



## Sports Programs General Guidelines

### Registration Requests

Participants may put registration requests on registration form such as other players to play with, preferred coach, preferred practice night or any conflicts. All registration requests may not be granted

### Team Rosters

Participants will be placed on a team roster based on the following conditions:

- Random with requests for leagues that do not keep score
- Assigned to team based on skill rating from previous season either by Sports Coordinator or Coach Draft.

Teams are permitted to have one head coach and one assistant coach when assigning rosters. More assistant coaches are permitted but not used to help assign players to teams. Coach requests may be granted if skill level remains balanced among players.

### Practices

Each team will have one week night practice that is assigned with coaches at the Coaches Meeting. Typically practices start 2 weeks before the games. Practice schedule is posted on the Youth Sports section of the Parks and Recreation website.

### Games

Games are typically played on Saturday mornings and early afternoon depending on age level. Games schedules are posted on the Youth Sports section of the Parks and Recreation website. Numbers of league games and league playoffs are scheduled based on the following breakdown:

#### Boys Basketball

Pre-K, K – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	7 league games	No scores, standings or league playoffs
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 league games	Scores & standings but no league playoffs
5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade, 7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	6 league games	Scores, standings and league playoffs

#### Girls Basketball

Pre-K, K – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	7 league games	No scores, standings or league playoffs
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	7 league games	No scores, standings or league playoffs
4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade, 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	6 league games	Scores, standings and league playoffs

#### Soccer

Pre-K, K – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	7 league games	No scores, standings or league playoffs
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	7 league games	Scores, standings but no league playoffs
4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade, 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	6 league games	Scores, standings, league playoffs

#### Flag Football

5 – 7 years of age	7 league games	No scores, standings or league playoffs
8 – 12 years of age	7 league games	Scores, standings but no league playoffs

## **Inclement Weather**

No practice on days in which school is closed due to inclement weather. Coaches will make decisions on cancelling weekday practices for outdoor sports. On game days, participants should call the Parks and Recreation Hotline (330-655-6410) after 8:15 a.m. on Saturdays for game status.

## **Skills Evaluation**

For leagues that keep scores and standing, participants shall be evaluated by coaches each season and assigned a skill level (1- lowest, 5-highest). This skill level will be used to assign players to teams for the following season.

### Rating System:

5 - High	Capable of individually dominating the game. Exceptional speed, hand-eye coordination, moves well without the ball, has excellent anticipation, creativity and stamina. Very strong fundamentals.
4 - Above Average	Good all-around skills, knows the positions and compensates for other teammates who may be out of position. Regularly capable of scoring or preventing scoring.
3 – Average	Steady player who must concentrate to be effective. Average stamina and coordination. Contributes to team as a player. General knowledge of positional play.
2 - Below Average	Has difficulty performing basic skills due to facts such as, unfamiliar with sports or a fairly low level of coordination. Cannot be counted on to provide much defensive or offensive support. Has difficulty seeing play develop and knowing where to move.
1 – Low	Very little coordination and level of skills. Low stamina and has difficulty running up and down the floor regularly. Positional play focused on one spot on the field.

## **Equipment**

Jerseys will be provided by Aurora Parks and Recreation. Names on the back of the jerseys are an individual team decisions at personal cost. Coaches may contact Cindy with CM Signs at (330) 348-7278. Participants are expected to provide other equipment including, but not limited to, shoes, socks, shorts and any safety equipment such as shin guards, protective eyewear.

## **Pictures**

Team and individual pictures are typically taken the 2<sup>nd</sup> game of the season. Specific picture time schedule will be posted on the Youth Sports section of the Parks and Recreation website.

## **Awards**

Individual and team awards are based on the following breakdown

### Boys Basketball

K – 1 <sup>st</sup> grade, 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	Participation awards
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> grade	League Champion & Runner-up Trophies
5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> grade, 7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Trophies - League Champions/Runner-up, Playoff Champion/Runner-up

### Girls Basketball

K – 1 <sup>st</sup> grade	Participation awards
2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	Participation awards
4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade, 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Trophies - League Champions/Runner-up, Playoff Champion/Runner-up

### Soccer

Pre-K, K – 1 <sup>st</sup> grade	Participation awards
2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	Participation awards, League Champion & Runner-up Trophies
4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade, 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Trophies - League Champions/Runner-up, Playoff Champion/Runner-up

### Flag Football

5 – 7 years of age	Participation awards
8 – 12 years of age	Participation awards, League Champion & Runner-up Trophies

## **Code of Conduct**

All players, coaches, officials and staff participating in sports programs are bound by the following code of conduct:

1. Good sporting behavior will be observed in all sports programs. Respect for players, coaches, officials, and spectators are essential for amateur competition and fair play.
2. Derogatory or unsporting conduct shall be defined as follows: Any action involving players, coaches, managers, teams, spectators, or officials which results in personal abuse by verbal or physical means, as determined by the official(s), league director or the sports organization in charge of the program.
3. Sporting conduct by players towards the opposition, officials, spectators and staff is mandatory. The league director or sports organization shall have the authority to administer disciplinary action to individual players, coaches, managers, spectators, and officials for abuses and derogatory conduct as follows:
  - a. Ejection or suspension of players, teams, coaches, managers, officials, or spectators.
  - b. Expulsion of teams, coaches, or managers.
  - c. Forfeiture of game(s).

The severity of the unsporting action and/or the frequency of occurrence will determine the appropriate course of disciplinary action.

4. Game officials may eject a player, coach, or other participant from a game for unsporting conduct or for consuming alcoholic beverages or for the illegal use of a controlled substance either on City or School property or in sufficient quantity prior to the event to impair significantly his/her participation and/or behavior.
5. The decision to eject a player, coach or spectator will be made by the game official, sports organization or league director. This decision will be a judgment decision and will not be considered grounds for protest. Furthermore, it is the responsibility of the team members to cooperate with game officials in controlling spectators or team followers. Game officials may declare a game forfeited if a team fails to reasonably cooperate with officials in controlling spectators.
6. Any ejection or other action resulting in suspension prior to, during, or after a league game or tournament game for unsporting conduct will result in an automatic suspension from further participation in that league or sports program until a disciplinary hearing is held. The length of suspension shall vary based upon the severity of the unsporting action as determined by the Sports Coordinator and Parks and Recreation Director. An ejection / suspension shall result in an automatic probationary period commencing upon completion of the suspension period. The length of the probationary period shall be determined by the Sports Coordinator and Parks and Recreation Director.

## **Respect Facilities**

Parents and/or guardians are expected to monitor all of their children when at practices and games. Children should not be hanging out in restrooms, jumping on tables, going into rooms, or any other actions that are inappropriate and disrespectful to the facility and staff.

### **Parks and Recreation**

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