



# **BALLFX**

**“Ball Affects Lives”**

**TEAM POLICIES**

**All BallFX Team members are required to commit to at least 1 full season or through the end of a season if joined mid-season.**

## **Seasons**

A season typically runs in line with the calendar seasons:

**Fall:** Sept - Nov

**Winter Season:** Dec - February

**Spring Season:** March - May

**Summer Season:** June - August

A season runs to the end of the month in each particular season. If a team is defeated in the league or tournament they are competing in, scheduled skill practices will continue through the end of the month in that particular season. If a season runs past the allotted timeframe due to (general game schedule overlap, tournament play, rescheduled games, etc) participants must continue to participate in games/practices until the conclusion of that season and pay the pro-rated weekly or daily participation fee.

## **Team Placement**

Participants are assigned to a team within a week prior to the season start.

Participants' placement on a particular team will be determined by BALLFX Coaching Staff based on Skill set.

Any disagreement of team placement will not warrant a participant the right to discontinue participation, nor does it change a participant's obligation to the fees for the season.

In the event of low participation numbers in a specific age group, BALLFX Coaching Staff will have the discretion of placing a player into a different division/age group.

### **Commitment/Enrollment Policy**

A participant's commitment to that season and all corresponding fees is secured with the completion of our online registration and acceptance of all policies.

Online registration must be completed within 48 hours of a team's first practice. Upon registration, participants are responsible for all fees communicated and associated with that season, without regard to any unexpected event preventing participation, with the exception of a season-ending injury or any other tragic or catastrophic event declared acceptable by BALLFX.

Players must commit to at least a full season. Prior to the end of each season, you have an option to remain active or to discontinue. If you opt to withdraw or discontinue, we require that you provide written notice via email ([ballfxinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ballfxinfo@gmail.com)) at least 10 days before the end of the current season.

**Commitment:** Our expectation is for each player to plan his/her schedule around the team practice, skills session and game schedule of his/her team. However, we realize certain excusable conflicts and prior commitments of which you have notified us at the season's start may arise.

### **Practice Policy**

Missing a team practice(s) for whatever reason during a particular season does not warrant a refund or credit to your account in anyway.

If designated practice days fall on a holiday and/or unforeseen events contribute to the inability to practice, BALLFX is not obligated to make up that practice and is not obligated to give any refund.

**Skills Training is closed.** Skills Training is closed per the instruction of the Rec due to safety concerns. We want one voice for coaching with less distraction and also preparing for school norms as middle school and high school practices are closed.

## Events (Leagues, Tournaments and Travel) Policy

BALLFX constructs the season plan of Events for each particular team. Every participant is responsible for the fees associated with each Event per the team's schedule reflected in the seasonal costs.

**Event Cancellation:** Events are subject to cancellation at the discretion of BALLFX.

Lack of participation or forfeiture of games does not warrant a refund including but not limited to low participation numbers, cancellation of game, lack of team commitment, etc.

## General Team Rules

-Parents will commit to making at least 90% of games, practices and skills sessions.

Missed practices and games (excused or unexcused) can affect playing time. We must have players come to practices and games to prevent forfeiting and/or confusion of the athlete during the game.

- Parents will RSVP on the HEJA App so that coaches know how many players to expect for skills, practice and games.

Players earn playing time through hard work, commitment, and floor production therefore playing time will not be promised nor equal.

Lobbying and sulking for playing time will not be tolerated.

Coaches WILL NOT discuss playing time with parents or players. We have a ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICY. We encourage athletes to build confidence in addressing any concerns with their coaches.

#### **TEAM ETIQUETTE- Parents and Players**

--we will not engage in negative discussion of other players to parents.

-We will not engage in any parent drama or referee drama. We are here for the kids and growing their passion for the game.

--Ballfx norms are to have Pre and Post game talk

--Parents are not allowed near the coaches bench or area during games.

-Players should bring their water bottles to the bench prior to game start.

-Parents should not be trying to talk with their athletes from the stands during timeouts and halftime. During a full timeout we really get 40 seconds to get our analysis across and time cannot be wasted in redirecting the child back to the coach.

## EXAMPLE PHRASES

What to avoid saying...	What you can say instead...	Why this is important...
<p><i>* During the game:</i></p> <p>“Shoot the ball!”</p> <p>Pass it!</p> <p>”!Pass it</p> <p>Go over”</p> <p>”!there</p> <p>Do this”</p> <p>”!instead</p>	<p>Cheer on the team members without instruction (ie. “Let’s go [player name]!”) or you may try to reiterate what the coaches are saying from the bench.</p> <p>–things you can yell out: hustle, rebound, box out, be aggressive, etc</p>	<p><b>This is called, “Coaching from the sidelines” and we want to avoid this as much as possible.</b></p> <p>A conflict of instruction will cause confusion. More so if they are your child since they are used to hearing your voice and following your instruction as well.</p>
<p><i>* After the referee makes a call:</i></p> <p>“C’mon ref!”</p> <p>“Make the right call ref!”</p> <p>“Ref, are you blind!”</p> <p>“What?!”</p>	<p>Focus on the team, not the ref.</p> <p>“It’s all good guys, bounce back!”</p> <p>“We’re all good, no worries!”</p>	<p>The coaches will do enough pushing back and forth with the referees and at times, the coaches will already be under their skin. If parents add fuel to that, it will not only create more negative tension towards the ref, but it will take away from the enjoyment of the game itself.</p>

--Any issues/Concerns please allow 24 hours prior to email contact unless it is immediate/emergency and we can set up a time to chat.

--BALLFX is a brand, therefore skills training and team training/coaching will be reflective of the quality of the brand. Any offensive assault by a participant, parent, or participant’s associate towards a BALLFX coach, game official, or any other public figure while representing BALLFX, expressed verbally or via email or text, can result in suspension and dismissal from the program without refund.



Any concerns regarding team-related issues will be handled privately and kept confidential. Concerns handled in any other way can result in suspension and dismissal from the team without refund.