

Sparks-a-Rama & AwanaGames Policies

North Texas 2009

Teams are composed as follows:

Sparks	<u>10 to 12</u> players (boys & girls) who have completed 10 sections (including Gate Test or Flight 3:16) this club year (completed 7 sections for fall games).
Boys	<u>10 to 12</u> players, not more than half 5th- 6th grade , who have completed 10 sections (including Entrance Booklet/Start Zone) this club year (completed 7 sections for fall games).
Girls	<u>10 to 12</u> players, not more than half 5th- 6th grade , who have completed 10 sections (including Entrance Booklet/Start Zone) this club year (completed 7 sections for fall games).
Coed	<u>10 to 12</u> players, not more than half 5th- 6th grade and half boys and half girls , who have completed 10 sections (including Entrance Booklet/Start Zone) this club year (completed 7 sections for fall games).

There are also age requirements that may affect some of your players. Please see the Official Rulebook to be sure all team members meet the requirements.

REGISTRATION:

1. **Registration for all churches and teams will be accepted on a first-delivered AND first PAID basis.** Teams will be officially notified of their acceptance. Teams will be assigned to dates, time slots, and color lines in the order registrations are received. Registration for a particular location will close when the maximum number of teams for that location is reached. It is therefore important that **paid** registrations be received as soon as possible. If churches send registration forms for partial teams for the Sparks-a-Rama and/or AwanaGames the registrations will be held but not be considered "accepted" until the Event Coordinator/Specialist is notified that enough players from another church or churches have been added to make a complete team **AND** payment for a full team has been received. ***It will be the responsibility of churches registering partial teams to locate and add any additional players before registrations are considered "accepted". During the Coaches' training is the best time to find out about other partial teams from the coaches at the training.***
2. Each church is **REQUIRED** to provide one (1) Line Judge, (1) Scorekeeper, and (1) Timer **PER TEAM** being registered (i.e. Sparks, Girls, Boys, Coed). A Timer is not required for a Sparks team. Staff must be **DIFFERENT** for each team (i.e. the same personnel may not sign up as a Line Judge for a Boys, Coed, or Girls team – they may compete at the same time. However, the same personnel may be signed up for Sparks and Games because they play at different times). We request the names of the staff personnel as well as telephone numbers, and/or e-mail addresses entered on the registration form and submitted by the registration deadline.
3. Registration forms that do not contain the names of each Line Judge, Scorekeeper, and Timer will be considered incomplete and may be returned to the church. This information is to be placed on the Staff Registration Form Part II for each registered team. Online registration will be prompted for the information.
4. **Registration fees** are **\$75.00** per team. Payment must be made with a **check payable to Awana Clubs International** via mail. Payment is due when the registration form is submitted. We placed the registration due date a minimum 3 weeks before the event date to allow ample time to place teams, assign Line Judges, Scorekeepers, Timers, and prepare the required paperwork for Game Day
5. **All teams are required to bring three form to the event:**
 - I. **The church Event Participation Agreement. One per church is required.**
 - II. **The Day Event Volunteer Application. One per volunteer is required.**
 - III. **Every participant MUST have a signed parental release form to participate in the event. Clubbers WILL NOT be allowed to play without this form. Churches may use their own form for this event. We highly recommend that emergency information is included on this release form.**

All forms may be found on the North Texas page of www.awanatexas.org.

TRAINING ATTENDANCE IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED – Previous training for Line Judges and Scorekeepers is accepted. Churches participating for the first time are not required to provide a Line Judge unless they have been trained prior to the Games or have prior experience. Line Judges and Coaches need to be familiar with the current rulebook as rules and format may have changed. Training is usually held twice a year (Conference & NYN). Additional training may be scheduled as required. Changes will be announced at the Fall Conference and NYN. Current rulebooks are posted on the ministry web site at www.awanatexas.org on the “North Texas” page. Please refer to the appropriate rulebook for specific staff responsibilities.

SPORTSMANSHIP:

Registered teams will start out with **10 sportsmanship points** on the day of the event. Sportsmanship points will be reduced as follows:

1. Personnel that signed up at registration must perform their job function on game day. Failure to meet your obligation will cause your team to loose **2** points. A qualified substitute will be accepted on game day without loss of points. Points will not be deducted in cases of emergency.
2. Teams not displaying sportsmanship throughout the course of the game session will cause your team to loose **2** points per incident.
3. Teams that have more than 12 players per team on the game floor will cause your team to loose **2** points.
4. Teams that consume food, drink, salt tablets, etc. during the game session will cause your team to loose **2** points per incident.
5. Team members that leave the game square during the games session will cause your team to loose **2** points per incident (emergencies excluded).

AWARDS:

T&T Games - The 1st place team will receive a Banner for your church and each member of the winning team will receive a medallion and a participation patch. The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place teams will receive participation patches and place ribbons.

Sparks-A-Rama - The 1st place team will receive a Plaque for your church and each member of the winning team will receive a participation patch and 1st place ribbon. The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place teams will receive participation patches and place ribbons.

We will only allow two (2) teams deep for T&T and Sparks. When each space is filled, the registration will stop. We will have a waiting list for additional teams that wish to participate (should a team drop out). If a team drops out, we will fill it with the next available team. We will limit the waiting list to four (4) teams for each timeslot.

The tentative game start and check-in times for the Sparks-A-Rama and AwanaGames are as follows:

Team	Game Start Time	Check-in Time
T&T / Coed	9:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
T&T / Coed	1:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m.
T&T / Coed	3:30 p.m.	2:30 p.m.

Team	Game Start Time	Check-in Time
Sparks	11:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Sparks	12:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.

Please check the North Texas page on the www.awanatexas.org web site for additional information and rulebook updates. The rulebook with the most current version date will be the official rulebook used for the Sparks-A-Rama and Awana Games. We will keep the registered point of contact for each church updated via direct Email as required.

Registration forms, staff requirements, and full payment via U.S. Mail (**make checks payable to Awana Clubs International**) must be sent to the following address:

March 7, 2009 Games at Tarrant County College South Ft. Worth, Texas	
Bill Helms 1034 Wilshire Drive Trophy Club, TX 76262	(817) 994-5875 Cell (469) 635-6561 Office (817) 430-8828 Home
Questions? Call or Email questions to: bhelms@digitalvoicecorp.com	

April 25 th , 2009 Games at Canyon Creek Baptist Church Richardson, Texas	
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