

**LOUDON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
ADULT BASKETBALL PROGRAM**

LEAGUE RULES

The City of Loudon Parks and Recreation (LPRD) Leagues will follow the guidelines set forth in the current TSSAA High School Rules with the following additions and clarifications.

RULE 1. ORGANIZATION

Sec. 1. The City of Loudon Parks and Recreation Department will be the administrative body of the City of Loudon Basketball League. The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to have the final say in all matters.

Sec. 2. **MANDATORY RULES MEETING.** A mandatory rules meeting will be held at the beginning of each season. Each team that registers must have a representative at this meeting. The purpose of this meeting is so all teams participating will have a clear understanding of the rules and all team participants can have an open discussion with LPRD and other team representatives about rules. Any team that fails to send a representative to this meeting may be refused entry into the league.

RULE 2. LEAGUE FEES

Sec. 1. **ANNUAL FEES.** Fees shall be paid before the start of the season. The fees will cover the cost of referees, official scorers, and any other expenses incurred during League play. Teams not having all fees and rosters into the office before the deadline will not be allowed into the League. No partial payments will be accepted.

Sec. 2. **REFUND.** Any team, which has paid the entry fee and wishes to drop out of the League may do so before the mandatory rules meeting and will be entitled to a full refund. No refunds will be given after the mandatory rules meeting.

RULE 3. ROSTERS/ELIGIBILITY

Sec. 1. **OFFICIAL ROSTERS.** Rosters must be filled out completely and be signed by all participants. Rosters must be typed or printed plainly. Rosters must be turned in three (3) days before the first game.

Sec. 2. **ROSTER LIMIT.** There is a maximum of ten (10) active players per roster. Industries working rotating shifts may petition the LPRD for additional players.

Sec. 3. **NEW PLAYERS.** Those who have not appeared on another roster during the current season may be added to the roster at any time. To add a new player, LPRD must receive a call or a letter from the team representative approving the addition

of the new player and the player must sign the official roster form at the LPRD office by 4:30 p.m., and pay a fee of \$5.00 per player.

Sec. 4. ELIGIBILITY.

- A. The City of Loudon Parks and Recreation Department Adult Basketball League is open to all organizations, groups, or individuals wishing to comply with these rules and regulations.
- B. All players must be eighteen (18) years of age and out of school before participating in league play.
- C. Any team which fails to report for two (2) consecutively scheduled games during the season, may be dropped from the League. Players from such teams shall be declared free agents and can sign the roster of and play with any team immediately after the LPRD has declared them dissolved.
- D. Any player who is ruled ineligible for signing or being on the rosters of two (2) teams, or playing as a non-rostered player, shall be out of competition for a maximum of fourteen (14) days which shall include at least two (2) ballgames.
- E. Any coach found guilty of playing an ineligible player will be suspended for seven (7) days.

Sec. 5. WRITTEN NOTIFICATION. Any suspensions or disciplinary action will be confirmed in writing by the LPRD to the involved coaches and players.

RULE 4. CONDUCT RULES ADOPTED BY LOUDON CITY COUNCIL.

The City of Loudon Parks and Recreation Department feels that due to increasing violence in all sports that rules, regulations, and guidelines need to be set for any and all of our sports, events, or activities. WHEREAS the Mayor and the City council of the City of Loudon believe it is necessary and appropriate to provide for a code of conduct for participants and spectators of events and programs conducted by the Loudon Parks and Recreation Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Loudon, Tennessee as follows:

Sec. 1. GENERAL. The following basic rules shall be followed, having been established in the best interest of users and recreational service facilities. Any additional rules posted at recreation facilities or directed by staff shall be enforced. Individuals not cooperating with established policies will be asked to leave and may be barred from further participation.

Sec. 2. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT AND EJECTION POLICY.

- A. If a participant or spectator in a recreation program or facility is ejected from any facility (indoor or outdoor) program, contest, or activity, he/she is immediately ineligible for further access or competition in any recreation program or facility until he/she appears before the Recreation Advisory Commission for the program in which unsportsmanlike conduct and/or ejection occurred.
- B. It is the participant's responsibility to schedule an appointment with the Recreation Director or his designee to review his/her behavior and subsequent eligibility in any recreation program or facility. Participants and spectators suspensions are effective upon notification by the Recreation Director or his designee. Suspension remains in force during the review process and the Recreation Director's decision is final.
- C. Any participant or spectator who commits, incites, or aids others in committing any of the following acts of unsportsmanlike conduct or misconduct shall be subject to the following disciplinary procedures:
 - 1. When a participant or spectator hits, strikes, or pushes a recreation employee, recreation representative, coach, umpire or referee (league official), he/she shall be subject to indefinite suspension from recreation services and facilities. Participants or spectators may petition the Recreation Advisory Commission for reinstatement after a minimum of one (1) calendar year.
 - 2. Threatening behavior (verbal or physical) toward a recreation employee, recreation representative, or coach, he/she will be subject to indefinite suspension from recreation programs and facilities. After a minimum of two (2) months, the suspension may be appealed to the Recreation Advisory Commission for consideration of reinstatement.
 - 3. Threatening behavior (verbal or physical) toward another participant or spectator, he/she shall be subject to indefinite suspension from recreation programs or facilities. After the minimum of one (1) month, the suspension may be appealed to the Recreation Advisory Commission for consideration of reinstatement.
 - 4. Verbally abusing a recreation employee or coach, participant, user, or spectator, he/she shall be subject to indefinite suspension from recreation programs or facilities. After a minimum of one (1) month, the suspension may be appealed to the Recreation Advisory Commission for consideration of reinstatement.
 - 5. Actions that could potentially cause equipment or facility damage, he/she shall be subject to indefinite suspension. After a minimum of one (1)

week, the suspension may be appealed to the Recreation Advisory Commission for consideration of reinstatement. The City may take additional legal action to recover the costs of damages to facilities and equipment.

6. Participants and spectators are expected to be cooperative and honest when asked for identification and assistance in identifying individuals who may be involved in incidents. Failure to do so may result in suspension from the use of facilities or programs.
7. The Recreation Director or his designee responsible to the program in which the unsportsmanlike conduct and/or ejection occurred would deal with personal conduct situations that is not covered by the previous rules in an appropriate manner.

Sec. 3. **OTHER PENALTIES.** Violation of the City's ejection policy shall be declared a public nuisance. Any participant or spectator who violates the terms and conditions of the ejection policy shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fine for each offense.

RULE 5. PLAYING RULES.

Sec. 1. NUMBER OF PLAYERS.

- A. A team must have four (4) players to start a game. The opposing team may start with five (5) players.
- B. All players must sign a waiver to be eligible.
- C. **TECHNICAL FOULS.** A technical foul received by a player (other than clerical) will result in the player being suspended for the remainder of the current game and the first half of the next scheduled game. Two (2) technical fouls will result in the disqualification of the player for the remainder of the season.
- D. **UNSPORTSMANLIKE TECHICAL FOUL.** (See Rule 4, Section 2) Conduct Rules adopted by Loudon City Council.

Sec. 2. **UNIFORMS.** All players shall wear same color shirt with numbers on back. All teams must have uniforms by the second game of the season or a forfeit will result for each game without uniforms. A player will not be allowed to play without a jersey after that date. Proper shoes must be worn at all times.

Sec. 3. **LINE-UP.** Line-up must be turned into scorekeeper at least five (5) minutes before scheduled start of your ballgame according to the official clock. Line-up must include first and last names as they appear on the official roster.

Sec. 4. **GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME.**

RULE 6. THOPHIES.

For League and League Tournament purposes, trophies will be awarded as follows:

First and Second Place.

RULE 7. TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES.

In the event that two (2) or more teams are tied at the end of regular season and it becomes necessary to determine which team (s) finished higher in the standings, the following tie-breaking procedure will be used. This procedure will cover tournament seating and trophy presentations. No games will be played to break ties.

Step 1. Head to head competition. Example: Team A and B have identical 17-3 records at the close of the regular season and are tied for first place. Team A played Team B and defeated them 10-6. Team A is awarded first place, Team B, second. If teams A and B had played each other twice and each had won a game, go to Step 2.

Step 2. The point spread of the tied teams games with each other will be compared. Example: Team A has defeated Team B 10-6 and Team B has defeated Team A 15-4, during the course of the regular season. Team B would be awarded first place by having a larger point spread in their win over Team A. If the point spreads are the same, go to Step 3.

Step 3. If there is still a tie after Steps 1 and 2 have been carried out, then a coin toss will break ties.

RULE 8. MAKE-UPS.

Sec. 1. **WEATHER CAUSES CANCELLATION OF GAME.** Teams may call the LPRD at 458-7525, to find out the status of games for that day. We will make decisions after 2:00 p.m., on each game day. In the event of inclement weather, you may call the LPRD after 4:30 p.m., for a recording as to the status of cancellations.

Sec. 2. **MAKE-UPS.** Unless there is an unusually high amount of games to be rescheduled, they will be placed at the end of the regular season schedule. If an extremely large number of cancellations occur, they will be made up whenever possible.

- A. It is the duty of the coach or manager to check with the LPRD for the make-up schedules.
- B. You will be notified at least 24 hours before the schedule games.

RULE 9. TOURNAMENT PLAY.

Sec. 1. If a majority of all teams are interested at the end of the season, LPRD will provide a tournament. This will result in a tournament entry fee of \$_____, and will take place the first weekend after the last game of the regular season. Trophies will be awarded to first and second place teams in each division.

Sec. 2. **ELIGIBILITY.** Any player who has not actually played in a League game during the year is not eligible to compete in the post season tournament.

Sec. 3. **EJECTED.** A player, coach, or manager ejected during the play-offs, league tourney, or post-season tourney is out of competition for the remainder of the game in question, plus the next game. Playing while on an automatic suspension will result in an immediate forfeit.

LOUDON RECREATION LEAGUE BY-LAWS

The Loudon Parks and Recreation Department (LPRD), with the objective of guiding the manner in which the league would function have developed the following rules and regulations. Coaches and players should always bear in mind that the most important criteria of this league are fun, fellowship, exercise, and recreation, and that winning is incidental and secondary to these.

1. The Loudon Recreation League will operate under the guidelines of the Loudon Parks and Recreation Department Adult Basketball Program League Rules.
2. No formal protests are allowed. If a team is not following these rules, it should be brought to the attention of the LPRD.
3. No dunking is allowed. Penalty for dunking is automatic suspension from the league.
4. Jersey colors to be determined at organizational meeting.
5. Teams will play two 20-minute halves. If the game is tied after regulation, 5 minute overtimes will be played until a winner is determined. Clock is stopped last two minutes of each half.
6. Players may not switch teams or leagues without the consent of both coaches and LPRD. Both coaches must notify the LPRD before approval can be granted to the player.
7. Teams allowed three timeouts per half and one per overtime.
8. Each team shall clean their respective bench areas and playing area of debris immediately following any practice or game.
9. Teams may be coed.
10. **All players must reside within Loudon County.**