



**CITY OF EL PASO
PARKS & RECREATION
SPORTS' DIVISION
YOUTH AND TEENAGE BASKETBALL
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

I. Introduction

The National High School Federation Rules (AAU) will govern play except as modified below:

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. The class is good for one year from the date taken.
2. Coaches and scorekeepers must be certified by EPPARD and attend the mandatory rules training session prior to each season and must consent to a mandatory background check in order to perform their duties. These requirements must be met prior to the first game.
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. **Picture ID must be worn at all times.**
4. Every participant must have a player id issued by Acosta Sports and a signed permission slip on file at Acosta Sports Center prior to playing first game.

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 and sports staff to include any changes for the benefit of the program.

III. Type of Program - Competitive

- a. The league will be divided into the following age groups:
 - Youth (8u, 9u, 10u, 11u, 12u, 13u, 14u)
 - Teenage (15u, 16u, 17u)

At least 5 teams must be registered in an age group for that single age group to form a division. We may combine teams for divisions to form one age group up or down depending on the number of teams and at the discretion of the director.

- b. There will be boys and girls divisions. (Girls are not allowed to play on boys teams and boys are not allowed to play on girl's teams. If the girls division does not make then the girl is allowed to play on the boys teams but must meet the boys age cut off. criteria)
- c. You must make your scheduled game or it will be a forfeit. If a team forfeits 3 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.
- d. League champion will be determined by overall won lost record.
 - 1) Head to head
 - 2) Head to head point differential
 - 3) Coin flips for placing in playoffs only-both teams will be Co-Champions
- e. Playoffs will include the following seeded teams:
 - All teams if division has seven or less teams and is the only division.
 - Top three teams for a division of six or seven teams
 - Top four teams for a division of eight or nine teams
 - Top five for a division of ten teams

**IV. Conduct of Participants---The attached matrix will apply to players, parents, spectators and Officials:
Participants must also follow the code of conduct found at www.elpasotexas.gov/parks/code.asp**

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"> • Suspension for a minimum of 2 games and up to one season. • Trespass from the specific facility or program for a minimum of two operating days and up to six months.
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"> • Immediate removal from the game and suspension up to 2 games. • 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.
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"> • Immediate removal from the game and suspension for one additional game. A police report will be filed. • Immediate removal from the facility and trespassed from the program or facility for up to one month. A police report will be filed.

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, he or she will be counted as a coach.
- b. Only coaches and players from present game may sit in the bench area.
- 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.
- e. Coaches must stay in Coaches Box at all times, subject to technical fouls.
- f. Both the first and last names of the participant and jersey number must be written neatly on the score sheet by a coach.

VI. Coaching Eligibility—picture id schedule for coaches is Tuesdays 11am to 8pm.

1. All coaches must attend a mandatory coaches training prior to each season.
2. All coaches must sign a "Volunteer in Youth Sports Consent/Release Form" for a criminal background Check (\$40). 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.
3. 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.
4. If the Sports Office receives three written complaints, regarding three separate individuals, concerning three different incidents, the coach may be subject to suspension.
5. 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.
6. Coaches are responsible for the actions of their players and players' fans. Relatives and/or friends of players are to bring up their concerns to the coach. The coach then can speak to our staff.

VII. Game Officials (if interested in officiating please speak to us).

a. Officials and scorekeepers who have successfully completed all contract requirements may be assigned to officiate and score-keep games. Officials are expected to run the floor and be in position to make calls. They will explain calls to captains/coaches during timeouts only. Please nominate officials for playoffs.

VIII. The Game

- a. Two 18-minute halves for youth games.
- b. Two 20-minute halves for teenage games.
- c. Time will stop as follows: on time outs, last minute of each half, when official hands ball to free throw shooter and at the scorekeeper, official, or staff's discretion.
Overtimes will be two minutes regular stop time. Youth teams will receive three full timeouts and two twenty second timeouts per game. Teenage teams will receive four full timeouts only. Teams will receive one additional full timeout in overtime. Timeouts do not carry over.
- e. There will be a ten second count in the backcourt for all games.
- f. A ten minute grace period will be allowed only if there are less than four players present by game time.

IX. Full Court Press Defined

Full Court Press is defined as any defensive player(s) who pursues their opponent or ball in the backcourt.

- a. In the 8u, 9u, 10u any team with a 20 point lead any time during the game may not press.
- b. In the 11u, 12u, 13u, and 14u any team with a 25-point lead in the second half may not press.
- c. Penalties:
 - 1) 1st and 2nd offense = warning
 - 2) 3rd and 4th offense = two shot technical foul
 - 3) 5th offense = forfeiture of game.

X. Player Eligibility

- a. In the boys division age will be determined as of September 1, 2010 for the Fall 2009-Summer 2010 sessions.
- b. In the girls division age will be determined as of January 1, 2010 for the Fall 2009 to Summer 2010 sessions.
- c. Players may not play on more than one team regardless of age or gender division. (Girls must play on girls' teams and boys must play on boys' teams. If the girls' division does not have enough teams then the girls in that age category can either play up in the girls' division or play in the boys' division but must follow the boys age cutoff date for that age group).
- d. Players may play up in division up to the 17u. Anyone turning 18 cannot play with the 17 year olds or younger.
- e. An ineligible player is defined as a player that does not meet the following qualifications:
 - 1. Age
 - 2. Player id card.-must have ID card to be eligible
 - 3. Parent class information on ID card
 - 4. Not on roster or on more than one roster.
- f. If a coach knowingly permits an ineligible player to participate, that coach will be suspended from participating in any City of El Paso Parks & Recreation dept. sanctioned events for one to five years.
- g. Dunking or hanging from the rim/net or any part of the basketball backboard is an automatic suspension from the league/tournament and playoffs.
- h. The team coach is responsible for ensuring that all of his/her players are eligible to participate.
Players/Coaches committing fraud will be suspended one to three years or more.

Coaches' id. Schedule Tuesdays 11am to 8pm.
Player Id. schedule Mon.-Thurs. 4-8pm Sat. 9-2pm
Original birth certificate & parent class receipt required
for all youth and teenage leagues.

XI. Rosters

Rosters and permission slips are due before your 1st game. Teams not turning in their paperwork will have their games forfeited even if the entry fee has been paid. *Paperwork received after your 1st game will have a fee of \$5/transaction.*

- 1). Rosters are limited to 12 active players.
- 2). Only players who appear on the roster will be allowed to play.
- 3). Once a player has played on a team during the season that player cannot change teams.
- 4). Players can be added until the 3rd game-\$5 fee.

Schedules will be available on line at www.quickscores.com/elpaso at least 24 hours before the league starts.
 Changes to schedules will not be made; to avoid the forfeit fee 48 hour confirmation with league director is needed.

XII. Entry fees

Entry fee will be \$ 440 per team and it will include the officials' fees.

Any teams that forfeit will have an administrative fee of \$7.

Teams that drop from the league once the schedule is made will not be refunded.

Schedule requests are not guaranteed and will only be accepted if turned in before the payment deadline.

XIII. Awards

a. T-shirts and medals for 1st place-regular season and 1st place playoffs

b. Medals for 2nd place-regular season and 2nd place playoffs.

XIV. Equipment and Uniforms

a. Game balls will be provided by teams and mutually agreed upon by both head coaches and officials.

b. 8u, 9u, 10u and all girls divisions will use the 28.5" basketball. All other divisions will use 29.5"

c. Jerseys must be alike in color and have a number from 0 – 99; subject to a two shot technical foul per player.

d. Players may not wear jewelry during the game.

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.

XV. 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. A two week processing time will occur for all returned Protest fees.

All Protest Fees will be receipted. Please retain original receipt for refund process. During playoffs/tournament, protest must be made immediately after the game is over. Decision rendered will be final, no appeals will be accepted.

XVI. Appeals

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

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 covered.

Age Cutoff Chart Fall 2009-Summer 2010 Youth Basketball Season

Boys cutoff date: September 1, 2010	Age Group	Girls cutoff date: January 1, 2010
Born September 1, 2001 or after	8u	Born January 1, 2001 or after
Born September 1, 2000 or after	9u	Born January 1, 2000 or after
Born September 1, 1999 or after	10u	Born January 1, 1999 or after
Born September 1, 1998 or after	11u	Born January 1, 1998 or after
Born September 1, 1997 or after	12u	Born January 1, 1997 or after
Born September 1, 1996 or after	13u	Born January 1, 1996 or after
Born September 1, 1995 or after	14u	Born January 1, 1995 or after
Born September 1, 1994 or after	15u	Born January 1, 1994 or after
Born September 1, 1993 or after	16u	Born January 1, 1993 or after
Born September 1, 1992 or after	17u	Born January 1, 1992 or after