

SMITHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION

Adult Basketball League Rules & Regulations



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The Smithville Adult Basketball League is a recreational league. The league will abide by UIL rules, except for the changes made by the Smithville Parks and Recreation Department. Games will be regulated by certified and/or uncertified officials.

Eligibility

All players must be at least 18 years of age or older as of the league registration deadline. Several different divisions are offered including: Adult Men's 18+, Adult Women's 18+, and Adult Co-ed 18+.

As a Rec. league, we will allow 16 & 17 year olds to act as an adult and participate in our Adult Basketball League; if and ONLY if, they have a parent sign the roster form. This signifies that both the minor and the parent/guardian agrees to the Hold Harmless Clause and will abide by the program rules.

The Parks and Recreation Department may need to combine or modify league divisions or schedules based on participation levels. This decision will be made before the first league game.

Players will NOT be allowed to play on more than one team in the same division during a season. If a player's name appears on more than one roster, that specific player will be assigned to the first team which they play a game with. This rule excludes co-ed; players may choose one division to play under as well as play on a co-ed team (Example: Joe can only play on one team and also with one team in the co-ed division).

Each team must designate a team manager; a team manager MUST be at least 18 years of age. The team manager is the speaking captain designated for each team. He/she ALONE may approach the official at proper times with questions. If the team manager is absent, a member on the team whom is also 18 or older, must be notated in the scorekeepers book as the speaking captain for that game before it begins.

To participate in the league each participant must sign the roster prior to registration and/or the first game. It is also you and your team's responsibility that everyone has signed the roster prior to playing. If a player is caught playing before signing the roster, your team could receive a forfeit.

All players must be able to produce a valid driver's license or official pictured identification (with birth date indicated) at any time during the league if requested. Team managers are responsible for their roster to match players' identity. Any player that is NOT on a team roster will NOT be allowed to play.

- **If the illegal player is found before the game, he/she will NOT be allowed to play and the game will begin, dependent upon the number of players left.**
- **If the illegal player is found during or after the game, the game may automatically be deemed a forfeit.**

Rosters

Rosters must have at least seven (7) players and up to NO more than twelve (12) players; including playing manager. Co-ed teams must have at least two (2) females on a roster and two (2) females on the court at all times.

Team rosters must be completely filled out with each player's information and signature. The team manager is responsible for making sure all information on the roster is correct and that the roster and team registration fee is submitted to the Smithville Recreation Center prior to the registration deadline.

Rosters will NOT be accepted after registration closes. Rosters must meet the requirements to be accepted. There will also be NO roster changes or refunds after the final roster and registration fee has been submitted. Once a player is on the roster there are absolutely NO changes.

Only players on a team roster will be allowed to play in the said league due to liability reasons.

A Legal Team

A team should consist of five (5) players of the same gender, unless co-ed there shall be at least two (2) females on the court. However, a team may begin and continue the game with four (4) players. If co-ed, two (2) of the four (4) players must be females.

Again, teams may play with NO less than four (4) players from start to finish. It will be declared a forfeit for teams with less than four (4) players. Teams will NOT receive a refund for continuing NOT to have a sufficient number of players.

The game clock will start at game time. Failing to have minimum number of players will cut into your game time and also take away from your opponents playable time (be considerate of others and show up on time). If you still do not have the minimum number of players on the court and ready to play ten (10) minutes after game time, your team will receive a forfeit. If a team drops below the minimum number of players at any point during the game, the game will be called and that team will receive a forfeit.

Schedules

Game time is determined by the official game schedule and the time on the PARD staff and/or referees clock. Schedules' will be made and posted shortly after registration closes. The number of games played will be determined on the number of teams participating and the schedule. We do NOT guarantee a certain number of games; however, most leagues tend to have 6-8 games on average. Schedules will also be sent to the team managers along with a copy of these rules via email (please make sure your email on the roster is accurate, legible, and one you check often). Schedules will also be available on our website or at the Smithville Rec. Center.

Tentatively, games are set to be on Tuesdays with game times starting as early as 6PM. Games will be held in the Smithville Recreation Center Gym located on 106 Royston Street.

Teams may choose to practice for league games on their own time. Daily fees for playing in the gymnasium will apply.

Smithville PARD may also charge a spectator entry fee for game days.

Reporting

In the case that NO officials are present, the game will be rescheduled for a later date. Smithville PARD recommends two (2) officials per game; however, only one (1) official is required to start or continue play.

Materials needed to keep score and a bookkeeper will be provided by the Smithville Rec. Center. If NO bookkeeper is present the home team's manager will be responsible for keeping books.

Each team manager or other designated player shall sign the scorebook at the end of each game to help insure scores are being kept accurately.

Games will be kept using a ranking system (Example: Win 5, Tie 2, Loss 1, and Forfeit 0). The order of determining the ranking will be by total points; in the case of ties then the following order of measures listed in order will serve as a deciding factor on determining final rankings-head to head, total wins, then by finding the winning average (total games/total wins-often used when one team had more games than another), then playoff game added to end of schedule.

In the case of an odd number of teams, there may be one random team that will be assigned an extra game.

Smithville PARD considers the last game for that team on the schedule as the extra game meaning the team or team manager does NOT choose the game. The last game will be void for that team when totaling total points.

Uniforms

Each team must provide their own team shirts. Players on each team must wear shirts of identical color which have a six (6) inch double-digit number on the back and a four (4) inch number on the front. Numbers must be non-duplicated and permanently affixed (taped or pinned numbers are NOT allowed). Only legal basketball numbers are permitted-0 or 00, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55.

Shirts may have sleeves or be sleeveless. T-shirts worn under the jersey shall be of the same color as the primary color of the jersey. Teams can have names/logos on their shirts but they must be appropriate (Smithville PARD staff has the right to make the decision and any shirts that are inappropriate will NOT be allowed). Please contact the Rec. prior to ordering shirts to have the team name/logo approved. **Players without appropriate team shirts (or without a shirt of similar color with both required permanently fixed numbers) will receive a technical foul which will also count toward team fouls. In order to play, a penny may be required by Smithville PARD when failing to wear your appropriate attire. Should teams be of matching color, the home team, listed first on the schedule will be required to wear pennies.**

Officials also have the authority to determine if attire is appropriate.

- Players shall wear appropriate athletic attire preferably without pockets.
- Shirts MUST remain tucked in during play.
- Non-marking athletic tennis shoes required.
- NO jewelry may be worn at any time during the game.
- Eye wear must be attached to the wearer by means of non-dangling elastic/rubber eye ware strap.
- NO hard casts are allowed.

Equipment

A men's regulation ball (official size 29.5) will be used for all league divisions except for the women's divisions. The women's divisions will use an intermediate size ball (official size 28.5). The City of Smithville Parks and Recreation Department WILL provide game balls. Teams shall NOT warm up with the game ball (warm up time allotted ONLY if time allows).

Everyone must respect all property and equipment used for the league. Failing to follow this policy can result in immediate removal from the premises and/or league participation.

NO hanging on the rims or nets at anytime. Players/teams will be financially responsible for any and all damages to rims, goals, and/or nets damaged by players hanging on the equipment or misusing it.

General Game Rules

- **Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled game time.**
- **The CLOCK will start on time regardless if teams are ready or not, so please arrive early. Teams shall be on the court at game time ready to play, otherwise teams will lose game time as the clock will start NO EXCEPTIONS. This is to ensure games run on time and we are fair to everyone.**
- **If the other team still has NOT met the minimum player requirements ten (10) minutes after the clock has been running, the opponent present will take the win. Again, teams will NOT receive a refund for continuing not to have a sufficient number of players.**
- **The team manager or designated player must be sure each player is listed in the game book with their correct jersey number at least ten (10) minutes prior to the game starting time.**
- When late players arrive, they must notify the scorekeeper before they can play.

- Substitutions may check in and wait patiently at half court until an official allows them to enter the game. Substitutes cannot just run in without checking in and waiting patiently.
- Player substitutions can be made when play has stopped or ball is dead.
- The score and time will be kept; however, teams may want to keep up with the score as well to minimize discrepancies.
- The home team will be the team listed first on the league schedule.
- Only individuals on your team roster shall be allowed on the team benches. Family, friends, and spectators shall remain on the entrance side of the gym in the bleachers.
- **Game Time:** A game will consist of twenty (20) minute halves and a five (5) minute half time.
- Games will be played with a running clock except for the last two (2) minutes of the game; stopping ONLY for time-outs, free throws, and the last two (2) minutes of the game.
- Each team will be allowed four (4) one (1) minute time-outs per game.
- **Free Throws:** will be off the release.
- **Mercy Rule:** NO scoring limit is in effect; however after a 20 point lead, the team ahead should respectfully back off to half court and the clock will remain a running clock at all times while a team is ahead by 20 or more points.
- **Absolutely NO dunking allowed; dunking will result in a technical foul but the points will be counted if made.**
- After your game is complete, please clean and clear the bench area so the next game may start as scheduled.
- **Blood Rule:** A player, coach, or official who is bleeding or who has blood on his/her uniform shall be prohibited from participating further in the game until appropriate treatment is administered in a reasonable length of time, the individual will NOT have to leave the game. The length of time considered reasonable is left to the official's judgment. Uniform rule violations will NOT be enforced if a uniform change is required.
- In the event of a tie score at the end of a league game, the game shall be marked as a tie. The league will be run using a ranking system. However, if a playoff game is merited at the end of the season, then the playoff game will be played as such:
 - If overtime, it will consist of a three (3) minute period with a running clock. Again, the clock will only stop during time-outs and free throws. Each team will be given one (1) thirty (30) second time-out for overtime. Time-outs NOT used during regulation game time CANNOT be used in overtime periods.

Additional Rules for Co-Ed Division

- There must be two (2) females on the court at all times.
- Men must guard men; women must guard women.
- Men may NOT block a women's shot attempt (simply raising of the arm does NOT count as a blocked shot; the defender must jump and/or make contact with the ball).
 - Refusing to follow this rule will result in two (2) points awarded to the team of the women which was shooting.

Fouls/ Disqualifications

Player disqualifications result from:

- Accumulating 5 personal fouls (player ejected from game/technical fouls count as personal fouls too)
- 1 technical foul (player shall take the bench and cool down; failing to do so may result in further consequences)
- 2 technical fouls (player will be ejected with 1 game suspension)
- 1 flagrant or excessive foul (player will be ejected with 1 game suspension)

Team disqualifications result from:

- 4 technical fouls accumulated by players on a team in a single game (game will be called & forfeited).
- A game stopped by the official for misconduct (could result in forfeiture of game or team/player suspension).

Conduct

Participants are NOT allowed to harass, threaten, or deride staff or officials. Good sportsmanship is required. To maintain a fun and enjoyable atmosphere, certain actions will result in game ejection:

1. Continuing to challenge or attack the official(s) and/or staff members about a call, their ability to call a good game or operate the program.
2. Showing an unacceptable outburst of anger or foul language.
3. Fighting or confrontations with anyone during or after the game.

All ejected players must leave the premises/property immediately (including the parking lot). Anyone ejected from any league game for whatever reason will be suspended during the next league game. Increased suspension can vary and players may not attend a league event until the suspension has expired. Refusal to leave the premises may result in a team forfeit and/or increased length of suspension and further actions. NO refunds will be given for ejected players and/or suspended players. Fighting and continuing to get ejected can result in suspension from the league and the individual will NOT be allowed to return. Smithville Parks and Recreation Department staff reserves the right to adjust consequences at their discretion, if circumstances warrant.

Each team is responsible for the actions of their fans/spectators as well. The official(s) has authority to remove any unruly fan or player if deemed necessary.

Smithville PARD staff and the officials also have the authority to forfeit a game, even in mid-play due to continual unsportsmanlike conduct, if necessary.

Petitions

Petitions must be submitted by a coach or team manager. Any contested rulings or incidents that are NOT handled by the official(s) or Parks and Recreation staff immediately or correctly can be communicated to the Parks and Recreation Director and Recreation Supervisor by filling out a petition form. In order to submit a petition, the form must be turned in with a \$25.00 petition deposit which will be forfeited if the petition is NOT approved. A petition form can be picked up at the Smithville Recreation Center. The petition fee along with a completed form must be turned into the Smithville Rec. Center within 24 hours, or the next business day (Monday-Friday/8AM-5PM) from when the contested issue occurred.

The Smithville Parks and Recreation Department staff has the final say over any appeal of the rules and has the ability to make decisions on any rule that is not covered.

THE SMITHVILLE ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUE RULES ARE SUBJECT TO UPDATE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE. PLEASE BE REMINDED THIS IS A RECREATIONAL LEAGUE. THE SMITHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADD, DELETE, OR AMEND ITS RULES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE PROGRAM.