



Takoma Park Recreation Department

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2024 Adult Summer Basketball League Rules

Unless modified by these rules, all games of the League shall be played in accordance with the current National High School Federation Basketball rules with the following modifications.

Please read all league rules and general information in its entirety.

1. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1. All players shall be at least 18 years of age and/or out of high school.
- 1.2. Final rosters must be submitted by Tuesday, July 9, 2024.
- 1.3. If a team is found playing with an ineligible player (a player who is not on the finalized roster), the team using the ineligible player will forfeit all games in which that player participated.

2. Team Fees:

- 2.1. Full payment is due by the Friday, July 5, 2024. Teams who have not made full payment by the deadline will not be able to participate in the league. **No Exceptions.**

3. GAME RULES

- 3.1. Length of games shall consist of two (2) twenty (20) minute halves, running clock. There shall be a five (3) minute rest period between the two (2) halves, unless teams are ready to play.
- 3.2. The clock will stop when officials signal:
 - Time outs
 - Injury time out
 - Any whistle during the final two (2) minutes of second half.
 - Any whistle during the final one (1) minute of each overtime
- 3.3. Time Outs
 - There will be four (4) timeouts that can be used anytime during the game. Time outs do not carry over into overtime. One (1) time out per overtime period.
- 3.4. Over Time
 - The over-time periods shall be 3 minutes. Running clock will not stop until the last minute. One time out per overtime. After the third (3rd) overtime, the game shall result in a tie. (Except in Playoffs/Championship)
- 3.5. Teams may start games with a minimum of four (4) players until halftime.
 - If less than four (4) players to start the game. That team will forfeit.
 - Game is forfeited if fifth (5th) player does not arrive by start of the second half.
- 3.6. Forfeit Policy
 - Team Captains are responsible for notifying TPRD if they will not have enough players available to play by 4pm on the day of the game. Failure to do so will result in a mandatory payment of the \$70 referee fee. The fee must be paid before the team will be permitted to play their next game.

- Fifteen (15) points will be awarded to the opposing team of the forfeit which will be added to their season point differential total. The forfeiting team will have fifteen (15) points deducted from their season point differential.

3.7. Grace Period

- There will be no grace period for any of the games. A team must start the game at the scheduled starting time if the minimum number of players is present. Recreation Staff has final decision regarding forfeited games.

4. UNIFORMS

- 4.1. All team players shall dress in the league provided jersey for all games.
- 4.2. Opposing team will be awarded 5 points (per player not in uniform) and possession of the ball to start the game per violation.

5. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- 5.1. A player, manager, coach, or spectator who is ejected from a game will automatically be suspended for at least the next league game played by that team.
- 5.2. Fighting will result in an automatic ejection from the league.

6. PLAYER ETIQUETTE

- 6.1. Captains and players are not allowed to approach the scorer's table during games under any circumstances. Should a Captain have a question, they must approach a referee who will get clarification from the table during the next dead ball. Captains and players will get one warning after approaching the scorer's table directly. Should additional incidences occur, the Captain and/or player are subjected to a technical foul or ejection from the game.

7. PLAYOFF TOURNAMENT

- 7.1. Top 4 seeds will advance to a single game elimination playoff tournament. Ties will be broken by point differential for the season.

8. NO SMOKING OR DRINKING on the Takoma Park Middle School premises (inside & outside)

- 8.1. Teams and/or players reported as violating this policy will be dropped from the League.

9. INCLEMENT WEATHER

- 9.1. In case of inclement weather on the day of the game, TPRD will notify team captains of the cancellation.