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## City Parks and Recreation Athlete Competes in National Jr. NBA Skills Challenge Competition

- WHO:** City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department
- WHAT:** Recognition of Parks and Recreation Student Selection to compete in Jr. NBA Nationals Competition in New York City
- WHEN:** 10 a.m. Thursday, June 15
- WHERE:** Chalio Acosta Sports Center, 4321 Delta Dr.

The City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department invites the media to join the recognition of 13-year-old athlete Jacob Rodriguez who is advancing to compete in the Jr. NBA Skills Challenge National Competition in New York City on June 20.

Rodriguez will be joined by his parents and Parks and Recreation staff to announce the young athlete's achievement and show off his talents on the basketball court.

Rodriguez made the national competition after competing for the first time and placing in local and regional competitions. He and his family are getting an all-expense paid trip to the National Finals which will be held during the 2023 NBA Draft presented by State Farm.

Rodriguez is a student at Jane A. Hambric Middle School where he is part of the team. He currently plays basketball at the Jr. NBA Middle School League with EP Flight. He aspires of one day playing in the NBA.

### **About the Jr. NBA Skills Challenge**

The Jr. NBA Skills Challenge provides boys and girls, ages 13 and younger, the opportunity to improve upon and showcase their fitness through five fundamental basketball skills: shooting, lay-ups, dribbling, passing, and defense and a bonus free throw. The program is free for all participants and organizations. Participants compete in up to three levels of competition – local, regional and national finals.

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