



# CHARLES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS, AND TOURISM ROCKET LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

## I. THE LEAGUE:

- A. **Mission** – To enhance the quality of life of our residents and visitors by providing well rounded recreational and competitive sports programs focusing on building a sense of community and improving the overall quality of life for current and future generations
- B. **Philosophy** - The Charles County Rocket League Tournament is first and foremost a recreational esports tournament. The purpose of this tournament is to provide an opportunity for Charles County residents to participate in an organized tournament.
- C. **Administration** - The league will operate under the jurisdiction of the Charles County Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism. (All guidelines are subject to review and changes may be made at the discretion of the Tournament Director.) Items not specifically listed in these guidelines will be decided upon by the League Director, and any questions or discrepancies should be directed to the Tournament Director Travon Royall at royallt@charlescountymd.gov
- D. **Tournament Format** - Players will play round robin within division and will be seeded into a single elimination based on division play standings. There must be at least three players to constitute a division. Game times will be predetermined by tournament director.
  - a. **Division Play:** All division games will be played on the first day of the tournament.
  - b. **Tournament Play:** The two-game guarantee single elimination tournament will take place over two days. Game times will be predetermined prior to the start of divisional play.
  - c. **Grace Period:** Players will have a 10-minute grace period to join the game within the scheduled game time. If a player does not arrive within the 10 minutes the game will be ruled a forfeit and the player who logged on to play during scheduled time will get the win. (Screen shot of proof will need to be submitted with time and date) If a Charles County Recreation tournament game goes into an extra game the conflicts with the next scheduled game and the grace period has passed, the next game will not be ruled a forfeit. Teams will begin play immediately after first game is completed. This rule is only for teams who are playing in Charles County Recreation Tournament games.

## II. PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. It is the players responsibility to:
  - a. Be the liaison between League Director.
  - b. Read all information pertaining to the tournament (rules, regulations, schedule, etc.).
  - c. Submit all scores to the League Director.
  - d. Follow the recreation philosophy

## III. SUSPENSIONS:



- A. Consequences for suspensions/ejections will be decided by the Recreation, Parks, and Tourism office based upon a 3 Tier system. If games are postponed or rescheduled, suspensions are indefinite until games are played.

**1. Tier One: 2 game Suspension**

- a) A tier one offense may be issued to any player based on the following criteria, which includes but is not limited to:
1. Is ejected from a game or asked to leave a game or practice site by an official or Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism staff member for harassment, obscene gestures or language, or any other unsportsmanlike behavior. The result of these actions may result in a 2 game suspension, effective immediately, starting with your teams next scheduled game.
  2. Any further ejections may result in suspension from the league.
  3. Esports Specific - Any forms of cheating or use of a microphone.

**2. Tier Two: Suspension for remainder of season**

- a) Players may be suspended from the league and all Department of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism programs for the remainder of the season.
- b) A tier two offense may be issued, at the discretion of the League Director to any player, coach, or spectator based on the following criteria, which includes but is not limited to:
1. Committing multiple tier one offenses within the same season.
  2. Strike, shove, bump, trip, or threaten an official, player, coach, spectator, Recreation, Parks, and Tourism staff member or league official during or after a game, on Charles County Community Center, Public School, or Park property.
  3. Use of a microphone to harass or threaten another player.
  4. Sending harassing or threatening messages to another player.

**3. Tier Three: 2 Year Suspension**

- a) Anyone involved in a tier 3 offense may be suspended from the league and all Department of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism programs for a minimum of two years.
- b) A tier three offense may be issued, with discretion from the League Director, to any player, parent, coach, or spectator based on the following criteria, which includes but is not limited to:
1. Committing multiple tier one or tier two offenses with a year of previous offenses.
  2. Is involved in a severe incident that displays excessive or relentless disobedience of our mission, including but not limited to; harassment, fighting, or conduct with intent to harm an official, player, coach, spectator, Recreation, Parks, and Tourism



staff member or league official during or after a game, on Charles County Community Center, Public School, or Park Property.

#### IV. LEAGUE ELIGIBILITY:

- A. This is a league offered by Charles County Recreation, Parks and Tourism.
- B. Each player must be registered to participate in the league.
- C. Players may play with only one team in the league. Any violation of this rule will result in forfeiture of all games played by the player committing the infraction.
- D. All participants must play in the proper age divisions. **Must be registered by an adult.**
- E. When registering players must pick the Charles County Public School that they are zoned for.

#### V. Tournament Format

- A. Max number of players per tournament is sixteen (16).
- B. League schedules can be found on [www.CharlesCountyParks.com](http://www.CharlesCountyParks.com) and/or Charles County Recreation Facebook page.
- C. **Game times will be predetermined by the tournament director.**
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#### VI. TOURNAMENT RULES:

- A. Game Made: Private Match 1v1
- B. Best of 3 series for all games
- C. Match Time: 5 minutes
- D. Stadium: DFH Stadium
- E. Mutators: Default
- F. Server: North America
- G. Joining a private match
  - a. The person on the right of the schedule is the host.
  - b. Host selects “play online” and select “create private match”
  - c. Make sure “join by” is set to “Username/password”. The username and password will be sent prior to the start of the tournament.
  - d. All players must be in the lobby before teams are chosen.
- H. **NO MICROPHONES!**

#### VII. GAMING PLATFORM/EQUIPMENT:



- A. PlayStation 4, PlayStation 5, Xbox One, Xbox Series X, PC
- B. Controller or Mouse and Keyboard
- C. Internet Access (Xbox Live/PlayStation Network)
- D. Rocket League with the latest update

#### **VIII. FORFEITURE/PROTESTS:**

- A. Players that fail to complete a game within the timeframe may receive a double forfeit.
  - a. Exception if one player attempts to have the game completed but could not do so due to the opponent. He or she will be credited with a win.
- B. Players who fail to field a team two consecutive games may be suspended from the tournament. (Determined by the tournament director.)
- C. **Cheating of any kind will not be tolerated. If you believe that these rules have been violated please submit video clips via email to the Tournament Director.** If it was found that the rules were violated the game will be forfeited the violator will be eliminated.
- D. Anyone eliminated via forfeit may not participate in any Charles County Recreation, Parks and Tourism eSports leagues and tournaments until speaking with Tournament Director before future tournaments.

#### **IX. Tie Break Procedures:**

- A. The tie break procedures will only be used if players are tied in pool play (identical number of points accumulated for wins/losses/ties):
  - a. Win/Loss record in head to head competition.
  - b. Points allowed.
  - c. Coin Flip

#### **X. GAME RESULTS POLICY:**

- A. At the completion of each game, both players need to photograph the final score and email them to the league coordinator at [royallt@charlescountymd.gov](mailto:royallt@charlescountymd.gov).