

Sec. 12-574-F54. Players

(a) **No pooling of prize money.** Any pooling of the prize money among the players is strictly prohibited.

(b) **Uniform.** All players shall be dressed in clean, regulation uniforms before the start of their first game.

Post position shirts shall be as follows:

No. 1 - red

No. 5 - black

No. 2 - blue

No. 6 - yellow

No. 3 - white

No. 7 - brown

No. 4 - green

No. 8 - purple/orchid

(c) **Safety helmet.** Protective helmets shall be worn by all players while on the court.

(d) **Practice.** All players who are to participate in a game shall appear on the playing court and shall practice prior to the start of the game, thereby enabling the public to observe the players who are to compete in the following game unless permission is granted by the players' manager excusing a player from practice. Such exception and its reason shall be immediately reported to the division representative.

(e) **Positions.** Players shall take their positions off the playing court and near the starting point of each game in numerical order to be determined by the post positions appearing in the program.

(f) **Selection of ball.** The player who is to serve at the start of each point shall have the right to select the ball, and the receiver can only reject the ball if it is damaged. The players' manager may require that all servers in any given game preselect the balls for that game.

(g) **No smoking.** Smoking shall be prohibited in the players' cage.

(h) **No communication.** Players shall not contact, talk to or signal to any spectator at any time during a performance.

(i) **Best efforts rule.** Jai alai being a game of skill, the winning or losing of a point depends entirely on the individual player's skill and ability, and it shall be the duty of each player at all times to make every possible effort to complete a play. If in the opinion of the court judges or the division representative, a player shows lack of interest and does not use his best efforts while competing in an official game, the offender shall be in violation of the best efforts rule.

(j) **Scratches.** Each player shall compete in and complete the games scheduled except when the player is scratched for any reason. In such case the players' manager shall use the official substitute shown in the program to complete the game and all bets made on the scratched player or players shall remain in effect on the scratched player's post position.

(k) **Wagering prohibited.** No player under contract at a fronton, his wife or blood relatives, may wager money or any other thing of value on the results of any game played at any board licensed fronton.

(l) **Conduct.** While on the court or in the players' cage, players shall at all times conduct themselves in a professional manner consistent with the best interests of jai alai.

(m) **Releases and admissions.** Players may arrive at the fronton after the first game has begun or may leave the fronton upon completion of their last scheduled game at the

discretion of the players' manager. If released the player must leave the premises completely and not return until the performance is completed. The players' manager may at any time release and admit players in emergency situations and shall report such occurrences to the division judge immediately, to be followed by a report in writing and in sufficient detail.

(n) Physical condition.

(1) Physical examination. All players under contract at a fronton shall be required to pass an annual physical examination approved by the division. A copy of the physician's report for each player shall be filed with the division before a player may be entered in any official game. Players entered for a game are subject to physical examination by a physician upon request by the association or the division. The examination shall be performed by a physician chosen by the association and licensed to practice in Connecticut. The physician's determination of the player's physical condition shall be final. A player claiming illness or physical unfitness may request a physical examination by a licensed physician or registered nurse to determine the illness or unfitness. A copy of any physician's report on a player shall be filed with the division. Players who claim temporary illness or unfitness not requiring medical attention may be excused from one performance upon the order of the player's manager.

(2) Return to play after unfitness. When any player has been prevented and removed by illness or unfitness from play, he shall not thereafter be entered in a game unless the players' manager shall have secured a certificate of fitness from a licensed physician or registered nurse appointed by the association. If a player is scratched during a performance, he shall not be allowed to return to play during the performance in which he was scratched. The certificate shall be furnished by the player's manager to the division on the day that the player returns to play.

(o) Drug testing.

(1) Players and court judges shall be required to participate in an unannounced drug testing program as a condition of licensure pursuant to section 31-51y(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(2) Each player or court judge shall submit to periodic drug testing in accordance with procedures established by the division. Said procedures shall set forth the process for the collection of the specimens for testing and the list of drugs or substances for which players shall be tested.

(3) A positive identification of any drug or substance other than one specifically prescribed by a licensed physician and approved for use by the Federal Drug Administration shall constitute prima facie evidence that such drug or substance has been used.

(4) The division may issue a summary suspension of a player's or court judge's license if an illegal drug or substance is identified through testing. Penalties imposed may include a fine, license suspension or license revocation.

(p) Player substitutions. Substitutions shall be reported by the association to the division, in writing, within twenty-four (24) hours, including the reason for the substitution, the performance and game in which the substitution occurred, the names and post positions of the players, and accompanied by the signature of the player's manager and the date of the report.

(q) Players waiting in rotation. All players waiting in rotation shall remain in the

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players cage at all times during the playing of a point. Players shall not be allowed to stand outside the players' cage while a point is in progress.

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