

**Bylaws**

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**1.2.2 Tie-Breaker**

If 2 teams end up in a tie per Rule 1.2.1, there will be 1 additional game played to determine which team wins the match. Competing players will be chosen by their team captains. The 2 players will lag for the break. This final game will not be counted in the players weekly standings but is only used to determine which team wins the match.

**1.2.3 Unestablished Players**

If a player does not have an established Fargo Rating, their rating will be estimated and will be determined by both captains and/or the league operator. If there is no known ability, no ratings from other organizations, or captains cannot agree, 525 will be used for male players to get started 425 will be used for females to start. In the rare circumstance an advanced player does not have a Fargo Rating, 625 will be used to start.

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**1.3.2 Substitute Players Eligibility**

Teams may bring in any new substitute players to the league on any given week including position nights and/or the final 3 weeks of play if they meet the following league substitute requirements:

1. The substitute players Fargo rating cannot exceed the missing players Fargo rating. The missing player is defined by “the player on your roster that is not there that has the most weeks played during the current season”. There is a 5-point cushion.
2. The substitute player must be established (200+ games recorded in Fargo) in order to sub on a position night and/or the last 3-weeks of the season. During regular weeks of the season unestablished players (players with less than 200 games recorded in Fargo) are permitted to sub. Refer to section 1.2.3 on how an unestablished player's Fargo rating is determined for one night.
3. The substitute player must be sanctioned or pay the $ 20 sanctioning fee the first night they sub, or the substitute's games will not count and will be backed out and forfeited.

All substitutes will be subject to paying the one-time $20 BCA sanction fee, even if they only play one time.

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* 1. **Late Players/Late Teams**

If there are not any players present 15 minutes after the league's official start time, the whole match is forfeited to the team that is present. When a player is late to the league, their game(s) are **not** immediately forfeited. Teams will continue to play on 2 tables while the late player(s) have yet to arrive. Upon reaching the 2nd game of the late player, the late player's 1st round game is marked down as a loss by forfeit. Upon reaching the 3rd game of the late player, the 2nd game is forfeited. Upon reaching the late players 4th game, the 3rd game is forfeited. Upon reaching the late player's 5th game, all the late players' games are forfeited.

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**1.51 Make-Up Matches**

In general, the league does not allow make up matches unless there are extenuating circumstances. If a team cannot play on the regularly scheduled night of play, they forfeit that night. In order to preserve the leagues prize fund, weekly fees are still required from any teams that forfeit (or receive a forfeit). In very rare circumstances, a make-up request may be granted if it is requested 3-days prior to the night of play. It must also be approved by the other team captain and the league operator 3-days in advance. If adequate notice is given, opposing teams should accommodate but it is not required that they do and can elect to receive the forfeit point. If the make-up match is required by the league operator, it is mandatory that both teams accommodate. This is usually due to the league filling a vacancy within the first three weeks of a new season or due to very serious extenuating circumstances as determined by the league operator.

1. All make up matches are to be played as “double headers” on the regularly scheduled

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 will not require any teams to make-up a match on a different day of the week. There are

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All weekly dues will be deposited in a FDIC insured bank with two league representatives on the account. Each team will be required to have at least 2 core team members present to receive the team money. Individual awards will also be awarded during the banquet. Players must have played a minimum of ¾ (75%) of the total weeks on 1 said team to be eligible for individual awards. Substitute players are not eligible for individual awards.

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1. **Match Tie Breakers (in some divisions)**

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**13.0 Practice During League**

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