



SPBDL STATE TEAM RULES

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. Player must remain active on a roster and a member in good standings of SPBDL while on the state team.
- Upon receipt of a written request from a 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 the 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: \$20 for members who prepay, \$40 for members who pay the day of try outs. Pre-pay dates along with tryout dates will be announced by the SPBDL board and will cut off 1-Week prior to try outs.
- All Players that attend to try outs **MUST** arrive at least 15 mins prior to start time in order to give the SPBDL official running the try outs time to prepare.
- 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 Nonplaying 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 in order to refer to in case of a discrepancy. Both players shall sign and turn them back into the person(s) running the try out.
- In the event a player withdraws their participation in the try outs after they have started any match points for either player will be voided as if the match never occurred. If a participant doesn't return the 2nd day, 1st days matches will stand.

5. Tryout Format

- The tryouts will consist of (3) games per match in a round "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.
 - Game 1 – 501 single on, double off
 - Cricket
 - Cork choice.
- **Men:** In the event that there a total of 16 men or more. The format will change to a Round Robin (5) game match divided into 2 days.
- **Women:** In the event that there 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
- **Women:** In the event there are 4 or less women to tryout, 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 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 from 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, 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 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 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 release a practice schedule to the team **within 3** weeks.
- Captain is responsible for arranging all ordering and printing of State Team shirts.
- It is the Captain's 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 team's 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,
 - ✓ 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 2020 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 effect for the following year.