

REC BALL EXPECTATIONS

We do not have very many rec matches to go around so please understand that if you are not providing quality service to the teams and our organization you will be removed from matches.

Specifically, the expectations are:

1. Show up to your match preferably 30 minutes, but at least 15 minutes, before it is scheduled to start. Leave early and be wary of traffic and lousy weather.
2. If you are going to be late you must call the assignor well in advance. And, because you can get on Arbiter and check who else will be there that night, you need to have their cell phone with you in case you need to call them as well and let them know you will be late. This is being responsible.
3. Know the rules. That means review the rules, take a copy with you and enforce them properly for the program you are officiating. If you don't take the time to review and understand the rules how can we have confidence in your ability to deliver a quality service to the teams who are paying your wage?
4. **Make ball handling calls.** If you are not willing to make ANY ball handling calls then you must not want to ref rec ball. The skill level of rec teams varies and you must be prepared to call to the level of the highest team. That means you **MUST** make calls. You **CANNOT** feel sorry for the lower skilled team and decide not to blow your whistle because you think it will be fairer for both teams. That is **NOT** our job. We are not saying to call everything -you **DO** have to strike a balance. But to call nothing is an injustice to both teams and it simply tells us that you are not prepared to ref rec ball matches. It is as simple as that.
5. **Enforce the NO JEWELRY rule for all ages.** A flat band wedding ring is fine but that is in. If little girls show up with pierced earrings, they need to be removed. **NO**—they cannot tape over them. No exceptions! **NO**-they cannot tape over a wedding ring..**NO** jewelry means no jewelry!
6. Do not waste time. Keep matches flowing. We **MUST BE** out of the gym by 9:00pm or earlier and the teams know this. Please keep them hustling.
6. Report problems with the facility or players to the Assignor that evening by emailing an explanation of the circumstances so it can be resolved with the Parks & Recreation staff. This includes proper stands, padding etc.