

DOWNEY JUNIOR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

POLICIES AND RULES

PURPOSE: The prime reason for the success of the Association is the belief that every player, regardless of ability, be afforded an opportunity to learn and play sports in an atmosphere that exists, but has a low profile.

Section 1. AWARDS

The sport year for DJAA begins with Flag Football and ends with Baseball.

I. **Participation Awards** - Sports for Participation Awards are counted at the end of each sport. Each sport - Participation Patch for Football, Basketball or Baseball season.

1	Sport-DJAA Logo	Association Patch.
9	Sports-Big "9"	Association Patch.
12	Sports	Director's Award-Plaque
15	Sports	Director's Award-Engraved Plate (to add to 12 sport plaque)
18	Sports	Director's Award-Engraved Plate (to add to 12 sport plaque)
21	Sports	DJAA Outstanding Achievement-Plaque

A. Each Member of DJAA is given a Membership Patch upon request by Team Manager to the Awards Commissioner.

B. Managers of teams are responsible for picking up all patches which are made available at any general meeting of Board meeting following each completed season.

II. LEAGUE CHAMPION AND RUNNER-UP AWARD

A. AWARDS AND RECIPIENTS

1. Championship First Place Award will be presented in each league of each division.
2. Runner-up Second Place Award will be presented in each league of each division with four or more teams.
3. Third Place Award will be presented in each division having (8) eight or more teams first and second place will be awarded in each division having 7 or less teams.
4. Managers, Coaches and /or Team Mothers/Fathers awards can be ordered and paid for by individual teams by making arrangements with the Awards and Records Committee one month prior to the awards ceremony for each sport.
5. The DJAA Board of Director may choose to award every player a Participation Trophy and/or a team/individual picture package. **Fees paid do not guarantee these extra items.** Participation awards and pictures are at the Board of Director's discretion.

B. DETERMINATION OF LEAGUE CHAMPIONS OR RUNNER-UP

1. Team having best win/loss record is League Champion; team-having second best win/loss record in division of four or more teams will receive Second Place Award.

2. League and/or divisions receiving one award and ending in a tie for first place:
 - a. Two teams tie for first place - playoff will be held and winner is League/Division Champion.
 - b. Three or more teams tie for first place sudden death playoff will be held and winner is League/Division Champion.
 - c. League and/or divisions receiving more than one award and ending in a tie for first place:
 - 1). Two teams tie for first place - playoff will be held and loser is runner-up team.
 - 2). If two teams tie for second place after League Championship is decided, the two teams will playoff, and the winner will receive Second Place Award.

 Note: If there are eight teams or more in that division and both team's managers agree to no playoff game, both teams will be issued 2nd Place trophies. There will be no 3rd place trophies issued in that division.
 - 3). If three or more teams tie for second place, a sudden death playoff will be held (See Section 3 for sudden death rules).
- 3). In a Division where there is an American and National Leagues (10 or more teams per league), the Head of Sports may choose to have a Medal/Championship round.
 - a. Regardless whether there is a Medal / Championship round, both 1st and 2nd place teams from each league will be awarded trophies.
 If there is a tie within their respective leagues, a playoff game will be scheduled in order to determine the final trophy position. If there is no cross league Medal / Championship playoff round, both teams may agree to a 1st Place finish.
 - b. If the Head of Sport assigns a Medal / Championship round, the 1st Place team of each league will play the 2nd place team of the opposite league. The 1st Place team will be the home team. The winner of these games will proceed to a Championship game.
 - c. Prior to the start of the championship game, there will be a coin flip to determine who will be the home team. If there is a 1st Place finisher from the regular season playing, they will make the coin flip call. If both teams participating were 1st Place teams, or both 2nd Place teams from the regular season, the team from the American league will make the coin flip call. Winner of the coin flip call will determine who will be the home team. Winner of the coin flip may option to be the visitors.

C. SUDDEN DEATH PLAYOFFS

Head Commissioner of in-season sport will bring team managers together after league play ends and win / loss records are tallied.

1. If three teams are involved in a tie, Head Commissioner will place three slips of paper in container, numbering the slip "1", "2", and X. Managers drawing slips "1" and "2" will have their team playoff and the winner will play team that sat out first

game. Winner of second game will be declared playoff winner and loser of second game is runner-up.

NOTE: If there are eight teams or more in that division and all three teams managers agree to no playoff games, all teams will be issued 1st Place trophies. There will be no 2nd or 3rd Place trophies issued in that division.

2. If four teams are involved, Head Commissioner will place slips of paper numbered "1", "2", "3" and "4" in container and team managers will draw for play. "1" will play "2", and "3" will play "4". Loser of first game will be out of playoffs; winners will playoff and decide league champion and runner-up as required under rules.
3. During a Medal / Championship, scheduled tie breaker game, or playoff game in either basketball or football, if there is a tie at the end of the maximum allowable quarters / innings:
 - a. Football: Use the DJAA over time Rule.
 - b. Basketball: Follow Rule IB11 from the Basketball Playing Rule section.
 - c. Baseball: Add addition full innings until there is a winner.

D. TINY INSTRUCTIONAL DIVISION

1. The T.I. Division is formed at the beginning of the sport year in football for second grade level players, for the purpose of teaching the basic fundamentals of each sport, as an introduction to the equipment and playing rules for football, basketball and baseball, and the spirit of competition and good sportsmanship. For this reason there are no designated league champions and / or runners-up in the Tiny Instructional Division.

Section 2

COMPLAINTS

- I. Managers and / or coaches may file a complaint in writing to Head Sports Supervisor, City of Downey Recreation Department.
- II. Parents may file a complaint in writing to the President of the Board of Directors for D.J.A.A.
- III. All written complaints must be reported on at the regular monthly Board Meeting of D.J.A.A. If further investigation is required, the President of the Board will direct the Head Commissioner Committee, or the Grievance Committee to investigate and report their findings in writing within 14 days to the Board of Directors. If any board member has a complaint filed against him / her, such Board member may be excused from that portion of the Board meeting pertaining to the complaint.

Section 3

CONDUCT

- I. Sportsmanship
 - A. Every participant shall have attitudes of goodwill and courtesy. Every participant shall foster the ideals of fair play, participation and teaching the goal of winning, but not at all cost. Every participant shall show respect for officials, fellow players and opponents. Also refer to Section VI of Playing Rules and Regulations.

- B. All adult members must take the lead in fostering the ideals of the Association along with instruction in various sports. This lead must deal with not only the physical aspects of sports, but also with a moral attitude.
- II. DRINKING / SMOKING / DRUGS
- A. No drinking or alcoholic beverages allowed at playing fields or gyms during practice or games.
 - B. No participant will be allowed on the fields or in the gyms if intoxicated or have the odor of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs on his / her breath.
 - C. No participant will be allowed on the playing fields if under the influence of drugs not prescribed by a physician.
 - D. No tobacco products are allowed on the playing areas or in any gymnasium.
- III. NO PROFANE OR FOUL LANGUAGE IS PERMITTED

Section 4

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- I. Adults
- A. DJAA Board of Directors shall have the power to discipline any member, if in the opinion of the Board; any action on the part of the member is detrimental to DJAA, or the City of Downey.
 - B. Disciplinary action shall be:
 1. Probation, and / or
 2. Expulsion from the Association and / or
 3. Forfeiture of game or games player and / or
 4. Fine not to exceed \$100
 5. Removal from a position held in the DJAA. This includes general member, team mom, coach, manager, League Commissioner, or member of the Board of Directors.

Note:

Any Board member or League Commissioner who is placed on disciplinary probation longer than one (1 each) game will be removed from the Board of Directors and / or League Commissioner until their probationary term has concluded. At that end of their probationary period, they may reapply for a Board / League Commissioner position assuming there is a vacancy.

Any adult member may who is on disciplinary probation may not be nominated to the Board of Directors or assigned to a League Commissioner slot until their disciplinary probation has terminated. This rule will commence as of June 1999.

During a Board of Directors investigation, if the Board wishes to discuss the findings of an investigation, all people involved in the incident or who may directly benefit from any Board decision will be requested to leave the room. If a Board member is involved, they will not a vote in the outcome and will not be present for any discussion, which may result either disciplinary action for them or a team affiliate. The President of DJAA will determine who will be excused.

II. Players

- A. Players causing a disciplinary problem during the course of a game, and this means after the start of the game by the head official may be benched with verbal approval of both team managers. This action must be entered into the scoring sheets whenever score sheets are used, and a follow-up letter must be presented to the League Commissioner and the player's parents with another copy to be sent to the Head Commission of in-season sport within 48 hours.

Failure to submit letters will result in a forfeit of the next league victory, even if next league victory is in another sport.

- B. Players can be benched for disciplinary reasons.

1. Verbal notification to the opposing manager of coaches is acceptable. This action must also be entered into the scoring sheets whenever score sheets are used, and a follow-up letter must be presented to the League Commissioner with a copy to be sent to the Head Commissioner of in-season sport within 48 hours. If season is found to be inappropriate, the game may be forfeited.
2. **PENALTY:** Team will forfeit the game in question at any time the violation of this rule is discovered. ALL TIME LIMITS ARE WAIVED with respect to any infraction of this rule.
3. A team manager may suspend a player for one game due to disciplinary reasons; however, there must be an 18-hour notification (prior to the player's next game from the point of the infraction) to the player's parents / guardians and the League Commissioner. A written Incident report will be given to the League Commissioner within 48 hours of the verbal notification. The League Commissioner will make two copies, one for the Head of Sport Commissioner, and a file copy for Awards and Records. If either of the commissioners feels the suspension was not warranted or used to gain an advantage, the Commissioner (s) may request the manager and the player's parents to appear before the Board of Directors for the purpose of guidance or disciplinary action as prescribed in section 4.1.A.

Players / manager who are deemed to be chronic problems may be suspended or expelled from the Association at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

4. A manager may not impose a monetary fine on any player or his parents / guardians as a form of discipline or punishment.

Section 5

DIVISIONS AND LEAGUES

I. Divisions

- A. Players are placed in divisions according to their current school grade level:

T Ball (baseball only)	1 st Grade
Tiny Instructional	2 nd Grade
Mitey Mite	3 rd Grade
Mustang	4 th Grade
Pioneer	5 th Grade
Midget	6 th Grade
Frosh	7 th Grade
Soph	8 th Grade

II. LEAGUES

- A. Any division having 10 (ten) or more teams may be divided into 2 (two) or more leagues. The Head of Sport Commissioner with the help of the Pool Committee will do this. These two leagues within the Division will be called the American and National league.

Section 6

MANAGERS AND COACHES

I. REQUIREMENTS

- A. A manager must be an adult, 21 years of age or older.
- B. Team coaches should be responsible people; however, when a team meeting is held there must be at least one team registered (current to present sport) adult present who is at least 21 years of age.
- C. A manager or coach will not be assigned to a team until after his / her player or players has been placed on a team.
- D. Only managers and coaches who are paid (if required) and registered members in good standing (Passed background check), and have a valid DJAA issued badge will be allowed on fields or courts during games. In the event of an emergency situation, a manager (with valid DJAA issued badge) may designate any adult (with valid DJAA issued badge) to act as spokesman for the team.
- E. Teams are allowed one manager, two coaches, and one team mom/dad for a total of four (4) badged team members.

II. DUTIES

- A. Managers and coaches are responsible for conduct of the team and all team partisans (including players and their families).

1. Team Spokesman is responsible for conduct of all sideline personnel (manager, coaches, players and team partisans).
2. Team spokesman may receive 1 (one) warning and 1 (one) unsportsmanlike conduct penalty regarding partisan's behavior on the aforementioned personnel. Team spokesman may be granted an official's time out to control sideline behavior.
3. A second unsportsmanlike conduct penalty charged to sideline personnel will result in the ejection of the team spokesman from the game and an automatic 1 (one) game suspension from the next game.
4. Any manager, coach or player on the sideline receiving 2 (two) unsportsmanlike conduct penalties will be ejected from the game and will receive an automatic (1) one game suspension. Under Rule 3, team spokesman will be ejected at the same time.
5. If any unsportsmanlike action is deemed flagrant, ejection is automatic, as is the one game suspension on the next scheduled game.
6. The third (3rd) unsportsmanlike conduct penalty will result in a forfeiture of the game as well as a one game suspension of the next scheduled game.

NOTE: THE ABOVE PRECEDING RULES SHALL APPLY FOR ALL THREE SPORTS also review Playing Rules and Regulations Section VI.

- B. Managers and coaches are responsible for eligibility of the team players, rosters, registration forms and fees.
- C. Managers and coaches must read and abide by managers / coaches contract as signed.
- D. Manager are responsible for checking out and turning in of uniforms and equipment loaned to his/her team by the DJAA Equipment Board Member or assignee.
- E. Managers and coaches are responsible for the proper care of all athletic facilities used by DJAA, including cleaning up after games of all trash left be players and families.
- F. Managers are responsible for snack shack assignments; failure to complete with assigned schedule will result in disciplinary action as prescribed in Section 4.
- G. Managers are responsible for all registrations of coaches, team mom/dad, or general members assisting his/her team. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action prescribed in Section 4.

Section 7 PLAYERS - ELIGIBILITY

- I. Any player will be allowed to enter the DJAA Program if he/she resides in the City of Downey, attend Downey Unified School District, or attend any school in Downey. Students attending St. Dominic Savio are also eligible participants. The Board of Directors must accept any other exceptions and documented minutes must be kept.
- II. If a participant moves from the City of Downey, is no longer registered in the Downey Unified School District and misses a sport; he/she is no longer eligible in the DJAA program.
- III. Any player having a physical or mental handicap will be eligible to participate if his/her application is accompanied by a letter from his/her attending physician.

- VI. A player may elect to sit out one sport during the sport year. However, he/she may not sit out two consecutive sports. If a team sits out the sport, it is considered sitting out one sport for all players on that team. (Refer to Section 12, III.C.).
- V. Once a player is assigned to a team, he/she remains the property of that team throughout the current sport, regardless of whether he/she participates with that team or not.
 - A. He/she may not be released from that team by the team manager until the current sport has been completed.
 - B. Players who wish to leave their present team must notify the manager, League Commissioner, or Head Sport Commissioner at least one week prior to pool draw.
 - C. The Head Sport Commissioner will determine team assignments through the Player Placement Rules, Section 8.
- VI. Managers have the option to accept players returning from an inactive roster. The manager may not request players from the Pool Draw if he/she chooses not to accept inactive players, he/she must accept all players. MANAGERS CANNOT pick and choose players from the inactive roster.
- VII. AGE RESTRICTION

No player shall be denied the opportunity to play because of height, weight, or playing experience. Players will play in the following divisions according to their grade, except when the player's age does not match the minimum or maximum age for the grade level. The age table below is referenced to the start of the sport year which flag football.

<u>Divisions</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Min. Age on or before Jan. 1st</u>	<u>Max. Age on or before Dec. 31st</u>
"T" Ball	1st	5	7
Tiny Instructional	2nd	6	8
Mitey Mite	3rd	7	9
Mustang	4th	8	10
Pioneer	5th	9	11
Midget	6th	10	12
Frosh	7th	11	13
Soph	8th	12	14

This ensures that no player will be competing with another player who is two or more years older, or two or more years younger than he / she is. Effective with start of baseball 1992.

NOTE: The Board of Directors will have final ruling on all matters pertaining to Player's eligibility. If a player is discovered to be in the wrong division, The Board will review all the facts how the error was made. The Board will then determine if the player is still eligible to continue with their present team or DJAA, # of games to be forfeited (if any), the appropriate time to place the player in the correct division. In addition, the Board will also determine whether any disciplinary action will be taken towards an adult member.

Section 8
PLAYER PARTICIPATION RULES

I. THE POOL COMMITTEE

- A. The Chairman of this Committee shall be the Head Commissioner of current sport of his designee.
- B. League Commissioner from each Division shall be appointed by the current in sport Head Sport Commissioner.
- C. Duties and responsibilities of committee member:
 - 1. Supervise and conduct all pool drawings and player placements.
 - 2. Report any rule violations in writing or in person immediately to Board of Directors.
 - 3. Formation and implementation of both T-Ball and Tiny Instructional Division.

II. THE POOL DRAW AND MECHANICS

- A. All applicants to play must have an application at the time of the pool draw. Application will be in the form of a registration form, school flyer or application submitted through the Recreation Department offices or the DJAA P.O. Box.
- B. All applications will be reviewed to determine current eligibility per Section 7 preceding page.
- C. All applicants in T-Ball and T.I. will be placed on teams per areas of the city: NW, NE, SW, SE (dividing streets are Downey Avenue and Firestone Boulevard). The area will be noted on the upper right-hand corner of the backside of the applications. Team balance (equal number per team) will be a priority. Pool draw for Mitey Mite through Soph will be accomplished through a random process.
- D. The pool drawing will be held prior to the start of the first game in each season. If there is a practice game, the pool draw will be done prior to the game.
- E. Any application received after the pool draw may be placed on a team only through the approval of the Pool Committee. Players should also be placed on teams who have the least amount of players. The Pool Committee will report all such placements to the Board of Directors.
- F. No Application will be considered for placement after the first game in any division. Any such application received will be held over for the next sport season.
Exception: The T.I. and T-Ball Divisions may still add player up to two weeks after the regular season starts. The head of Sport will allow/disallow players as needed to fill vacancies. After every addition, three copies of the roster, fees, and registration forms must be submitted to the League Commissioner prior to play or practice. Player must also be in full uniform where applicable.
- G. League Commissioners or their designated representative are the only persons allowed to speak for a league.

- H. One week prior to the pool draw, the team manager will provide the League Commissioner the number of players returning to the team and the names of those not returning. Team roster would be the preferred method of reporting. Failure to comply may result in forfeit of first league victory.
- I. One week prior to the pool draw, every League Commissioner will have turned in the following to the Head Sport Commissioner:
1. The number of teams within their division.
 2. The amount of players per team within their division.
 3. The number of coaches/managers per team within their division.
 4. Should be aware of any proposed team name or color changes within their division.
- J. The pool drawing is conducted by division. **NO REQUESTS ALLOWED.**
1. All applicants will have a number pre-assigned on the upper right hand corner of their application / documentation. The same number will be placed on either small folded pieces of paper to be placed in a fish bowl or another random form of number selection.
 2. Players requesting a new team, and have made the proper notification as prescribed in Section 7.VI.B, will be numbered as mentioned in Section 8 paragraph II.I.1 but will be exempted from going back to the team he/she is leaving. He/she will be exempted from going back to releasing team for three complete sports or one complete sport year. The team exemption pertains only to the team he/she has participated with for at least one full season. If the player is not satisfied to his/her new team assignment, he/she may sit out the sport. He/she will be exempted from only one team at a time, which will be the last team he/she has played for. Only one transfer per three (3) completed sports will be allowed. Further requests to go back into the pool draw within the three sports must be approved by the Board of Directors.
 3. Team with the least amount of players will go first. If there are multiple teams with the same number of players, the order of draw shall be determined by lots or another random selection process.
 4. The team determined to go first shall draw first and progress as follows:
 - Team has 9 signed players
 - Team has 10 signed players
 5. The team with 9 signed players will draw to match team with 10 players.
 6. All teams with 10 players will draw alternately by lot number order until they meet the number of players on each team to match the team with the next highest number of players.
 7. The League Commissioner will keep a record of each team assignment for every player.
- K. The Pool Committee has responsibility for forming new teams, subject to final DJAA Board Approval.

1. No new team shall have more players than the weakest existing team in that league.
 2. No new team may be formed by the MERGING of existing teams.
- L. On occasions it might be deemed necessary to place a player on a specific team because of coaching/manager need. This exception can only be accomplished with approval of the League Commission and the Head Sport Commissioner with final approval with the Board of Directors. All requests **for coaches** must be forwarded to the League Commissioner at least one week preceding the Pool Draw. Failure to comply may be constituted as an intentional violation of the Pool Draw rules and the violator may be subject to actions in Section III.
- M. When a Division has ten (10) or more teams, the Head of Sport with the approval of the Board of Directors or the DJAA President may form multiple leagues within the same division. These leagues will be named the American and the National leagues. At the Pool Draw, these teams will be assigned randomly and equally divided between the National and American League. If there are an odd number of teams the odd number will go to the American League.
- III. Intentional violation of the above rules by any DJAA member shall result in the following disciplinary actions:
- A. First offense: Mandatory suspension of any adult.
 - B. Second offense: Mandatory suspension of any adult, plus award participation for the offending team.
 - C. Third offense: Team to be disbanded and all players placed in pool for dispersal to other teams.

At the time any disciplinary action is taken under this rule, all team members and their parents will be called to a meeting to have such action explained to them by the Board of Directors.

IV. RECRUITMENT OF PLAYERS

- A. DJAA endeavors at all times to attract sufficient numbers of eligible players to provide competitive divisions and would allow recruitment of players only in the following circumstances:
 1. At the discretion of the Board of Directors in order to maintain a competitive division.
 2. At the discretion of the League and Head Sports Commissioner they may allow a team to fill vacancies brought about by serious injuries or residential relocation of players outside the City of Downey where it would be impossible for the player to continue participating with his team. If the recruited player want to continue with DJAA he/she must go back into the Pool Draw prior to the next sport.
 3. Limitations:
 - a. Section 7 - Players - Eligibility conditions must be fully complied with.

- b. Recruits may not continue with the recruiting team in subsequent sports without having been drawn by the team in a regularly scheduled Player Placement Pool Drawing.
 - c. Teams may not recruit more players than will bring their team roster to the maximum allowable strength existing in the division.
 - d. A recruit may not be the property of any other DJAA team.
- B. This Association wishes to recognize the need for recruiting in a very few isolated, extreme emergency instances, only, and not as a generally accepted policy of DJAA.
 - C. Any player placed on a team after pool draw that is not randomly placed, is considered Recruitment and subject to rule IV.A.2.

Section 9 **protests**

- I. **There are no protests on official judgment calls.**
- II. All protests must be lodged with the Head Official at the time of infraction. (Exception: Substitution rule - 12 hours) and confirmed in writing to the League Commissioner within 24 hours. Written protests are acceptable only if accompanied by \$50.00, which is refundable if protest is upheld.
- III. Protests will be heard by members of the Commissioner's Committee. The Commissioner's Committee shall consist of the Head Commissioner of the in-season sport and all League Commissioners of that sport. If the protest involves an official, the Head of Referee will also have a vote. Assistant Head Commissioner may vote in the absence of the Head Commissioner.
- IV. Only manager, coaches, officials of the games, official's supervisor and member directly involved are allowed to speak. Interference from parents or bystanders will not be tolerated. After both sides are heard, all parties, with the exception of the Commissioner's Committee and the Sports Supervisor, shall leave the room.
- V. Written ballot will be taken. Commissioner's Committee only, will vote. No Commissioner's Committee member or Board member directly connected with the teams involved shall sit in on Commissioner's Committee discussions or vote.
- VI. For further information refer to Section XIX2 in Playing Rules and Regulations.

Section 10 REGISTRATION AND FEES

- I. No players shall participate in any team activity until the registration fee is paid and registration form completed and received by team manager.
- II. The registration fee is set by the Board of Directors and includes current sport insurance coverage.
- III. DJAA adult membership fees for coaches, managers, etc.. are payable per sport. Fees are determined by the Board of Directors. Fees may not be required; however, all adult registration and fingerprinting must be completed before the season commences.

- IV. Any delinquency of funds and /or forms may cause team suspension and/or probation, as determined by the current sport calendar and DJAA Board of Directors.

Section 11
SPORTS

Football, Basketball, and Baseball sports seasons shall begin as determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 12
TEAMS

I. FORMATION OF TEAMS

- A. All teams are to be formed by pool-draw selections, See Section 8 of policies and rules.

II. TEAM ACTIVITIES - Subject to review by the executive committee and subsequent approval by the Board of Directors.

- A. Team activities shall be limited to (2) two per week on any day preceding a school day. Additional practice may be held Friday night, Saturday, or prior to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday and holidays.
Teams scheduled with more than two league activities within the same week will play the games; however, the team manager should inform their League Commissioner for a possible reschedule of one of those games.

III. SITTING OUT SPORT AS A TEAM

- A. A team may sit out a sport as a team with the intention of returning as a team in the next sport.
- B. A letter must be submitted in writing to the Head Commissioner and approved for a team to sit out a sport season.
- C. Any player choosing to continue playing, while his team is sitting out any sport, will be placed in the player pool and drawn to another team. At the end of the sport season, this player has the option to remain with the new team he was drawn to, or the option to return to his old team.
- D. If the team does not return in the next sport after sitting out a sport, they are automatically disbanded. All players wishing to play must apply through the player pool.

- IV The roster is the official list of eligible players participating on a team for the in-season sport, plus eligible manager, coaches, and those players sitting out this one sport. If there is player change after the final roster is submitted, another copy of the roster must be given to the league commissioner immediately.

**Section 13
TOURNAMENTS - POST SEASON**

It has been determined that a fitting conclusion to each baseball, basketball and football season is participating in post-season tournament competition by teams representing the Association. With D.J.A.A.'s

philosophy of providing opportunities for healthy athletic competition well in mind, the following regulations pertaining to post-season tournament participation have been formulated.

- I Tournament teams: Flag Football, Basketball and Baseball teams may be selected from all divisions, dependent upon availability of tournaments and approval by the D.J.A.A. Board of Directors and the Recreation of the City of Downey.
 - A. Baseball: Tournament play may begin as soon as league play has finished and must be completed by August 31st.
 - B. Football: Tournament play may begin as soon as league play has finished and must be completed by December 31st.
 - C. Basketball: Tournament play may begin as soon as league play has finished and must be completed by April 10th.

Any adjustments to preceding date limitations that may become necessary due to special tournament conditions must be approved by the D.J.A.A. Board of Directors.

II. TOURNAMENT SELECTION - MANAGERS/COACHES

- A. Selection:
 - 1. Any coach or manager in good standing of D.J.A.A. shall be eligible to apply for manager. All applicants must have participated in the currently completed sport.
 - 2. Applicants for tournament manager will be one adult member in good standings. In the event no member is nominated as coach, D.J.A.A. Board of Directors may select a suitable coach.
 - 3. Applicants for tournament manager must be received by the in-season Head Commissioner no later than 2 (two) weeks prior to the end of the applicable season.
 - 4. Final selections of tournament team managers/coaches shall be made by D.J.A.A. Board of Directors.
- B. Responsibilities of Team Manager
 - 1. Instruction of coaches as to specific duties and responsibilities.
 - 2. Establishing and maintaining effective communications with parents of players.
 - 3. Arranging and coordination of practice sessions.
 - 4. Handling all administrative and clerical duties pertaining to tournament participation, in conjunction with the Recreation Department.
 - 5. Responsibility for the actions and conduct of all players and coaches during any team function.
 - 6. If any tournament award is granted due to a placement finish, the trophy is presented to the President for the permanent display.

III. TOURNAMENT PLAYERS

A. Selection

1. Selection of players shall be at the discretion of the tournament committee and the tournament team manager, subject to approval by the Board of Directors.
2. Tournament team players, as selected, are to be notified only upon completion of the final league game within their specific division.
3. Tryouts may be held by invitation of the Tournament manager or the Board of Directors, Tournament roster will be completed per player selection as indicated in (a) above.
4. **All tournament players must have been registered in the current sport.**
5. Participation of alternates will be determined by tournament regulations.

B. Responsibilities

1. All players, along with their parents, shall sign an agreement pertaining to tournament team participation.
2. All players shall participate in every practice session, unless specifically excused by the team manager.
3. Players shall be prohibited from participating in any other organized sports program, school and Downey Recreation programs excepted, while members of D.J.A.A. tournament teams.
4. Any tournament player voluntarily leaving the team shall by such action become ineligible for tournament play for the next two sports.

IV. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

A. Selection

1. A tournament committee shall be comprised of the Vice-president and the two Out-of-Sport Commissioners.

B. Responsibilities

1. Coordination of manager, coach and player selection.
2. Coordination with Recreation Department for tournament selection and participation.
3. Review rules and D.J.A.A. policy with tournament managers and coaches.
4. Oversee player nominations and selection in accordance with the above-stated rules.

Section 14
ALL STAR INTER-ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT PLAY

The following are hereby presented as rule and guidelines for Tournament Team play, here in after called All-Star Tournament Team.

- I. All-Star competition will apply to all divisions, including T.I.
- II. **Option "A"**. The 1st place winner of the division will play an ALL-STAR team formed from the remaining division.
Option "B". Or the division will be divided as follows; 1st, 3rd, 5th, etc. will play the 2nd, 4th, 6th etc. teams. The commissioners and coaches of each division will make the choice as to the way the division will play. If option "A" is selected, it must be **by unanimous consent** of all coaches in the division. **If option "A" is not picked, then option "B" will be automatic.** The choice must be made before the 1st game of the season. The Head of Sport shall be notified of each division's choice before the 1st game of the season by the commissioner of each division. If option B is to be used and there are an odd number of teams within the division, the last place team will send an equal number of players (i.e.: 2,4,6) to the All Star game where they will be split between the two teams. If there is a tie for last place, the league commissioner will determine which team will be considered last by a random/at chance process.

In the T-Ball and T.I. divisions, option B will always be employed. The names of all teams will be pulled in some random method for placement in an even or odd bracket. If there is odd number of teams within the division the last team pulled will send an even number of players (i.e. 2,4,6) to the All Star game where they will be split between the two teams. The selection of coaches and teams must be done prior to the last game of the season. Final selection of managers will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- III. Each shall have equal representation on the All-Star team.
 - A. Tournament Committee will determine number of players to be selected from each team.
 - B. **Players select** the All Starts from their own team to represent their team in All-Star play,
- IV. Manager of 2nd place team at end of regular division (or league) competition shall act as All-Star team manager.
 - A. Manager may select coaches at his discretion.
 - B. Substitution of manager subject to board approval.
- V. All-Star Game will be played under rules pertaining to each particular division.
 - A. Minimum playing time rules apply to all teams.
- VI. All-Star "t" shirts will be awarded for football All-Stars. All-Star shirts will be awarded for basketball All-Stars. All-Star caps or All-Star tee shirts will be awarded for baseball All-Stars. The Board of Directors will review the purchase of the All-Star shirts at least one month prior to the game and a vote will be taken for final approval.
- VII. Tournament games will be played on the second Saturday following the end of each regular season, calendar schedule permitting.

Section 15
UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

- I. Equipment and uniforms used in games shall be that which is furnished and/or approved by D.J.A.A. and the Recreation Department. No sponsor's name or advertising of any type shall appear on uniforms or equipment.

- II. **COLORS AND NAMES**
 - A. Colors for teams are assigned by the Head Commissioner Committee at time of organizing new teams.
 - B. A team's colors may not change unless permission in writing is secured from the Head Commissioner Committee.
 - C. Team names are assigned upon organization of a new team by the Head Commissioner's Committee.
 - D. The Head Commissioner's Committee has the authority to change a team name. Any request from a team to change its name must be made in writing one month prior to start of any sport.

No. 1 Rule
HAVE FUN!!!!

THE INTENTION OF THESE RULES ARE FOR PLAYERS, ADULT MEMBERS AND TEAM PARTISANS TO PARTICIPATE IN A SPORTSMANSHIP LIKE MANNER WHILE THE PLAYERS LEARN THE GAME AND HAVE FUN.

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DJAA Board of Directors

