



ACOSTA SPORTS CENTER
EPPARD YOUTH BASKETBALL RULES
2008 SEASON
(Revised 11/01/07)



I. Introduction

The National High School Federation Rules and Regulations will govern play except as modified below. NHSF rules will govern except as modified below.

It is the responsibility of each head coach to obtain a copy of the current NHSF Rules & Regulations.

1. 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 class.
2. All coaches and scorekeepers must be certified by EPPARD and attend the mandatory rules training session prior to each season. Each coach and scorekeeper must consent to a mandatory background check. All these requirements must be met prior to **the first game**. No person will be allowed to coach or score-keep in any City of El Paso league without completing these requirements.
3. A picture ID must be obtained by all coaches and scorekeepers prior to the start of the season. The ID will be issued after we receive a clear criminal background check. **Cost is \$40.00.** ID must be worn at all times.

II. Organization

The sports programming section, of the City of El Paso Parks and 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 in accordance with the rules & regulations set forth herein.

III. Type of Program

*****season will consist of ten (10) games*****

- a. The league will be divided into the following age groups:
8u, 9u, 10u, 11u, 12u, 13u, 14u
At least 5 teams must be registered in an age group for that single age group to form a division. If not, teams must move up one (1) age group.
- b. There will be boys and girls divisions. (Girl's cannot play in the boy's league and boys cannot play in the girl's league). **Games will not be scheduled around any other activity.**
- c. You must make your scheduled game or it will be a forfeit. If a team forfeits 2 games for any reason, they will be dropped from the league without a refund of league fees.
- d. League champion will be determined by overall won lost record. Ties affecting first place will be broken as follows:
 - 1) Head-to-head
 - 2) Playoff gameTeams tied for other playoff berths will automatically qualify for the playoffs. Tiebreakers are as follows:
 - 1). Head to Head
 - 2). Coin Flip
- e. Three (3) way ties for first place will be broken by coin flips plus playoff series. Any other places tied will be broken by coin flip.
- f. Playoff berths: 4/5 teams = 2 berths
6/7 teams = 3 berths
8/9 teams = 4 berths

Program coordinator will determine any other scenario.

- g. There will be an admission charge for all playoff games held at High Schools. The charges are:
Adults = \$2.00
Students (6-16) = \$1.50 Under 6 = Free

IV. Conduct of Participants

- 1) Unsportsmanlike conduct directed towards any league official, game official, player, coach scorekeeper or spectator, will not be tolerated.
Punishment for violators is as follows:
 - 1) First offense = 2 game suspension and/or forfeiture of game
 - 2) Second offense = suspension for remainder of season, playoffs and tournaments for one (1) year.
- 2) Physical violence/confrontations towards officials, league officials, spectators, players or coaches before, during or after a game, will result in an automatic one (1) year suspension from any City of El Paso sanctioned event and/or any other penalties deemed necessary.
- 3) No derogatory comments or gestures towards officials, staff, other teams' fans or players will be tolerated at any time.
- 4) Any player, coach, scorekeeper or spectator ejected from a game must leave the building within one minute of ejection.(must serve 2 game suspension)Anyone not complying within the minute of being ejected will have his or her team's game forfeited. Anyone who has been ejected and returns to the building, will be charged with trespassing and be subject to arrest by El Paso Police Department and their **TEAM WILL FORFEIT THE GAME.**
- 5) **Any coach or scorekeeper ejected from a game must surrender (turn in) his coaches ID to the site supervisor at that gym. Any coach or scorekeeper refusing to turn over ID will be suspended for an additional two (2) game suspension plus the two (2) for being ejected. Failure to turn in ID after being notified by Program Supervisor will result in a suspension for the rest of the season plus playoffs.**
- 6) If an official asks for an individual or fan to be removed from the gym, that request will be honored.
- 7) If benches empty out onto the court during an altercation, game will be a double forfeit and both teams and coaches will be suspended from one (1) to three (3) years.. No exceptions. Those games will be considered forfeits.
- 8) No player , team staff, spectator, or manager may land a hand upon, push, shove or threaten to strike player(s), team staff, spectator(s), managers(s), Game Officials or City of El Paso Employee(s). Doing so is subject to **SUSPENSION FROM ONE (1) TO THREE (3) YEARS.**

V. Coaching Staff

- a. Each team will be allowed three coaches and one scorekeeper. All coaches and scorekeepers must wear their ID badges to all games. **NO ID NO COACH!!**
The Scorekeeper must sit at the scorer's table and is not allowed to coach from there. If a scorekeeper sits on the bench, they will be counted as a coach.
- b. Only coaches and players may sit in the bench area. No one else is allowed in this area. **(NO PLAYERS FROM YOUNGER OR OLDER teams and/or family or friends).**
- c. Coaches will be held responsible for the actions of their players, assistant coaches, parents and spectators. A parent/spectator is subject to the same penalties as coaches and players.
- d. Only **one** coach may **stand** at any time during the game. (1 warning)
- e. **All** coaches must stay in Coaches Box at all times, subject to technical fouls.
- f. Both the first and last names of the participant must be on the score sheet.

VI. Coaching Eligibility

1. All coaches in any youth sport must submit and sign a "Volunteer in Youth Sports Application Form"
(This form must be updated annually).

2. All coaches must pay for and attend the coaching certification class and continue membership as long as they are coaching.
3. All coaches must attend a **mandatory** coaches meeting prior to each season.
4. All coaches must sign a "Volunteer in Youth Sports Consent/Release Form" for a criminal background check. A coach is disqualified if the coach has a conviction of, imposition of a deferred sentence for, or any plea of guilty or no contest at any time past or present or the existence of any pending charges for:
 - a) Any felony
 - b) If a coach has a misdemeanor conviction for crimes of a violent nature, such as assault, in the past 10 years, he/she will not be allowed to coach.
 - c) Any offense involving use, possession, distribution or intent to distribute illegal drugs or substances
 - d) Any crime involving sexual misconduct
 - e) Any crime involving violence or a violent act.

THIS IS IN EFFECT REGARDLESS OF ADJUCATION.
5. All coaches collecting money from players must provide either a detailed breakdown or a budget for the money received to all parents and the Acosta Sports Center Program Director.
6. If the Sports Office receives three written complaints, regarding three separate individuals, concerning three different incidents, the coach may be subject to suspension.
7. All coaches are responsible for the maintenance of the facility being used. All team areas are to be left clean, and all team materials are to be picked up after each practice or game. Failure to maintain the facility could result in loss of use of that facility.

VII. Game Officials

- a. Officials and scorekeepers who have SUCCESSFULLY completed ALL contract requirements, may be assigned to officiate and score-keep all games. .
- b. Two officials will be assigned to each game. If only one (1) official is present at game time, both coaches must agree to play game. If one coach does not agree, game will be rescheduled at a later date to be determined by the program director. Teams must have at least four players by game time and the game will start on time with four players present. We will not wait for the fifth player. A Grace period will not be in effect for this situation.
- c. If only one official shows up for the game, that official will receive \$12.00 from each team. Scorekeeper will still receive \$6 from each team for a total of \$18.00 per team
- d. Any game that is suspended for any reason will be replayed beginning at the exact moment it was stopped at a later date with the same officials assigned for that game. No payment is needed for this.

VIII. The Game

- a. Games will be divided into two (2) 18-minute halves for 12u, 13u, 14u, running time.
- b. Games will be divided into two (2) 16-minute halves for 8u, 9u, 10u, and 11u running time.
- c. Time will stop as follows:
 - 1) On time outs
 - 2) Last two minutes of each half, when official hands ball to free throw shooter and at the scorekeeper or official's discretion.
 - 3) Overtimes will be two (2) minutes regular stop time.
- d. Each team will receive three (3) full timeouts and two (2) twenty second timeouts per game. Teams will receive one (1) additional full timeout in the overtime but no additional twenty-second timeout.

- 2) Military ID's
- 3) School demographics
- 4) Passports
- 5) Naturalization certificates
- 6) No hospital birth certificates allowed**

- I. Cost of ID is \$5.00
- J. Acceptable ID's are **2006-2008, 2007-2009 and 2008-2009** No others will be accepted
- K. Coaches may only ask for an ID check prior to the start of the game.
If a player comes in late, coaches may ask for that player's ID. Players without ID's will not be allowed play. Site supervisor may request an ID at any time. It will be returned in a timely manner.

XI. Rosters

Rosters and permission slips are due on **January 3, 2008**. Any team not turning in paperwork will not be put on the schedule regardless if entry fee has been paid. Fee will be refunded. **NO EXCEPTIONS!! NO LATE PAPERWORK ACCEPTED!!!**

- 1). Rosters are limited to 15 players.
- 2). Only players who appear on roster will be allowed to play.
- 3). Once a player has played on a team during the regular season that player cannot change team

XII. ID'S

ID's will be checked prior to **EVERY GAME. NO ID NO PLAY. (City of El Paso ID only)**

XIII. Entry fees

Entry fee will be **\$250.00** per team. Officials will be paid on the floor before each game. \$18.00 per game per team for officials + \$6.00 for the scorekeeper = \$24.00 per game per team.. Any team not paying their Entry Fee will not be allowed to play. No late Entry Fees will be accepted.

Any team that forfeits a game must pay for both teams officials fees. Fee is \$48. Team must pay forfeit before their next scheduled or else they forfeit that game. Two forfeits and team is dropped from league play with no refunds.

XIV. Awards

- a. Team trophies will be awarded for 1st – 2nd in regular season.
- b. Team trophies will be awarded to City Champions and Runner-ups.
- c. City Champion individual awards TBD.

XV. EQUIPMENT/UNIFORMS

- a. Game balls will be furnished by Acosta sports. No other game balls will be allowed.
- b. 8u, 9u, 10u and all girls divisions will use the 28.5" basketball. All other divisions will use regular size ball.
- c. Jerseys must be alike in color and have a number from 0 – 99. Shorts do not have to match.
- d. No jewelry may be worn at all during the game. Players who refuse to take jewelry off or cannot take it off will not be allowed to play.
- e. Numbers must be screened on the jersey. No duplicate numbers, taped numbers or numbers put on by markers will be allowed. Numbers must be different in color from jersey color.

Note: there is plenty of time to order uniforms for the regular season. All teams must have uniforms prior to first regular season game. Season starts January 12, 2008.

XVI. Protest

Protests may be filed only on player eligibility. No other protest will be accepted. Protests must be filed within 24 hours of scheduled game time along with a **\$50.00** fee.

The protest fee will be returned if protest is upheld. If protest is denied, fee will be receipted into the City of El Paso Sports User Fee.

During playoffs/tournament, protest must be made immediately after the game is over. Decision rendered will be final, no appeals will be accepted.

XVII. Appeals

For regular season games, appeals must be filed within 24 hours and notification must be in writing.

XVIII. Liability

The City of El Paso assumes no responsibility in case of injuries or accidents to players, coaches, officials or spectators. All individuals concerned should carefully examine their personal insurance protection to ensure they are adequately covered.

COACH'S MEETINGS

DATE	DAY OF WEEK	TIME
<u>NOV 7</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>7:00pm</u>
<u>NOV 10</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
<u>NOV 15</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>7:00pm</u>
<u>NOV 19</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>7:00pm</u>
<u>NOV 28</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>7:00pm</u>
<u>DEC 1</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>10:00am</u>

(TOURNAMENT MEETING ALSO)