

## FAQ- Guide to help you with Youth Basketball 2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Grades

### **My child is on a team with a player or coach they do not like, can you please switch them?**

Once teams have been formed and announced, teams are final. No refunds will be given once those teams have been created. Please do your best to try and enjoy the season. If any issues arise, please contact the Recreation Department asap for help.

### **My child plays in other basketball leagues, will you work around those schedules?**

We try extremely hard here in the Recreation Department to try to work around other leagues' basketball schedules. However, it is impossible to avoid all conflicts. Some children play in up to four leagues, and most of their games are on Saturday Afternoons or Sunday Afternoons. Be prepared to have conflicts or have to leave a game early/come late. Some children have to miss up to 2 or 3 Rec Games due to these conflicts. We apologize for these inconveniences.

### **My child plays other sports or has other activities, will you work around those schedules?**

Unfortunately due to the number of children who play in other Basketball Leagues, we are only able to try to work around those schedules.

### **When does the game schedule come out?**

The first two weeks of the game schedule comes out a couple weeks prior to the start of the season. This is due to the number of other leagues around the area that many of our players participate in. We must wait for their schedules to come out prior to releasing ours. The remainder of the schedule will come out shortly after.

### **Can my daughter play in a game with Earring in?**

No. This is for the safety of your child and others. All jewelry must be removed prior to the game or they may not play in the game. This goes for the girls and boys with jewelry.

### **Our coach said there is a practice on a certain day and time but we can't make it, can they change it?**

Our coaches are just like you. They are all volunteers with full time jobs and families. They do their best to accommodate all of their players. However, not everyone's schedules work out the same way. Speak to your child's coach to see if there are any other options where maybe they can try to pick up another practices or look into another day that possibly could work. We have a lot of teams but little gym space to work with. So please be understanding as they are trying their best.

### **When are games?**

*2/3 Leagues:* will have their games on Saturdays between 12pm and 6pm start times. Their games consist of a 30 minute practice followed by a 45 minute game. The first weekend of games will consist of a 1 hour practice in ½ of the gym. The following weekend the 30 minute practice and 45 minute games will start.

*4/5 Leagues:* will have their games on Saturdays between 12pm and 6pm. They are allotted 1 hour to finish their games. There are times when extra games need to be played due to issues with scheduling, not enough Saturdays or weather issues- these games could be scheduled any weeknight or Sunday Mornings/Afternoons (Although these are rare- they still do happen each season).

*6/7 Leagues:* will have their games schedule on some Friday Nights 6:30 or 7:30pm starts and Sunday Mornings or Afternoons.

\*\*\*Due to the number of different schedules we have to work around, your child's team might see a game on a weeknight\*\*\*

**Are parents allowed in the schools to watch the practices?**

No. The schools policy is that no parent is allowed in the school after hours unless permission is granted by that school. The Recreation Department does not have authority to change this rule.

\*\*\*However there is one exception: if we have a weeknight game, the school will allow parents to attend the games, you must sign in at the front desk and leave through the front set of doors. You are never allowed to leave any other exit unless it's an emergency.

**Will the Recreation Department do something about loud fans or coaches?**

We encourage the fans to be supportive of their child's team and cheer, but anyone being disrespectful to the children, referees, coaches or Rec Staff will be removed from the gym. We have instituted a "Zero Tolerance" policy for coaches, refs, players and fans. Youth sports should be about having fun. Anyone who takes that away from this league will be removed from the game and possibly not be allowed back. This goes for all Coaches, Parents, Refs and Players. If you feel someone is getting out of hand, please inform a rec staff person (At the scorer's table). They will handle the rest.

**What is the "Zero Tolerance" Policy?**

A copy of the Zero Tolerance Policy is online and can be found at the Recreation Department. In its simplest form, it's a policy that reminds everyone that our league is for the children to have fun playing basketball. Everyone is to be fair, supportive, and allow for the children to have a great time. Anyone who takes away from this will be subject to disciplinary action from the Recreation Department, which is something that should never happen.

**How many games does my child need to play in to make one of the County Center Teams?**

The County Center Tournament is for 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Graders. For our in house league, we require all players to attend 60% of their rec games. Even if your child is hurt, they must sit on the bench with their team for that game to count. For a game to count towards the 60%, they must attend no less than ½ of the playing time for that game. If each period is 8 minutes long, they must be on the bench or in the game for 16 total minutes. Any parent or coach trying to cheat by saying a player was there may result in that player being un-eligible for the County Center Team.

**How are the County Center teams selected?**

Coaches are asked to vote for up to 10 players in the league they coach for the different grades. 5 players are selected by the coaches. The remaining 5 spots are chosen by the Recreation Staff who are at the games.

**I hear if a child's parent doesn't coach they won't be selected, is this true?**

This is 100% false. We have had many years where a rec staff person has coached a team at the County Center because of the children selected, none of their parents were Rec Coaches.

**I hear that some parents go to the Recreation Department to have their child placed on a County Center team, does that work?**

Again, this is a big no! There are only 10 spots on each of the County Center Rosters, and every year for every age group, plenty of talented children are left off. There are many variables that go into selecting these rosters. Just because a child doesn't get selected does not mean anything about their skill level. Only 10 children can be selected.