



City of Plano
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
BASKETBALL BY-LAWS 2008-09

A. GOVERNMENT

1. This association shall be governed by the Plano Parks and Recreation Department.

B. FEES

1. Each team shall pay a fee for participation in each league.
2. All fees shall be paid by the designated due date set by the Parks and Recreation Department. No exceptions!
3. There will be no refunds.

C. QUESTIONS

1. The Adult Sports office telephone number is 972-941-7278, and the fax number is 972-941-7469. Office hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. The Adult Sports address is 1409 Avenue K in East Plano. The website is www.planoparks.org (Sports link).

D. ELIGIBILITY

1. Participants must either live or work within the City limits of Plano. Part-time jobs do not fulfill the "work" requirements. To play church sports, participants must have written certification by the pastor of the church (located in Plano city limits) of which they are members sixty (60) days prior to the start of the season. They must meet all other church sports requirements. Non-resident teams will be permitted on a space available basis.

2. Roster Rules (numbers 3-11 below) will be strictly enforced.

3. Rosters will be limited to **15** players. An **original** Plano Parks and Recreation Roster, properly filled out and signed by all players and the team manager, **must** be turned in at the Adult Sports Office or given to the scorekeeper by the team's **first** game. The minister of the participating church must sign all church team rosters. If the team roster is

not on file and a player's eligibility is challenged, the game in question will be automatically forfeited.

4. Before anyone is added to the team roster after the season begins, a **Player Addition Form** must be filled out and turned in to the Adult Sports Office or given to the scorekeeper. Players may **not** be added to Roster **after the completion** of the **sixth** game played in the season.

5. Additions or subtractions from the official roster must be submitted to the Adult Sports Office or given to the scorekeeper on the day that the addition or subtraction is to be actuated prior to the player's participation in the game.

6. Players may not play on different teams within the same league. No player will be released to play on another team in the same league. Players may play on more than one team; however, they will do so at their own risk.

7. No player may participate who has been suspended from any other affiliated Parks and Recreation activity until approval is granted.

8. Teams may question eligibility of only two players per game. Whole rosters may not be questioned. Teams playing ineligible players will forfeit all games in which the ineligible persons appeared in the lineup and may forfeit all remaining games in the current season's schedule. The ineligible person will be suspended and no entry fees will be refunded. Managers playing ineligible players may be suspended for two (2) full calendar years from Plano Parks and Recreation Department activities. **See Section I Number 2 for detailed description of the eligibility protest procedure.**

9. All participants must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

10. At all times, the responsibility regarding the eligibility and conduct of players rests with the manager of each team.

11. All players and teams must be qualified under Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF) General Rules and Regulations as outlined in the TAAF publication, *Cavalcade of Sports*.

E. MANAGERS RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Managers will be responsible to see that all their players know and abide by the rules as stated in the City of Plano Adult Basketball League By-Laws. Further, managers are responsible for their players knowing and abiding by the City of Plano Adult Sports Sportsmanship Guidelines. If a manager cannot or will not control his/her players and spectators, he/she faces league sanctions ranging from removal or ejection to forfeiture of games.

2. The manager shall be the official representative of the team unless he/she designates one of the players as a team captain prior to the start of the game. **Only** the manager or his designated team captain may discuss a call or decision made by the officials. The manager or designated team captain is responsible for maintaining the team's cooperation with the umpires and City Staff.

F. SPORTSMANSHIP GUIDELINES

1. Unsportsmanlike conduct is contrary to the basic principles of athletic sports. The player Sportsmanship Guidelines has been established for the protection of the participants, survival of the sport, and continuation of the league. Violation of the Sportsmanship Guidelines will not be condoned.

No Person Shall: At any time lay a hand upon, shove, strike, harass or threaten an official. Officials are required to immediately remove or eject the player from further play and report the player to City Staff.

No Person Shall: Be guilty of objectionable demonstrations of dissent at an official's decision.

No Person Shall: Refuse to abide by an official's decision. Officials are required to immediately remove or eject the player from further play and report the player to City Staff.

No Person Shall: Discuss with an official in any manner the decision reached by such official except the team manager or designated captain.

No Person Shall: Be guilty of using unnecessary rough tactics in the play of the game against a person of the opposing team. Officials are required to immediately remove or eject the player from further play and report the player to City Staff.

No Person Shall: Be guilty of intentionally endangering a player, league official, City Staff, or spectator.

No Person Shall: Be guilty of physical attack upon any player, official, City Staff, or spectator. Officials are required to immediately remove or eject the player from further play and report the player to City Staff.

No Person Shall: Be guilty of an abusive verbal attack upon any player, official, City Staff, or spectator. Officials are required to immediately remove or eject the player from further play and report the player to City Staff.

The Manager and Team Shall: Be responsible for the conduct of their fans and supporters. If fans and supporters become abusive towards opposing team members, officials, or City Staff, they place the team in jeopardy of forfeiting the game.

G. PENALTIES

1. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated at any time for any reason. Managers, players, coaches, or spectators may be suspended from league play for any violation of the Sportsmanship Guidelines before, during, or after the game on City property. The Parks and Recreation Department will decide on the length of all suspensions, but there shall be a minimum of:

A. **Two games or more**, for using profane language and/or for unsportsmanlike conduct. The suspension shall be effective for the two games **played** following the game in which the violation occurred. If the player participates on more than one night, the suspension will be effective for the same number of games for which he/she has been suspended in that league also.

Any player **ejected** from a game **must immediately leave the facility**. If the player refuses to leave the facility or threatens an official at the time of the ejection, the game will be forfeited even if there are still four (4) players available to play.

B. An indefinite period of time for fighting (fights will be defined as intent to do harm). Any or all persons involved in a fight will be suspended. Whole teams may be suspended if the infraction is severe enough (i.e. striking an official, mass fights, striking a City Staff member, etc.).

C. **One-year** suspension if a second two-game suspension is drawn.
**THE MAXIMUM PENALTY APPLIED AFTER THE SECOND EJECTION
MAY RESULT IN A ONE-YEAR SUSPENSION FROM PARTICIPATION
IN ALL CITY OF PLANO ADULT ATHLETIC LEAGUES.**

D. **One-year or more** suspension for striking an official or City Staff member.

H. **RULES OF COMPETITION**

1. All games shall be governed by the Parks and Recreation Department By-laws, National Collegiate Athletic Association rules, and TAAF rules.

2. Any player or team or spectator connected with a respective team who consumes alcohol on school property will be suspended. In case of a spectator, the team will forfeit one ball game from league play. If the same team is connected with another violation, the team will be suspended from further league competition without league entry fee refund.

3. Teams are required to play game schedules as posted. Game schedules will **not** be changed to accommodate individual teams. The **only** changes to game schedules will be made by **Parks and Recreation staff** due to inclement weather or other unforeseen administrative or facility-related circumstances.

4. All games will be played as scheduled, and game time is forfeit time. In the event officials are late or don't show, games should be played with each player calling his own fouls.

5. Teams may start the game with four (4) players.

6. Forfeiture of three (3) league games will automatically suspend a team from the remainder of the season. All remaining games will be forfeited, and no entry fee refund will be made.

7. If a team manager knows prior to game time that his team will be required to forfeit, he should contact the Adult Sports staff **prior to 5:00 p.m.** Leave a message if necessary so that the opposing team can be contacted. This forfeit will count as a forfeit toward suspension from the league.

8. If neither team can produce the number of eligible players at the stated game time, time, a double forfeit shall occur and the official standings shall show a loss for both teams. There will be no opportunity for replay of the games.

9. All players must wear the same colored **reversible** jerseys, and the jerseys must have permanent 4" numbers on the front and 6" numbers on the back. Numbers must comply with the NCAA rules. Duplicate numbers on the same team are not allowed. Single digit numbers 1 and 2 are illegal. Numbers allowed are 3, 4, 5, 10-15, 20-25, 30-35, 40-45, and 50-55.

10. Games will consist of two 20-minute halves with the clock stopping only on time outs, except during the last two (2) minutes of each half. During the last two (2) minutes of each half, the stopping of the clock shall be governed by NCAA rules.

(Exception: If one team is ahead by 10 or more points in the last two (2) minutes of the final half, there will be a running clock. In addition, the clock will not stop on a made field goal in the last minute of the game).

11. Each team will be allowed two (2) one-minute time outs per half.

12. **There is NO DUNKING allowed in any league.**

13. On free throw shots, players may not enter the lane until the ball is released.

14. Any player or coach who receives two (2) technical fouls during a game will automatically be ejected from the game and gym. The player or coach will also be suspended from the gym for the two (2) games immediately following the game in which the violation occurred. (See Section G-A above).

15. Any team that receives three (3) technical fouls (conduct/sportsmanship) during a game will automatically forfeit the game.

16. In case of a tie at the end of regulation time, a 3-minute overtime will be played. The time clock stops only on time outs. If the game is still tied at the end of the overtime period, the game will be recorded as a tie and each team will be awarded half-win, half-loss.

17. Both the Plano Open League and the Plano Church League Champions will have the privilege of representing Plano in the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Tournaments (Region VII). No additional players may be drafted to play in the Regional Tournament. The winners of the Regional Tournaments will advance to the TAAF State Tournaments.

I. PROTESTS

1. Rule Interpretation Protests

Protests will not be received or considered if they are based solely on a decision involving the accuracy of a judgment on the part of an umpire. Only protests involving the **misinterpretation** of a **playing rule** will be allowed.

A. Teams wishing to protest the misinterpretation of a playing rule must:

1. Notify the official stating the reason for the protest prior to the **Resumption of Play**: Resumption of play is the method of putting the ball in play by placing the ball at the disposal of the player. The resumption of play is in effect for the entire game except to start the second half.
2. Notify City Staff in writing, signed by the team manager, and filed with Adult Sports by 5:00 pm the next business day.
3. Provide a \$50.00 deposit (cash or check only) to City Staff by 5:00 pm the next business day. If the protest is upheld, the deposit will be refunded.
4. All protests will be ruled on by City Staff and the head of the Official's Association.
5. If the protest is upheld, all penalties will be determined by City Staff.
6. Only protests that actually affect the outcome of the game will be considered.
7. Games played under protest will have the final score turned in for official entry.

2. Eligibility Protests

A. Teams wishing to protest the eligibility of a player must:

1. Inform the official that the game is being played under protest and identify the person(s) in question prior to the completion of the ball game.
2. Inform scorekeeper of the protest.
3. Provide a \$50.00 deposit (cash or check only) to City Staff within ten (10) minutes of the completion of the ball game. If the protest is upheld, the deposit will be refunded.
4. The eligibility of only two (2) players per game may be challenged.

B. Protested player(s) must:

1. Produce picture identification to the scorekeeper issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety within ten (10) minutes of the completion of the ball game.

Failure to produce picture identification will result in automatic forfeiture by the team using the player(s) in question.

2. City Staff will verify the identity of the player(s) in question with the scorekeeper on the next business day. Rulings on player eligibility will be made within 24 hours, and City Staff will notify both team managers. **If the team roster is not on file and a player's eligibility is challenged, the game in question will be automatically forfeited.**

3. Games played under protest will have the final score turned in for official entry.

3. THE OFFICIAL SCOREBOOK IS FINAL AND SHALL NOT BE GROUNDS FOR PROTEST.

J. RULES OF PHYSICAL COMPLEX

1. No food or drink is allowed in the recreation center/gyms.

2. According to Recreation Center rules, children 6 years old and younger must always be under direct **adult** supervision. They must not be left unsupervised while their parent is playing basketball. Recreation Center staff is not responsible for the supervision of young children.

K. TIEBREAKER CRITERIA

1. If a tie exists for first place, league winners will be determined by using the following tiebreaker criteria: 1) win-loss in head-to-head games; 2) fewest points allowed in head-to-head games; 3) most points scored in head-to-head games; 4) fewest points allowed in league play; 5) most points scored in league play; 6) play a tiebreaker game.