### 1. **Team Format**

- SPBDL State team roster will consist of the FDA required (7) Men and (4) Women.

### 2. **Events**

- South Florida Cup
- State Team Regionals
- State Team Finals.

All dates and locations are picked by the FDA and announced at the end of the year FDA meeting. With the exception of the South Florida Cup, which is on a rotating schedule. Usually held on a Saturday at the end of July.

All team members are required to attend all 3 events.

### 3. **Eligibility For Try Outs**

- In order to try out for the team, all participants must be on a current roster and been active on a team roster for the season prior. Players must remain active on a roster and a member in good standings of SPBDL while on the state team.
- If a member tries out for another state team and makes another state team, they cannot try out for the SPBDL state team. If a member tries out for another state team and does not make another state team, they can try out for the SPBDL state team.
- Upon receipt of a written request from an SPBDL player, the SPBDL board of directors reserves the right to make an exception to the eligibility rules, such exceptions may be based on medical conditions or work obligations that cannot be avoided.
- Any player that has been removed from a SPBDL State Team roster for any reason will not be eligible to be on the SPBDL State Team for a

period of (1) Calendar year. At the end of the (1) calendar year the player will be subject to approval for try outs by the SPBDL board of directors.

#### 4. Try Outs

- Try outs will be held between the months of January - March depending on a hosts availability. Players who try out and make the team will be representing SPBDL's state team for the current year.
- The Board of SPBDL will give 30 days' notice to league for dates.
- Try out fees: Discounted amount of \$20 for members who prepay by midnight on the Tuesday prior to tryout weekend and \$40 for members who pay after the Tuesday prior to tryout weekend through the first day of try outs. Pre-pay dates along with tryout dates will be announced by the SPBDL board.
- All Players that attend try outs **MUST** arrive at least 15 minutes prior to start time in order to give the SPBDL official running the try out time to prepare.
- Rules will be announced the morning of tryouts regarding smoke breaks and food breaks. The tournament director will need to be notified and a time limit will be enforced.
- Once try outs have begun, players who arrive late may be subjected to disqualification and/or denied the right to try out. This shall be determined by the board with a majority vote. If the player has already pre-paid all money shall be forfeited to the SPBDL state team.
- SPBDL will appoint one official to run the try outs. This person will be a NON playing participant. In the event that SPBDL cannot find a volunteer to fill this position 2-woman participants and 2 male participants will be allowed to run the opposite try outs. With results being double checked by 2 board members before team announcement.
- Upon completion of a match, it is the player's responsibility to turn in their results to the official that is running the event.
- Tracking sheets will be provided every round to refer to in case of discrepancy. Both players shall sign and turn them back into the person(s) running the try out.
- If a player forfeits any games during state team tryouts then that player will be immediately disqualified and can no longer tryout for a spot on the team that year. All games played by that player on the day of disqualification will be voided. If a player is disqualified on the second day of tryouts then all games played on day one will stand and all games played on day two will be disqualified.

- The SPBDL board of directors reserves the right to review and discuss possible forfeitures and make an exception if circumstances warrant it,
- All members participating in the tryouts should help build and break down the boards.

## 5. **Tryout Format**

- The tryouts will consist of (3) games per match in a Round Robin format. Players will play each other twice, one set of 3 on Saturday and the other set of 3 on Sunday unless the number of participants goes over or under the designated amount (Please see below)
- The format for the event shall be as follows with a cork to decide who goes first for every game.

### **Round Robin 3 game format**

- Game 1 – 501 single on, double off
- Game 2 - Cricket
- Game 3 - Cork choice.

### **Round Robin 5 game format**

- Game 1 – 501 single on, double off
- Game 2 – Cricket
- Game 3 – 501 single on, double off
- Game 4 – Cricket
- Game 5 - Cork choice.

- Men: In the event that there are a total of 16 men or more. The format will change to a Round Robin (5) game match divided into 2 days.
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- Women: In the event that there are a total of 10 women or more. The format will change to a Round Robin (5) game match divided into 2 days.

- Men: In the event there are 7 or less men to try out, the format will be a 1 day, Round Robin 5 game match.
- Woman: In the event there are 4 or less women to try out, the format will be a 1 day, Round Robin 5 game match.

## 6. Results

- In the event of a tie with regards to final spot, we shall refer back to the match of the players involved in the tie. The player who has more wins between them shall be determined the winner. If this number is also a tie, we shall move forward into a play off between the players. The play off will be best of 3 with the same format as previously played during original try outs. A score keeper must be utilized during play offs.

## 7. Player Responsibilities/Requirements

- State Team players **MUST** attend the 3 events required. Failure to do so will result in replacement and/or removal. (Board will do its best to provide the required dates ASAP pending availability from the FDA)
- Players may choose to relinquish their spot on the team at any time. Players who do so **MUST** repay the cost of shirts/expenses that have been provided by SPBDL state team and SPBDL board. Failure to repay will result in the member no longer being able to play league in SPBDL and will not be eligible to try out for the state team the following year.
- In the event of a player removing himself/herself from the team, the next in line for try outs will be contacted and asked to join the team. If that player chooses to decline the spot, the Captain shall go in order of try out standings until spot is filled.
- Captain must notify the board within 24 hours of a player removing themselves from the team.
- If a player chooses to remove themselves from the team and then has a change of heart on their decision and requests to remain. The decision to allow the player back onto the SPBDL state team **MUST** be brought to the SPBDL board and State team and a vote will occur. This can only happen if the spot has not been filled by another member who is in line. If that spot has been filled the player that removed themselves is subject to not being able to try out again for the following year and will be responsible for repaying all expenses.

- It is the player's responsibility to raise money to offset the cost for apparel, hotels/lodging and travel.

## **8. Practices**

- As a member of the SPBDL State Team you are required to attend most practices, as they are all considered mandatory.
- A practice schedule will be supplied to the team within 3 weeks of tryouts. They will be different days of the week. Locations will be determined as sponsors donate.
- There will be a minimum of 12 practices. Each member can miss a total of 3 practices. For each practice missed after 3, a \$25 penalty will be due to the SPBDL state team.
- Bars that have sponsored the team and are owed practices will be priority when choosing the location for practice.

## **9. Voting for Captain**

- All SPBDL members that are interested in running for Captain for the SPBDL State team must be
  - 1) Present all day Saturday and Sunday tryouts and at the time of the voting process
  - 2) A current member in good standing of SPBDL
  - 3) Must commit to attending 95% practices and 3 events required of the SPBDL State Team players.
- All SPBDL members interested in running for Captain will be given 5 minutes before voting to speak to the team.
- The voting process will be conducted after the final day of try outs by closed ballot.
- After each member has voted, the votes will be tallied by 2 SPBDL board members. The board member may not be in contention for the Captain position.

## **10. Captain**

- After being elected Captain, the Captain is obligated to collect all contact information for each player.

- The Captain will choose 2 people for the spot of Co-Captain and present them to the state team no later than two weeks after tryout weekend for a vote to determine who will take that roll.
- The role of Captain on SPBDL State team is to motivate the team, accurately complete the score sheet, and evaluate the team and players during the course of practice and events.
- Captain is responsible for all practice scheduling and is responsible to make sure all sponsorship requirements are met
- Captain is required to release a practice schedule to the team within 3 weeks after tryout weekend.
- Captain will have the first team meeting and/or practice within 3 weeks after tryout weekend.
- Captain is responsible for arranging all ordering and printing of State Team shirts.
- It is the Captains job to make sure all Paperwork is turned in on time and correctly to their FDA (ex. Letter of intent, State team roster)
- Once a Captain is chosen, the only way he/she can be removed is by the board of SPBDL. If 51% of players on the SPBDL State Team are requesting a removal, they shall elect a member of the State Team who is not a member of the SPBDL board to attend a monthly board meeting and speak on the teams behalf. The board of SPBDL will hear the concerns and make their decision. A new Captain/ Co-Captain will need to be chosen in 72 hours.

## **11. SPBDL Fund Requirements**

- SPBDL will be responsible for the following items,
  - ✓ Annual FDA fees
  - ✓ Half of the full cost of the State Team shirts (up to \$750)
  - ✓ Entry Fees for the Regional/Finals events
  - ✓ Entry Fees to the South Florida Cup.

All of the above will go into effect with the 2027 SPBDL state team.

- In order to change or add a rule, it must be presented to the SPBDL board of directors and they alone will vote on the Change/Add. If approved, it will go into effect for the following year.

