

## I. Introduction

The City of El Paso Parks & Recreation Department Youth Basketball League will be conducted under the 2023-2024 Jr.NBA rules, except in those cases which conflict with the rules stated below.

## II. Organization

The sports programming section of the City of El Paso Parks & Recreation will be the governing body for this program. The application, construction and interpretation of these rules and regulations or the eligibility requirements, shall be solely at the discretion of the program director and sports staff to include any changes for the benefit of the program.

## III. Entry Fee

- A. \$400 per team (includes all fees.) 8 game season guarantee plus single elimination playoffs
- B. Entry fees may be paid with cash/checks/credit/debit cards. No late entry fees will be accepted; fee's must be paid in full at time of registration; no payment plans available.
- C. Refund Policy: Once a team is posted on the schedule no refunds will be issued. Refunds will only be issued when the cause of the program cancellation was initiated by the city.

## IV. Division

- A. The league will be divided into the following age groups:
- B. The league will be divided by grade level(s):
  - a. Boys Middle School (MS): 7th grade and 8th grade combined
  - b. Boys Junior Varsity (JV): 9th and 10th grades combined
  - c. Boys Varsity (V): 11th and 12th grades combined
  - d. Girls Varsity (V): 11th and 12th grades combined
- C. At least 5 teams must be registered in a single division for that division to make. If the 5-team minimum is not reached, sports administration may choose to combine 2 divisions to reach the minimum.
- D. They are co-ed divisions. **Girls are allowed** to play on boys' teams.
- E. No player can play down. Players may only play up if desired. In the event of grade promotion, player must play in the division corresponding to their promoted grade level.
- F. If a team forfeits 3 games for any reason they will be dropped from the league without a refund**
- G. Seeding for playoffs will be determined by overall win-loss record. Tiebreaker will be determined by Quickscores' Algorithms that are not visible to the public.
  - 1) Head to Head 2) Average Point Differential 3) Total Point Differential 4) Forfeit 5) Coin Flip
- H. All teams go to playoffs

## V. The Game

- A. Home team will sit to the left of the scorekeeper.
- B. Two 18-minute halves for Middle School division. Two 20-minute halves for JV and Varsity Divisions. Time will stop on timeouts, last 2 min of 2nd half, and at scorekeeper, official, or staff's discretion ONLY.

- C. Timeouts per game: All grade levels will have four full 1-minute timeouts to use for the whole game. Time outs do not carry over in the event of an overtime.
- D. **Overtime will be three minutes; clock will stop during the last two minutes.** Teams will receive only one full timeout in overtime (timeouts do not carry over). During the regular season only ONE overtime period will be played. If the game is still tied at the end a draw will be input. More than one OT period will played (if necessary) in playoffs only.
- E. There will be a ten second backcourt count for all games.
- F. There will be a 5 second closely guarded rule while dribbling and while holding the ball
- G. **Five-minute grace period will be allowed ONLY for the first game of the day ONLY if there are less than 3 players present at game time. Game time will begin as soon as a 3<sup>rd</sup> player shows up.**  
**\*If there are not at least 3 players present for one OR both teams by game time after the first game of the day, the game will be called a s a forfeit. Reminder: forfeits are counted as a game and will not be rescheduled.**
- H. **Mercy Rule:** If any team in any division leads by 20 points the clock will continue to run
- I. **Dunking is not allowed and will result in a 2-shot technical foul.**
- J. Full Court Press is defined as any defensive player(s) who pursues their opponent or ball in the backcourt.  
6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades: any team with a **20** point lead **any time during the game** may not press.  
Junior Varsity and Varsity: any team with a **25** point lead **any time during the game** may not press.  
Penalties: 1.) 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> offense = warning 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> offense = two shot technical foul 5<sup>th</sup> offense = forfeiture of game
- M. **As per City Of El Paso code of conduct, cussing at another player/official/staff is not allowed. Any physical/verbal abuse toward scorekeeper, staff, or official will result in automatic ejection for the day without warning and is subject to disciplinary action. NO EXCEPTIONS**
- N. **Any player who fouls out of the game is required to remain SEATED at the end of the team bench for the remainder of the game. If the fouled out player cannot remain seated, or becomes belligerent towards players, staff, or officials, they will be ejected by staff.**

## VI. Game Officials

- A. Two officials will be assigned to each game, however if only one official is present at game time, the game will be played.
- B. Officials will explain calls made to captains only during timeouts.
- C. Any game official or staff can and will stop the game if deemed necessary for any reason especially for safety purposes.
- D. If the Program Supervisor receives 3 written complaints regarding an official, coach, player, fan or team during 3 different incidents he, she or they will be subject to suspension.
- E. Officials shall not speak to youth participants as well as participants not talking to officials. Officials are to bring up their concerns to the head coach only.

## VII. Coaches/Captains

- A. Coaches/captains responsibility to sign off Scoresheet after completion of game.

- B. Coaches/captains are responsible for the upkeep of the facility being used. Food/drinks (with the exception of water) is not allowed in the gyms, per posted rules.
  - a. No spitting on the court
  - b. Water bottles, snack bags/wrappers and all trash **MUST** be picked up at the end of each game.
- C. Coaches/captains will be held responsible for the actions of their players AND their team's spectators. **EVERYONE** is subject to the same penalties as players.
- D. Coaches/captains are responsible for ensuring that **ONLY** players on the roster are sitting with the team on the court. All others are considered spectators and must sit with the other spectators in the spectator area.
- E. Coaches/captains are responsible for ensuring all team members/fans are respecting other teams
  - a. please wait to cross courts **AFTER** ball has been served or the ball is in play on the opposite side.
  - b. **Teams cannot congregate on the court floor while a game is in session, players must wait in the stands or outside of the gym area for their game to begin.**
  - c. **Teams/players/spectators must hold the ball while another game is in session.**
- F. Coaches/captains are responsible for ensuring that all players are in good health condition to play and do not show new or worsening signs & symptoms of COVID-19.
- G. Any call made by the official's will be final and will **NOT** be reversed under any circumstances by staff or otherwise.

## **VIII. Player Eligibility**

- A. Players may not play in more than one team per division.
  - a. Both teams will be penalized by a forfeiture of games until corrected.
- B. An ineligible player is defined as a player that does not meet the following requirements:
  - a. Not on the roster
  - b. Did not sign waiver form
  - c. Played on more than one team in same division
  - d. Does not meet age requirement
- C. If an ineligible player is discovered, the game will be forfeited by the team the player is on and the player will be suspended for 2 games, **NO EXCEPTIONS**.
- D. Every participant must obtain a sports ID issued by El Paso Parks and Recreation Department, and parents must have signed the waiver form prior to playing first game. ID can be purchased with proof of the Parent Education Class and child's original birth certificate, military ID, passport, or school demographic (no copies will be accepted.) Sport ID fee: \$5. are obtained at City of El Paso recreation centers. For locations and hours of operation visit [www.quickscores.com/elpaso](http://www.quickscores.com/elpaso)
- E. **All players must have their player IDs by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of league play.**
  - a. Sports ID Fee is \$5 and can be purchased at any recreation center during business hours.
- F. **Any player EJECTED from a game has 2 minutes to exit the facility. If a player refuses/fails to leave the facility in the allotted time the game will be forfeited. An ejection is effective for the remainder of the day, regardless of multiple games.** Please see Behavior Management below.
- G. If a player is out for medical reasons, city staff must be notified as soon as the injury occurs. Certified doctors' note must be turned in within a week of release.

## **IX. Rosters/Attendance/Scheduling**

- A. Rosters are limited to 15 players.
- B. An ineligible player is defined as a player that does not meet the following qualifications:
  - a. Grade level (playing down)

- b. Not on roster
  - c. Not on at least one roster from first 2 scheduled games
- C. Coach/captain is the main point of contact and is responsible for relaying all information to team.
- D. Players must have a valid city sports ID by the 1<sup>st</sup> scheduled game.
- E. An ineligible player is defined as a player that does not meet the following qualifications:
  - a. Age requirement
  - b. Not on roster or on more than one roster.
  - c. Did not attend the minimum number of games required for playoff participation.
- F. For a player to be eligible to participate in any City of El Paso sanctioned sports leagues, **one** parent must attend a mandatory Parent Education Program packet class. The class is good for **one** year from the date taken.
- G. Every participant must obtain a sports ID issued by El Paso Parks and Recreation Department, and parents must have signed the waiver form prior to playing first game. ID can be purchased with proof of the Parent Education Class and child's **original** birth certificate, military ID, passport, or school demographic (no copies will be accepted.) Sport ID fee: \$5. are obtained at City of El Paso recreation centers. For locations and hours of operation visit [www.quickscores.com/elpaso](http://www.quickscores.com/elpaso)
- H. The head coach is responsible for ensuring that all of their players are eligible to participate. Coaches knowingly permitting an ineligible player to participate will be suspended from participating in any City of El Paso Parks & Recreation dept. program. Players who knowingly participate illegally will also be sanctioned to suspension and participation from any City of El Paso Parks & Recreation dept. program
- I. Rosters are the sole responsibility of coach/captain and must be submitted online prior to 1st game. Rosters MUST include:
  - a. FULL LEGAL NAME to match player IDs
  - b. Player ID # (located on bottom middle of ID card)
- J. Rosters can be edited up until the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of play – after the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of play the roster will lock.
  - a. An official roster lock date will be emailed to the coaches once league play starts.
  - b. After the roster is locked, no changes can be made to the roster.
- K. Players MUST meet a minimum attendance of 2 regular season games in order to be eligible for playoffs.
  - a. **Players who do not meet the minimum attendance requirement will NOT be allowed to participate in playoffs and will be removed from playoff roster.**
  - b. Coaches are responsible for ensuring all players are checking in for attendance and verifying attendance on Quickscores
    - i. Any mistakes must be reported to staff within one week of the game.
    - ii. Players who fail to check in for attendance will be considered as unattended
- L. **Coach/captain is the main point of contact and is responsible for relaying all information to team.**
- M. Waiver/Code of Conduct must be printed, filled out, signed, dated and submitted to staff by the second week of league play.
  - a. Incomplete paperwork will not be accepted
  - b. Team will forfeit after 2<sup>nd</sup> week until all paperwork is turned in
- N. Schedules will be available at least 24 hours before the league starts, and can be found on [www.quickscores.com/elpaso](http://www.quickscores.com/elpaso) under the Youth Basketball tab.
  - a. Coach/Captain is responsible for checking online for any changes that might occur and relaying said changes to team
- O. **There will be NO schedule change requests approved once the schedule is released**
- P. Coaches/Captains are required to attend MANDATORY Coaches Meeting prior to the start of season.

- a. Only teams with a representative present at the meeting will be allowed to submit season schedule preferences, NO EXCEPTIONS.
- b. There will be no preferences allowed for playoffs schedules. No Exceptions.

## **X. Equipment/Uniforms**

- A. Game ball provided by Sports staff. In the event that the ball is not provided, then home team will provide the ball (with staff approval).
- B. 6th grade boys and all girls' divisions will use the 28.5" basketball. All other divisions will use 29.5".
- C. The court will be regulation size.
- D. Jerseys must be the same in color and have a large, visible screen-printed number from 0-99(visible to score table). Numbers must be screen printed on the jersey in different color from the jersey and cannot be duplicated, written in marker, nor taped. Duplicate numbers, taped numbers, or numbers put on by markers will automatically result in one technical shot per player (max of 5).
- E. No jewelry/watches during the game for safety purposes.
  - a. Piercings that cannot come off must be covered with athletic tape
  - b. Permanent jewelry must be wrapped and taped.
  - c. Jerseys may NOT be tied at the waist with a knot.

## **XI. Protest**

- A. Protest can ONLY be filed by the coach/captain
- B. ONLY player eligibility can be protested.
- C. Protest must be filed before the start of 2<sup>nd</sup> set. Decision will be final; no appeals will be accepted.

## **XII. Behavior Management**

- A. The Parks and Recreation Department desires to ensure that a positive environment is maintained within all programs, parks, and facilities so that all persons can play, recreate, and spend leisure time in a safe environment. Anyone including coaches/players/spectators may be suspended due to poor sportsmanship, misconduct, or blatant disregard for the established rules and policies. Behavior that will not be tolerated includes but is not limited to: aggressive behavior resulting in physical violence, physically or verbally threatening others, physically or verbally abusing others, and any other behavior that threatens the safety and integrity of the league.
- B. If at any time benches clear during an altercation, the entire team will be subject to disciplinary action.
  - a. If members of the team and/or spectators enter the court (even to stop altercation) they will also be subject to disciplinary action.

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