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# TEAM MEMBER HANDBOOK



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## **WELCOME TO THE TEAM!**

Congratulations! You are now part of the largest youth sports and recreation network in the nation. We are a first-class sports facility designed to serve as an integral part of the surrounding community by providing opportunity for sports, meetings, and special events. Whether our guest is here for an amazing tournament experience or participating in play every week, we are committed to providing the best experience in the industry every time they walk through our gates.

No matter your role today, if you apply your leadership with a focus on getting better each and every day, we know great things will happen within our team, and for you personally. We invite you to bring your best self to work, hold a high standard for your teammates, and join us in the effort to create world-class facilities that improve the lives of the guests we serve.

Expect challenges, there will be many, employ a solution driven mindset and challenges become small bumps in the road that are fun to solve. Understand that every single person and position is valuable, everyone deserves to be recognized and appreciated as a member of our team. No matter where your career journey might be, just starting out, a seasonal position between school years, an experienced professional or restarting your career, you will learn and grow personally and professionally.

The foundation of our culture is to inspire our members, guests, and each other. We will consistently demonstrate respect, treat others with dignity, embrace diversity, strive for excellence, and be accountable to those who have entrusted us with the honor of operating this great venue. As you'll see, we believe in our people and strive to have each Team Member's time be filled with growth and development. Your work here will open you to new experiences.

As part of our team, your influence will be made one person at a time by building dynamic relationships with guests and fellow Team Members. You will learn quickly that we hold high expectations for our Team Members and create long-term advancement opportunities for leaders who commit themselves to achieving results that support the mission. You have our trust. We now look forward to utilizing your unique skills, experience, and developing your capabilities further to contribute to our culture. Please take the time needed to fully review this handbook and learn more about our services, brand, and policies.

You have joined an exciting team! Best of luck in your new position.

Sincerely,

*Lisa Zuk*

General Manager – The Courts, Cape Coral

## HISTORY

The Courts, Cape Coral redefines excellence in racquet sports, both in Florida and across the nation. Boasting cutting-edge facilities tailored for top-tier tournaments, this center emerges as one of the grandest outdoor court parks in the state, establishing itself as the ultimate hotspot for pickleball and tennis lovers alike.

With 32 pickleball courts designed for major events and 12 tennis courts ready to host competitive matches and leagues, The Courts, Cape Coral invites players of all levels to experience the pinnacle of sporting facilities. Whether you're aiming to compete at a national level or simply looking to enjoy your favorite racquet sport, this center is your gateway to unparalleled excellence in the heart of Florida.

## VENUE OFFERINGS

- 32 Pickleball Courts
- 12 Tennis Courts
- Pro-Shop
- Office
- Concessions

## MISSION & VISION

To improve the health and economic vitality of the communities we serve.

### Accountability

We have a willingness to accept responsibility for our actions and the actions of our team. We respectfully hold height standards for ourselves, our department, and our Company's Team Members.

### Collaboration

We work cohesively in all our efforts to produce and create something greater than ourselves. We are a better Company and community when supporting, collaborating, and learning from one another.

### Excellence

We value and expect excellence in all we do. We celebrate success and support each other when we stumble, but we never lose sight that our standard is excellence.

### Service to Others

We treat everyone with courtesy and respect. Helping others is not just our job, it is our pleasure. We see every communication and contact, particularly with a guest, client, or fellow Team Member, as an opportunity to strengthen or establish a relationship.

All these values are equally important. No priorities, no rank. As a Team Member of the Company, these values are foundational to the impact we make with one another, our guests, our vendors, and our communities in dramatically improving the health and economic vitality of the communities we serve.

## **WORK ENVIRONMENT**

### **PARKING**

Team Members are encouraged to park in the Southeast portion of the parking lot and on the Southwest Lawn parking lot on event days.

### **BULLETIN BOARDS**

The purpose of the bulletin board is to provide a specific place where notices may be posted, including state and federal mandatory notices, and important communications from management. Information placed on the bulletin board is important. Team Members may not post any information on these bulletin boards without the express permission of a Human Resources Representative or General Manager. The bulletin boards are located in the employee office area of the pro shop. You are expected to check it regularly.

### **BREAKROOMS/LOCKERS**

We request that you leave all personal belongings locked in your car or at home. The Company and The Courts, Cape Coral assume no liability or responsibility for your personal property, including personal injury, damage, theft, or other loss.

### **RESTRICTED AREAS**

Certain areas are off limits to unauthorized persons and non-working personnel. Failure to observe “off-limits” rules may result in disciplinary action, up to and including, termination.

Restricted areas include:

- Personal Offices.
- Electrical and Maintenance Rooms.
- Cash Counting Room.

### **EMERGENCY CLOSING**

At times, emergencies such as severe weather, fires, power failures or earthquakes can disrupt operations. In extreme cases, these circumstances may require the closing of our facility. When operations are officially closed due to emergency conditions, the time off from scheduled work will be unpaid. However, with Manager approval, Team Members may use available paid time off, if applicable. All team members will be contacted by their direct supervisor in the event of a closing.

### **LOST AND FOUND**

Lost and Found items should be brought to the Box Office, or a Manager if the Box Office is closed.

## **TEAM MEMBER INFORMATION**

### **TEAM WORK**

Teamwork is the single key to our success. All of us are team members working towards a common goal. There is no better feeling than being in an environment where the whole team is working hard together and producing something very special. The whole is greater than the sum of its parts. Part of your responsibility for teamwork is doing whatever is asked of you and assisting your fellow Team Members in any way possible, so that everyone’s work flows more efficiently and smoothly. If a manager requests that you perform duties outside of your normal job description, it is essential that you cooperate to achieve common goals. If we all remain flexible in our approach to our work and "pitch-in" where needed, the outcome will be reflected in the growing and successful operation of The Courts, Cape Coral and a more enjoyable work experience for everyone.

### **WORK SCHEDULES**

You are responsible for the shifts you are scheduled to work. Work schedules are designed to be as flexible as possible to fit your needs. The corresponding department manager must be notified of and approve all schedule changes.

When necessary, managers will advise Team Members of the times their schedules will normally begin and end. Staffing needs and operational demands may necessitate variations in starting and ending times, as well as variations in the total hours that may be scheduled each day and week. The scheduling of breaks is the responsibility of the department supervisors and/or managers. You will be required to break in/out for breaks shorter than 15 minutes, but it does not deduct from your pay.

Changing shifts with other Team Members is generally permitted if you trade shifts with another qualified Team Member from your department. All shift changes must be requested through Paylocity and approved by your direct department supervisor and/or General Manager. If this procedure is not followed properly, you will still be considered responsible for the shift and you will be deemed a No Call, No Show (NCNS), even if you asked someone else to take it for you.

To request time off you should make sure you update your availability in Paylocity with when you can and cannot work. Shifts are entered in Paylocity on an as-needed basis depending on the requirements of the event. If shifts are not picked up, then manual scheduling will occur. We will try to work around any requested time off but do not assume that you automatically have the requested time off. Be sure to check the app daily. As mentioned above, you are solely responsible for your scheduled shifts.

You must work at least one (1) shift per month to remain active. If you fail to fulfill this requirement without advanced notification in writing, your access will be disabled, and the situation deemed “job abandonment”.

### **TIME CLOCK**

Hourly Team Members will clock-in/out using Paylocity. All employees will use a mobile app to clock in upon arrival to the facility.

## MEALS/BREAKS

In the state of Florida, employers are not legally required to offer rest breaks. However, here at The Courts, Cape Coral we offer a break of up to 15 minutes for every four (4) hours worked by Team Members. Team Members are encouraged to utilize their break time in the air-conditioned break room located in the Staff office and Maintenance Building. Any Team Member taking a break longer than 15 minutes must clock out with a maximum break of one (1) hour. If you leave the premises for your break, you must clock out. Team Members are not permitted to eat at their workstation. Drinks are permitted but must be kept out of sight from guests.

Florida law requires employers to give team members under the age of 18 at least a 30-minute uninterrupted meal break for every four hours of continuous work performed.

## DRESS CODE

Team Members are responsible for the upkeep of their uniforms and for the return of all uniforms upon separation of employment. Dress, grooming, and personal hygiene standards contribute to the morale of all Team Members and affect the business image of The Courts, Cape Coral. When representing The Courts, Cape Coral (on and off-site anytime in uniform), Team Members are expected to present a clean, neat, and tasteful appearance. Team Members should dress and groom themselves according to the requirements of their position. Without unduly restricting individual tastes, the following personal appearance guidelines shall be followed:

- Shoes must provide safe, secure footing and offer protection against hazards. Shoes must be worn at all times. Sandals and flip-flops are not allowed.
- Clothing deemed revealing, suggestive, or distasteful by facility management is prohibited (holes or ripped clothing are not permitted).
- Mustaches and beards must be clean, well-trimmed and neat.
- Hairstyles are expected to be in good taste; unnaturally colored hair and extreme hairstyles do not present an appropriate professional appearance.
- Excessive makeup is not permitted.
- Offensive body odor and poor personal hygiene is not professionally acceptable.
- Perfume, cologne, and aftershave lotion should be used moderately or avoided altogether, as some individuals may be sensitive to strong fragrances.
- Jewelry should not be functionally restrictive, dangerous to job performance, or excessive.
- Facial jewelry, such as eyebrow rings, nose rings, lip rings, and tongue studs, must not be worn during business hours.
- Torso body piercing with visible jewelry, or jewelry that can be seen through or under clothing, must not be worn during business hours.
- Excessive or offensive tattoos should be covered during work hours.

Team Members should consult with their direct manager, General Manager, or Human Resources Representative if they have questions as to what constitutes appropriate attire.

## DISCOUNT PROGRAM

All team members shall be entitled to member pricing on all pro shop items and food and beverage.

## TIME AND LABOR LAWS

### AT-WILL EMPLOYMENT

Your employment with SFC is on an "at-will" basis. This means your employment may be terminated at any time, with or without notice and with or without cause. Likewise, we respect your right to leave the team at any time, with or without notice and with or without cause.

### CHILD LABOR

Ages 14–15: May work up to 3 hours per school day and 15 hours per school week; up to 8 hours per day and 40 hours per week when school is not in session. Work hours must be between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. during the school year.

Ages 16–17: May work up to 8 hours per day and 30 hours per school week; no hour restrictions during school breaks. Work must be between 6:30 a.m. and 11 p.m. on school nights.

Breaks: Minors working 4–8 hours must receive at least a 30-minute uninterrupted break.

### FINAL PAY

Florida employers are not required to pay out accrued PTO to Team Members upon departure.

### CIVIC DUTY LAWS

Florida law does not require an employer to allow Team Members time off, paid or unpaid, to vote. Florida law prohibits an employer from firing or threatening to fire any Team Member for voting or not voting in an election, for a particular candidate, or for a specific ballot measure. An employer that violates this law may be guilty of a third-degree felony.

### CIVIL AIR PATROL LEAVE

The Courts, Cap Coral will provide eligible Team Members with at least 15 days of unpaid Civil Air Patrol leave per year to participate in a Civil Air Patrol training or mission.

To be eligible for Civil Air Patrol leave, you must:

- Be employed by the The Courts, Cap Coral for at least 90 days before beginning leave.
- Be a senior member of the Florida Wing of the Civil Air Patrol with at least an emergency services qualification.

You will not be required to use paid leave while on Civil Air Patrol leave. However, you may elect to substitute any paid leave for the work time missed on Civil Air Patrol leave.

Provide as much notice as possible of your intent to take Civil Air Patrol leave.

The Courts, Cap Coral may ask you to provide documentation supporting your need for leave.

Upon completion of leave, you must promptly notify The Courts, Cap Coral of your intent to return to work. The Courts, Cap Coral is not required to permit you to return to work if:

- The Venue's circumstances have changed as to make employment impossible or unreasonable.
- It would impose an undue hardship on the Venue.
- Your employment prior to taking leave was for a brief, nonrecurring period, and there was no reasonable expectation that your employment would continue indefinitely or for a significant period.
- The Courts, Cap Coral had legally sufficient cause to terminate you at the time you commenced leave.

If you are permitted to return to work, you are entitled to:

- The seniority that you had on the date leave began and any other rights and benefits that are bestowed upon you as a result of such seniority.
- Any additional seniority that you would have attained if you had remained continuously employed and any other rights and benefits that would have been bestowed upon you as a result of such seniority.

After you have returned to work, you may not be terminated for a period of one year after the date you returned, except for cause.

The Courts, Cap Coral will not retaliate or discriminate against Team Members who request or take leave in accordance with this policy.

### **DOMESTIC/SEXUAL VIOLENCE LEAVE**

The Courts, Cap Coral will provide Team Member who are victims of domestic or sexual violence, or whose family or household member is a victim of domestic violence, with up to three days of unpaid leave in any 12-month period for certain qualifying reasons.

To be eligible for domestic/sexual violence leave you must have worked for the The Courts, Cap Coral for at least three months.

You may take domestic/sexual violence leave to:

- Seek an injunction for protection against domestic violence or an injunction for protection in cases of repeat violence, dating, or sexual violence.
- Obtain medical care or mental health counseling for yourself or your family or household member to address physical or psychological injuries resulting from domestic violence.
- Obtain services from a victim services organization for yourself or your family or household member.
- Make your home secure from the perpetrator of domestic violence or seek new housing to escape the perpetrator.
- Seek legal assistance in addressing issues arising from domestic violence or prepare for and attend court-related proceedings arising from domestic violence.

Family or household member means your spouse, former spouse, persons related to you by blood or marriage, persons who are presently residing with you as if they are family or who have resided with you in the past as if they are family, and persons who have a child in common with you regardless of whether you have been married to them. Except for people who have a child in common with you, the family or household members must be currently residing with you or

have in the past resided with you in the same single dwelling unit.

Except in the case of imminent danger to your health and safety or that of your family or household member, you must provide reasonable advance notice of your need for leave. You may be required to provide documentation showing evidence of your need for leave.

Leave under this policy is unpaid.

Information about your request for leave will be kept confidential, except as required by federal or state law or as necessary to protect your safety in the workplace.

The Courts, Cap Coral will not retaliate against Team Member who request or take leave in accordance with this policy.

## **JURY DUTY LEAVE**

SFC encourages team members to fulfill their civic duties related to jury duty. If you are summoned for jury duty, notify your Supervisor / General Manager as soon as possible to make scheduling arrangements.

Generally, time spent on jury duty is unpaid. In such cases, exempt team members will not incur any deduction in pay for a partial week's absence due to jury duty.

If applicable law requires the company to compensate you for your time spent on jury duty, you will be paid accordingly.

## **FINAL WAGE**

Team members at **SFC** who separate from the Company, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, will receive their **final wages on the next scheduled payday** following the last day of work.

This includes all earned wages up to the separation date. Accrued paid time off (PTO) or vacation will be paid out only if provided for under Company policy or an employment agreement.

## **MEALS & BREAKS**

Minors 16 and 17 who are employed to work for eight or more hours a day may not work for more than four hours continuously without an interval of at least 30 minutes for a meal period. Minors 15 or younger may not work for more than four hours continuously without an interval of at least 30 minutes for a meal period.

## TEAM MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

### GUEST SERVICE

We are a service business and our success is dependent upon providing our guests with the best experience around. Every Team Member is a big part of that experience. You represent The Courts, Cape Coral in your actions and should conduct yourself in a courteous and professional manner at all times.

We want to be considered the “friendliest place in town.” In order to achieve that position, we have instituted the “Hospitality Zone”. You will be amazed at the reaction you will receive from guests.

- Within ten (10) feet you should acknowledge a guest by making eye contact, smiling, nodding, etc.
- Within five (5) feet you should initiate conversation. (i.e. “Welcome! How are you?”)
- You should always have the first and last word in a conversation. As a guest approaches, you should be the one to initiate conversation.
- Engage guests to help direct them, rather than waiting for them to come to you.
- As a guest leaves, you should always have a friendly word for them (i.e. “Have a great night! See you again soon!”).

Working in direct contact with the public can be enjoyable and rewarding, but it can also be challenging. Handling those challenges with care can make all the difference in our guests’ experience. Consider yourself at all times as being “on stage.” No matter what bothers you inwardly, a smile, eye contact, and sincerity will always be your most valuable assets.

Remember that the guests are never an interruption to our work. Their happiness and enjoyment IS our work. Make sure that you greet our guests with a friendly smile, eye contact, and make them feel welcome. If they ask a question that you can’t answer, say, “I’m not sure, but I’ll find out for you,” – then do so.

Never argue with a guest. If there is a problem that you cannot handle, that you feel is getting out of control, or is upsetting you and causing a confrontation with a guest, excuse yourself from the situation and seek a Manager for assistance.

Remember the following guidelines when dealing with a difficult situation:

- Let the guest speak; do not interrupt.
- Apologize for any inconveniences.
- Try to satisfy the immediate needs.
- Inform a Manager immediately.

## WORKPLACE SAFETY

### SAFETY PROCEDURES

Safety is very important. All Team Members are expected to be safety-conscious, follow safety rules, and to immediately alert management to any conditions in the workplace that are believed to be unsafe or unhealthy. Accident prevention is important to the well-being of our Team Members and guests. As you go through training for your position, additional safety procedures will be explained in depth. The following basic safety rules have been developed to protect Team Members and others from injury while on the job. Accidents can happen - but remember, safety is everyone's responsibility.

#### Team Members should:

1. Learn their job and how to be safe in the workplace.
2. Know the location of fire alarm boxes, extinguishers, in case of a fire.
3. Promptly report all unsafe or potentially hazardous conditions:
  - Dangerous conditions related to playing surface/sports equipment
  - Wet or slippery floors
  - Cluttered or unsafe areas
  - Equipment left in aisles, walkways, or blocking exits
  - Exposed or unsafe electrical wiring
  - Careless handling of equipment
  - Defective or unguarded equipment
4. Follow all manufacturer recommendations when operating equipment.
5. Handle hazardous chemicals with care.
6. Use proper lifting procedures and get help when needed.
7. Wear safety glasses and protective clothing when necessary.
8. Immediately report all accidents to a Manager on Duty.

#### CPR/AED

Team Members who work in certain areas of the facility are required to hold a current CPR, AED and/or First Aid certification at all times. If your position requires a certification, you are expected to maintain certification.