



**City of El Paso, Texas  
Parks & Recreation Department  
Acosta Sports 534-0254  
Adults' Basketball Rules**

**I. Introduction**

The El Paso Parks & Recreation Department Men's Basketball League will be conducted under the NCAA & TAAF rules, except in those cases which conflict with the following, at which time the rules stated herein will take precedence.

**II. Organization**

The sports programming section of El Paso Parks & 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 and sports staff to include any changes for the benefit of the program.

**III. Type of Program**

- a. Games will be played at different recreation centers around the city depending on which one you signed up for and availability. More than one game per week may be played especially during playoffs.
- b. 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. Teams that don't pay their forfeit fees will be dropped. Forfeit fee \$46 per game.
- c. T-shirts will be given to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the playoffs. Regular season is preparation for the playoffs. Seeding for the playoffs will be determined by the won lost record.  
Tiebreaker will be determined by: 1) Head to head 2)Head to head point differential 3)coin flip.

**IV. Conduct of Participants**

**Penalty Matrix:**

Infraction	Penalty
Engage in aggressive behavior that has resulted in physical violence against another player, game official, City of El Paso employee, game spectator, or program participant.	Suspension from facility or activity for a minimum of one year and up to five years.
Verbal abuse or physically threaten a game official (umpire, referee, site supervisor), City of El Paso employee, or another player or program participant with intent to cause harm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suspension for a minimum of 2 games and up to one season.</li> <li>• Trespass from the specific facility or program for a minimum of two operating days and up to six months.</li> </ul>
Refusal to abide by a game official's or facility staff member's decision either with abusive and/or argumentative language or other forceful action.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immediate removal from the game and suspension up to 2 games.</li> <li>• Immediate removal from the facility for a min. of two operating days and trespass from the facility or recreation program for up to 3 months.</li> </ul>
Play illegally, or solicit another to play illegally.	Illegal player and/or coach to be removed from the game and suspended for a minimum of one season and up to one year. All games in which the illegal player played will be forfeited.
Appear upon the field of play or in a parks and recreation facility at any time in an intoxicated condition or to be in non-compliance with City ordinances which prohibit possession or consumption of alcohol in any City park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immediate removal from the game and suspension for one additional game. A police report will be filed.</li> <li>• Immediate removal from the facility and trespassed from the program or facility for up to one month. A police report will be filed.</li> </ul>

**V. Coaching Staff**

- a. Only one coach/captain may stand at any time during the game.
- b. Coaches must stay in Coaches' Box at all times, subject to technical fouls.
- c. Both the first and last names of the participant must be on the score sheet.
- d. All coaches/team captains must attend a mandatory coaches meeting prior to each season.
- e. All coaches/team captains are responsible for the maintenance of the facility being used.

**VI. Game Officials (if interested in officiating speak to us).**

- a. Officials and scorekeepers who have successfully completed all requirements may be assigned to officiate/score-keep.
- b. Two officials will be assigned to each game. If only one official is present the game will be played at a lower fee. Three players needed to play game. Officials will be evaluated after each game.  
Official's fees per team---1 official-\$17 (\$12 for ref. & \$5 for scorekeeper) 2 officials-\$23 (\$18 ref. & \$5 for scorekeeper)
- c. Officials are expected to run the floor and be in position to make their calls and will explain calls made to captains during timeouts.
- d. Any game official or staff can and will stop the game if deemed necessary for any reason especially for safety purposes.
- e. If the League Director receives three written complaints regarding an official, coach, player, fan, or team during three different incidents he, she, or they will be subject to suspension. Players ejected from a game receive a 2-game suspension automatically.

## ***VII. The Game***

- a. Two 20-minute halves for all games except for when both teams show up late (time will be reduced).
- b. Time will stop as follows: on time outs, last two minutes of the second half, and at any sports' staff discretion.
- c. Overtimes will be three minutes regular stop time. Each team will receive four timeouts per game. Teams will receive one additional timeout in overtime. Timeouts do not carry over.
- d. There will be a ten second count in the backcourt for all games.
- e. A ten minute grace period will be allowed only if there are less than 3 players present by game time.
- f. Unnecessary touching or hanging from the rim/net or any part of the basketball backboard is not allowed.  
1<sup>st</sup> offense-2 shot technical foul, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense- 2 shot technical foul, ejected from game & suspended 2 additional games.  
3<sup>rd</sup> offense- suspended for the rest of the league and up to one year.
- g. As per City of El Paso code of conduct, cussing is not allowed. 1<sup>st</sup> offense-warning, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense-personal foul, 3<sup>rd</sup> offense-two shot technical foul, 4<sup>th</sup> offense-two shot technical foul ejected from game and a two game suspension.

## ***VIII. Player Eligibility***

- a. Players may not play on more than one team per league. For the city-wide playoffs players can only play for one team.  
Minors (17yrs. or younger) are not allowed to play in the adults league.
- b. An ineligible player is defined as a player that does not meet the following qualifications:  
Not on the roster, did not sign up a player contract, and does not have a government issued id.
- c. If an ineligible player is discovered, that player will be deemed ineligible for the remainder of the season and playoffs.
- d. There is no requirement on the number of games a player needs to play to play in the playoffs nor tournaments.

**Industrial Company league**-2 players from the outside (not working for their company team) are allowed.

Players will be identified by presenting their work badge. Substitutes for the work badge will be the timesheet, a pay stub, or a letter from the HR Dept. verifying employment and their government issued id. Players with no work badge are outside players.

**30, 35, 40, or 50 and over leagues:** players must meet the age requirement before they can play regardless of when the league starts.

## ***XI. Rosters (rosters and player contracts can be found***

Rosters and player contracts are due before your first game. Missing paperwork will result in a forfeit.

- 1). Rosters are limited to 10 players. (Ten individual awards maximum).
- 2). Only players who appear on the roster and meet the eligibility requirements will be allowed to play.
- 3). Once a player has played on a team during the regular season that player cannot change teams if it's the same league.
- 4). Players can be added before the 3rd game.

## ***XII. Entry fees***

\$175 per team 10 games (9 games plus single elimination playoffs). Officials will be paid before game starts.

Any team that forfeits a game must pay for both teams' officials fees (\$23 x 2=\$46). \$40 for city-wide playoffs.

Forfeits must be paid the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday after your game at Acosta Sports before 8pm if not your next game will be forfeited.

## ***XV. Equipment/Uniforms***

- a. Game balls will be provided by teams.
- b. Jerseys must be alike in color and have a number from 0 – 99. No numbers or different color jerseys will result in a two shot technical foul per player. Numbers cannot be duplicated.
- d. Players may not wear jewelry during the game for safety purposes. Jewelry cannot be covered with tape.

## ***XVI. Protest***

Protests may be filed only on player eligibility. Protests must be filed within 24 hours of game time along with a \$50 fee.

The protest fee will be returned only if protest is upheld.

During playoffs/tournament, protest must be made immediately after the game is over. Decision rendered will be final.

## ***XVII. 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. If an incident where to occur participants are required to complete an "Injury/Incident Report" immediately after the incident.

- Schedules available on line at [www.quickscores.com/elpaso](http://www.quickscores.com/elpaso) at least 24 hours before the league starts.
- During the playoffs your team may play more than one game per day or night or week and at different gyms if need be.
- Teams that forfeit once during any double elimination playoffs and/or tournament will be dropped.
- Ids may be checked any time.
- Starting September 1, 2011 official fees may be included in the entry fee.
- Nominate officials for playoffs.