

Tournament Guidelines

October Tournament October 16-17, 2009

General Requirements

NGBA

You must be registered with NGBA in order to play in NGBA Sponsored Tournaments. In order to register and create an account, go to: www.ngbaus.com. Click on the register link. If you have any problems send email to Mark Chambers at: mark@ngbaus.com.

Members Benefit

Only members are allowed to play in tournaments. If your membership expires before the DC tournament, you will need to renew your membership prior to registering to play in the tournament.

Non Members

Non members are not allowed to play in tournaments.

Fee

Members will need to pay \$30 for registration and uniform \$20. All fees are non-refundable and non-transferable (from one player to another). It is important that everyone understands that all administrative fees (past and present) must be made current in order to be considered for tournament play. All registration fees need to be submitted by **September 15th** in order to be considered for any teams. (No exceptions). The treasurer will be collecting all monies. (Daryl Fields)

Penalties

Uniforms need to be returned within 1 week after the tournament. Should uniforms not be returned by Monday October 25, 2010 both your deposit (if any) and next tournament play will be forfeited (Special circumstances will be taken into consideration by executive board).

Team Selection Process

Team A

All players playing on the "A" Team have to be members and will be selected by the coach. This team will meet with the coach as a team to schedule practices and discuss team expectations. There will be a maximum amount of nine players attending the tournament. Should someone not be able to attend the tournament then the coach will choose another individual to replace this player. All fees are non-refundable and the new players will be required to pay registration/member fees to the DC Sentinels. Team selection date for the "A" team will be August 20, 2010. After this date, there will be no transfer of players between the A and B teams. All registration fees need to be submitted by **September 15th, 2010** in order to be considered in the Team A pool (No exceptions).

Team B (all teams)

All players playing on the "B" Team have to be members. After all eligible players have paid or the deadline has passed, Sterling will organize all B teams for tournament play. All registration fees need to be submitted by **September 15th, 2010** in order to be considered in the Team A pool (No exceptions).

Practice

A Team Structure

Only the A team will be practicing once a week to prepare for tournament. For the A team, the coach will be responsible for practice plans and making sure that each practice is purposeful with specific goals and objectives. Scrimmages between teams and with other teams are to be scheduled by the coaches. All scrimmages outside of the DC Sentinels need to be shared with the executive board and team members need to be notified at least one week in advance to adjust personal and work schedules

accordingly. Players and Coaches who exhibit unsportsmanlike conduct during practice sessions can be reported to the board by anyone. That individual will be asked to meet with the board to discuss their actions. It will be to the discretion of the board to allow the player/coach to continue. Should a player or coach be asked not to return for unsportsmanlike conduct, their tournament fees will be non-refundable and they will not be asked to return until the first open gym after the tournament (October 21, 2010). A team members are expected to attend practice sessions and it is up to the discretion of the coaches to determine if a player is being negligent in attending practice sessions (Special circumstances are noted: work schedules etc.). Should personal schedules conflict with practices, players should notify coaches and determine an alternate plan of action to assure they are preparing for the tournament play.

B Team Structure

The B teams will be allotted one hour each week before the open gym that is typically held on Thursdays. Here they will have the time to scrimmage and get used to playing with one another. Scrimmages between teams and with other teams are to be scheduled by the coach for all B teams. All scrimmages outside of the DC Sentinels need to be shared with the executive board and team members need to be notified at least one week in advance to adjust personal and work schedules accordingly. Players who exhibit unsportsmanlike conduct during “practice” sessions can be reported to the board by anyone. That individual will be asked to meet with the board to discuss their actions. It will be to the discretion of the board to allow the player to continue. Should a player be asked not to return for unsportsmanlike conduct, their tournament fees will be non-refundable and they will not be asked to return until the first open gym after the tournament (October 21, 2010).

Team Ethics

Part of our mission as a group is to provide a sport environment which promotes mutual respect for one another, integrity and a commitment to excellence. As we prepare for this tournament we are asking that team members be proactive and hold themselves accountable in helping us carry out this mission. We are asking that individuals who plan to play with the sentinels be dedicated to doing so. Personal conflicts can be discussed with either the coach or the Board if needed. Both the board and the coaches understand that it is an individual’s choice to play with another team should they desire to do so. Should this be the case, the individual should discuss this with the coach or the board. Those who choose to leave or, are asked to do so do to unsportsmanlike conduct, must also understand that the DC Sentinels Executive Board reserves the right to decline that individual for consideration of team participation for any future NGBA sponsored tournaments (This does not affect open gym). Please see the Members Competition Policy.