



## **ROSTER POLICY (SPRING BASKETBALL 2019)**

### **Player shortages pre-game:**

1. If a team has 5 or fewer players for their upcoming game, they may recruit a player(s) from their own company (regardless if they play on other WFA teams) up to a total of 7 players (roster + borrow = 7 max). If a company has multiple WFA teams, recruiting from those teams should be the first resort.
2. When the team is first aware of the shortage, they should alert WFA and let WFA know if they need assistance in recruiting.
3. With or without assistance from WFA, the team and/or coach should notify WFA when they have been able to recruit a player(s) for the upcoming game. WFA will notify each of the coaches of the situation and outcome.
4. Every effort should be made to get the roster worked out at least 24 hours prior to game time.
5. Any borrowed player will need to provide contact information (full name, email, phone), verification of employment by the team company, and must complete and sign a WFA waiver prior to the game (if not already on file).
6. A loaner jersey will be provided at the game for game play only if needed.
7. Stats for additional borrowed players will not be recorded.

### **Player shortages at the game:**

1. If, for unforeseen circumstances, a team has fewer than 5 players at game time (10 minutes prior to tip-off), and it is agreeable to both coaches and teams, the teams may either play a 4v4 game (will count as "official"), 4v5 (game will count as "official"), borrow a same-company player who is present (game will count as "official") or, as a last resort, borrow a player(s) from the other team (game will not be "official").

### **Playoff Roster Rules:**

1. To even the field for playoffs, **only rostered players** who have played in at least two games during the regular season are eligible for playoff games. If a minimum of 4 eligible players are not available for playoff games, the game will be a forfeit (however, an 'unofficial' game can be played).
2. Teams may not borrow players for the playoffs.
3. Rosters are frozen after Week 2 of games. WFA cannot add players to rosters after Week 2 games have been completed.

**The WFA policy on player shortages, outlined here, is designed to achieve WFA's "100% sports" attitude while maintaining the highest degree of fairness and integrity possible. Where WFA stands:**

1. To achieve "100% sports" you have to play the game! It is better to play a game than to not play a game. It is better to play some sort of 'adjusted' game than to cancel or invalidate a game.
2. While WFA completely understands that circumstances can sometimes result in player shortages, we strongly encourage teams to roster enough players at the beginning of the season, and/or add more players during the season, to minimize the possibility of fewer than 8 players being present for all games.