

February 18, 2015

Coach Information

Dear Coach _____:

On behalf of the City of Pharr Parks and Recreation Department, I would like to extend to your team our invitation to participate in the 2015 Spring Boys High School Basketball League. The league is scheduled to begin at the end of March. The registration deadline has been set for Wednesday, March 4. at 5:00 p.m. and checks must be mailed payable to the City of Pharr Parks and Recreation Department. Participants may also register in person at our office located on 1011 W. Kelly, Pharr, and the fee is \$30 per participant. Please be advised that all of the league games will be played at the PSJA North High School Gymnasium located on 500 East Nolana Loop on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For your review and consideration, we have attached a copy of the official rules and regulations, a roster form, as well as registration forms for your entire team. We are looking forward to your participation. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience at 402-4550.

Respectfully,

Diana Cruz,
Recreation Supervisor
City of Pharr

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Parks and Recreation Department Spring High School Basketball League

Rules and Regulations

I. ELIGIBILITY:

- A. Participants must possess both high school eligibility, incoming freshman through senior, for the 2014/2015 school year, and be between the ages of 13 through 18.
- B. Any player who is in question about their eligibility must provide a birth certificate, identification card, school id, or driver's license, and must also provide an official school report card to the Recreation Supervisor.
- C. All participants must pay a \$30 league fee at the parks and recreation department offices located on 1011 W. Kelly, Pharr.
- D. Team rosters will consist of 10 players maximum per team, and no more than two coaches per team. After the third game, roster changes will be not be allowed.
- E. Having a team volunteer coach is not a requirement; however teams must practice at their own facility. Each high school must provide a complete roster. Partial teams or individual participants will not be allowed to play.

II. OFFICIAL RULES:

- A. All games will be played under current U.I.L. Rules and Regulations with the following exceptions:
- B. Games will consist of four 10 minute quarters with a running clock. The clock will stop only for time outs and the last two minutes of the 2nd and 4th quarters.
- C. Each team will be allowed three full time outs, and two 30 second time outs per game. In overtime, one additional timeout will be provided to each team per overtime period.
- D. Overtime periods will consist of three minute periods and the clock will continue to run except for the last one minute of the overtime period.
- E. Substitutions will be made every five minutes only in the first, second, and third quarters, to ensure that each player has adequate playing time. If a team has a game time line up of 6 to 9 players, those players have to be substituted with in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd quarters. During the fourth quarter, free substitution will be allowed.
- F. Players or coaches receiving two technical fouls will be ejected from the game, and will not be allowed to play during the following game. A player or coach may be asked to leave the premises at the discretion of the basketball officials.
- G. Should the fifth player be fouled out of the game, the team will be allowed to continue playing with four players. Once the fourth player has fouled out, the game shall be declared a forfeit and the team will receive a loss.

I. Full court press is allowed.

J. Teams may play either man to man defense, or zone defense.

K. Basketball officials have the final authority on all matters concerning league play. Basketball officials will not accept abusive language or rough play, and may forfeit games at any time if deemed necessary.

L. The Pharr Parks and Recreation Department has the authority to add and delete rules to this document at its discretion.

III. MERCY RULE:

A. Should a team have a 25 point lead in the last two minutes of the fourth quarter, the game clock will continue to run without stopping.

IV. PARTICIPANTS/COACHES/SPECTATORS:

A. Only players and coaches will be allowed on the bench. Coaches have to be registered by the parks and recreation department located on 1011 W. Kelly, Pharr.

B. Any spectator that is determined to be excessively coaching from the bleachers or from anywhere in the gym will be asked to leave the premises. Failure to adhere to the rule may result in the forfeiture of the game, for the team in question.

C. Teams will not be allowed communicate before or during the game with anyone other than the registered coach for that team.

D. Registered volunteer coaches will not be allowed to use their cellular phones at any point during the game. If a volunteer coach is seen using his or her cellular phone, they may be asked to place it on the scorekeeper table. Should a coach fail to adhere to this rule, he or she may be asked to leave the premises and the game may result in the forfeiture of the game, for the team in question.

E. All participants must wear an official Pharr parks and Recreation Department uniform shirts, and they must be tucked in to play.

F. League uniforms must not be altered during the season.

H. Disrespectful language or unsportsmanlike conduct will not be allowed.

I. Any player or coach exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct may be ejected by the official and suspended for a minimum of game depending on the severity of the violation. Pharr Parks and Recreation staff may suspend a player or coach for the entire season.

J. Any coach, player, or spectator that is ejected from the game or facility must leave the premises immediately. Staff is authorized to contact the Pharr Police Department if necessary.

K. ALL coaches must sign a Volunteer Application or Re-Activate Volunteer Application (update information), Coaches Code of Ethics form and follow the guidelines.

L. All coaches who have NOT gone through the City of Pharr Volunteer Program must follow these procedures: Fill out a Volunteer Application, submit a copy of both driver's license and social security card, local and state wide criminal background checks and finger prints. Failure to follow the guidelines during league play will result in suspension in coaching any games.

V. SPORTSMANSHIP

1. Any player, coach, or spectator involved in a physical altercation will automatically be ejected from the game and will be suspended for a minimum of one game. Any player or coach exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct may be ejected by the official and suspended for a minimum of game depending on the severity of the violation. Pharr Parks and Recreation staff may suspend a player or coach for the entire season.

2. Vulgar language, obscene gestures, threats, or physical violence, will result in a minimum suspension of one game, up to a maximum life suspension from participating in any Pharr Parks and Recreation Department league.

3. Every coach, player, or spectator is responsible for his or her own conduct, both on, and off basketball court. Coaches are responsible for their team players and parents. The Recreation Supervisor has the authority to suspend participants due to unsportsmanlike conduct at any time.

4. Any coach, player or spectator that is ejected from the game or facility has one minute to leave the gym and two minutes to leave school/city grounds and will be suspended for one game, regardless if its regular season games or tournament games. Should a player, coach or spectator be ejected on a second occasion, the offender(s) will automatically be suspended for the remainder of the season. The league supervisors/officials have the authority to eject any player, coach or spectator at any time for unsportsmanlike conduct. Failure to adhere to the rule, the Pharr Police Department will be notified and the game will be determined a forfeit for that team.

5. Any assault or physical violence directed toward a league official or staff will result in a five year to life suspension from further participation of any program sponsored by the Pharr Parks and Recreation Department.

6. When a warning is issued to the head coach or assistant coach, the warning pertains to both coaches.

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