

BASKETBALL PLAYERS GUIDE

Important information your team
needs to know for a successful
season of play!



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Welcome

The purpose of this league is to provide an opportunity for interested adults to play in a safe and organized league. Fair play and good sportsmanship are the responsibility of every player, captain, and spectator. Leagues are organized to meet a variety of skill levels. Although we open our leagues to skill levels from recreational to competitive, remember this is for FUN. Have a safe and enjoyable softball season! The program supervisor reserves the right to adjust leagues and divisions as necessary. Leagues may be combined based on enrollment.

Important Information

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Rainout Line

You can receive weather cancellation or facility closure information by text, email, or smartphone app via Rainout Line. Visit <https://www.epd.org> and click **Weather Updates**. Follow the directions on the page to set up alerts on weather cancellations or facility closures for the programs that interest you.

Team Sideline

The Elmhurst Park District utilizes Team Sideline for rostering, scheduling and score reporting. Upon registration, the captain will receive information on how to invite players to their team and complete their roster. Game schedules and standings are also available through Team Sideline, and accessible at anytime by any player, by visiting epd.org → Programs → Adult Sports Leagues → League Schedule & Standings.

Payment, Prizes & Refunds

League Fees

The total league fee must be paid at the time of registration. Payment may be received in the form of cash, check, credit card or sponsorship money.

Refund Policy

Teams are eligible for a refund before the season begins if the refund request is made **before the registration deadline**. If the refund request is made after the registration deadline, but before the schedule is posted, the requesting team is only eligible for a refund if another team in the same division is on the waitlist. No refund will be given after the season starts.

If not enough teams are registered for a specific division and divisions cannot be combined, a refund will be issued to any teams registered due to the cancellation of that division.

Prizes & Payouts

Teams compete for payouts awarded to the top two finishers in the regular season play and top two finishers in the Post-Season Tournament.

Regular Season Awards:

- \$175 check awarded to League Champion
- \$100 check awarded to League Runner-Up

Tournament Awards:

- \$75 check awarded to Tournament Champion
- \$50 check awarded to Tournament Runner-Up

Tie-Breaker Policy

To determine a league champion, the tiebreaker will be based on:

1. League standing during the regular season (winning percentage)
2. Head-to-head
3. Head-to-head differential
4. Average point differential
5. Total points against
6. Lowest number of forfeits
7. Coin toss.

General District Rules

- Local ordinances prohibit any alcoholic beverages on District property. Players and captains are subject to game suspensions and/or team forfeitures. Teams will be held responsible for fans.
- Teams are reminded that the Elmhurst Park District does not carry medical insurance covering injuries incurred while participating in the Elmhurst Park District Adult Leagues.
- The use of profanity, obscene gestures, and taunting are strictly prohibited by any player, coach, or spectator on or off the court. Captains must make sure their conduct is proper in every respect and must make sure their players and spectators do the same.
- The Program Supervisor has final power in decision-making in all matters pertaining to the league. The Program Supervisor will call all meetings between team captains if necessary. Any special meetings desired by teams must be requested by the team captain.
- The Elmhurst Park District reserves the right to modify any and all league rules, regulations, and procedures as necessary.

Schedule & Timeline

Teams are NOT allowed to reschedule their games. Games must be played as the schedule dictates. All schedules and schedule changes will be posted on Team Sideline. The Elmhurst Park District reserves the right to modify all schedules as necessary to operate the league. This includes, but is not limited to, changing schedules to accommodate cancellations.

Regular Season Play

- Game will be played at Churchville Middle School
- Game timeslots are 6:30, 7:30 or 8:30pm, dependent on the number of teams registered.
- Teams are not guaranteed an equal number of games at each time slot.
- 10 game regular season

Post Season Tournament

A single-elimination tournament is conducted at the end of the regular season for the top four (4) teams.

League standings will determine the seeding of each team in the tournament.

Tournament play has a separate award from regular season league play.

Tournament games will be played in succession. Tournament rules will be the same as regular season rules.

Divisions

Your league selection only signifies your preference at the level that you would like to be placed in. Ultimately, the Program Supervisor will decide on the level at which you are seeded based on previous league appearances.

Game Cancellations

Do not assume games are canceled because of weather conditions, even for indoor sports. Every effort will be made to play the games as scheduled. If games are determined to be playable and your team does not show, you will lose by forfeit.

Information regarding cancellations will be available via Rainout Hotline. Rainout and cancellation information will be available as soon as a decision has been made. When possible, the game decision will be made by 3:00pm on the day of the game. Teams will be given at least two weeks' advance notice (up to the 4th week of the season) for all make-up games. After Week 4, teams will be given one week's notice for all make-up games. In extreme circumstances, teams may be given less than a week's notice for make-up games

Rosters

Maximum roster size for this league is 12 players. **All rosters and waivers will be finalized by team captains via Team Sideline.** Captains will be sent a link to invite their players to their teams.

Players will register and create their own individual Team Sideline account by clicking the link

sent by their team captain. All rosters will be locked after the third week of games. Paper rosters and waivers will no longer be utilized.

No change to the roster can be made after the 3rd game, except in the case of an injury. A doctor's note will be required, and the replacement player must be of similar ability to the injured player. Any change(s) will require approval by the Program Supervisor prior to the game.

To be eligible, a player must meet all the following criteria:

- Must be 18 years of age on or before the first scheduled game.
- Must be listed on the teams roster.
- Must have accurate information on the roster and sign-in sheet.
- Must have a photo I.D. with them while in the facility.
- **Can only be rostered on one roster per sport per night.**

Any team using an ineligible player will forfeit the game. A player is ineligible if they meet any of these restrictions:

- A player who is not 18 years of age on or before the first scheduled game.
- A player not on the team's roster
- A player using a false name or nickname on the roster and/or sign-in sheet.
- A player using an improper/incorrect address (i.e., non-resident using an Elmhurst address).
- A player with no photo I.D., proof of residency, and/or incomplete/inaccurate roster information.
- A player on more than one roster per sport per night.
 - **Exception:** A player may be rostered on a League Team and an Open Division Team, though they should anticipate numerous scheduling conflicts.
- A player currently listed on a professional basketball team roster. Amateur players are eligible.
 - **Exception:** Professional athletes are permitted in Open Division.

Roster Checks

If a team suspects that the opposing team is using an un-rostered/ineligible player, a roster check may be requested. At that time all players from both teams will be required to produce photo identification. The time taken to complete the roster check will count towards the hour game period. If use of an un-rostered/ineligible player is found, the game will result in the forfeiture of the team in which he/she is caught illegally playing.

If the roster check occurs:

- Prior to the beginning of the game, all players without photo identification will not be allowed to play.
- During the game, the game shall immediately be stopped and photo identification of all players from both teams will be checked.
- Roster checks **MUST** be made before the second half of the game begins.

Any players unable to produce photo identification at that time shall be declared an un-rostered player. Staff shall have the right to request a roster check on any individual player or team at any time. A captain may request a roster check on any individual player arriving late. A player roster checked in this fashion shall not force the entire team to be roster checked.

Team Captain Responsibilities

Each team must designate a “team captain” who will be the sole liaison between the team and the Park District. Anyone outside of the designated captain who contacts the Park District on behalf of their team will be charged an extra fee of \$5/contact.

Team captains must notify the Elmhurst Park District by 10:00am on the day of their game of any forfeiture. Failure to do so will result in a \$25 fine charged to the captain’s account.

The team captain may be a player or non-player, but their responsibilities include:

- Distributing copies of all league policies, schedules, etc. to their players.
 - Located on www.epd.org/athletics
- Informing their players of all rules and regulations prior to the first game, and as often thereafter as necessary to ensure no violations occur.
- The captain is responsible for the conduct of their spectators and participants.
- Informing players of the game schedule, make-up dates, etc. and pass along any other information received from the Park District.
- **Team captains are the only players that may address the official.** If an official does not act appropriately, or if there is consistently poor officiating and/or knowledge of the rules, please contact the Athletic Supervisor and appropriate communication/action will be taken.
- Sign the score sheet after each game, to assure accuracy of score recorded.
- Responsible for making sure the Park District has current address and home/work phone numbers.
- If it is known that the captain will be unavailable during a certain period, it is the responsibility of that captain to e-mail the Program Supervisor and submit another contact name, if other than the co-captain.

Forfeits

Team captains must notify the Elmhurst Park District by 10:00am on the day of their game that their team is forfeiting. Failure to do so will result in a \$25 fine charged to the captain’s account.

If a team fails to have at least 4 rostered players by game time, the game will be awarded to the opposing team. Once an official declares a game forfeited, the game cannot be played. If a team forfeits three (3) games, they will not be eligible for the post-season tournament. Teams will be given a 5-minute grace period. If after 5 minutes, a team does not have the minimum number of players required to start, the game shall be declared a forfeit. The 5 minutes is part of the first half game time.

Rules

Team Rules

- No player can play on more than one team in each league.
- Only players listed on the team roster will be allowed to play. Use of a non-rostered player shall result in a forfeit.
- All players must sign in at the score-keepers table before each game. Any player entering the game before he signs-in will be charged with a technical foul.
- All players must wear the **same color jersey with numbers permanently affixed**. Team conformity is at the discretion of the officials and the Elmhurst Park District staff.
- ***The team listed first (home team) on the schedule shall have their choice of jersey color in case of conflicts.*** If the away team does not have an alternate jersey, they have the option to wear a penny provided by the Elmhurst Park District if available.
- Teams must have a minimum of four (4) rostered players on the court and ready to play, for an official game to begin. If, at any time, due to players fouling out, ejections and/or injuries, a team is left with only three (3) players or less, the game will be called and awarded to the other team.
 - **NOTE:** If at any time during the second half, a team with only four (4) players falls behind by twenty-five (25) or more points, the game shall be declared over.

Referees

- One (1) referee is supplied for each regular season game. Two (2) referees are supplied for tournament games.
- Referees must be always treated with respect. All disagreements with a referees application/interpretation of a rule **MUST** be conducted by the team captain in a civil manner.
- In the event of a “no-show” by the scheduled referee, teams must agree to play the scheduled games without the referee. The scores will count toward the standings.
- If a referee does not act appropriately, or if there are consistently poor officiating and knowledge of the rules, please contact the Program Supervisor and appropriate action will be taken.

Game Rules

- IHSA rules apply except where the Elmhurst Park District has made adaptations.
- All games will consist of two (2), twenty-minute (20) halves with a five-minute (5) half-time. Each team will be allowed three (3), one (1)-minute time-outs per game.
- Games (and overtime) will begin with a jump ball. Additional “jump ball” situations will be determined by alternating possession.
- The clock will run continually except:
 - during the last ten (10) seconds of the first half
 - the last two (2) minutes of the second half
 - **EXCEPTION:** If in the final ten (10) seconds of the first half or with two (2) minutes remaining in the game, a team is losing by twenty (20) or more points, the clock shall remain a running clock.

- time-out situations
 - technical foul situations
- The clock will not stop, for any other reason, including, but not limited to:
 - shooting fouls
 - intentional fouls
- A thirty-five (35) point slaughter rule shall be in effect. If at any point after the ten (10) minute mark of the second half, one team is trailing the opposing team by thirty-five (35) points or greater, the score will be finalized. Teams may continue to play; however, the score will no longer be kept.
- All players will be allowed five (5) personal fouls per game. A player will foul out of the game upon committing their fifth (5) personal foul.
- Technical fouls are considered personal, as well as team fouls.
- All common (non-shooting) fouls will be taken out of bounds.
- One (1) point and the ball out of bounds will be awarded for all shooting fouls prior to the final two (2) minutes of the game.
- Two (2) points and the ball out of bounds will be awarded for all technical fouls and intentional fouls prior to the final two (2) minutes of the game.
- All free throws will be shot in the final two (2) minutes of the game, unless a team is losing by twenty (20) or more points.
- The bonus rule will be in effect upon a team committing their seventh (7) team foul of the half.
- One (1) point and the ball out of bounds will be awarded upon a team committing their seventh (7) team foul in the first half and/or in the second half prior to the last two (2) minutes of the game.
- One (1) shot and the ball out of bounds will be awarded if team commits a foul in the bonus situation, seven (7) to nine (9) fouls, during the last two (2) minutes of the game.
- The super bonus rule will be in effect upon a team committing their tenth (10) team foul of the half.
- One (1) point and the ball out of bounds will be awarded upon a team committing their tenth (10) team foul in the first half and/or in the second half prior to the last two (2) minutes of the game.
- If the super bonus rule is in effect, two (2) shots will be awarded during the last two (2) minutes of the game.
- Any player with a bleeding injury and/or a uniform with blood on it must leave the game immediately. The player may resume playing when and if the situation is remedied accordingly.
- Any team incurring three (3) technical fouls during a game will automatically forfeit that game.
- Dunking is not permitted prior, during, or after a game. Any player violating this rule shall receive a technical foul.

Overtime

- Over time will be three (3) minutes long, with the clock stopping for the final one (1) minute. If the game remains tied, the overtime procedure will be continued until the winner is determined.
- Each team will be allowed one (1) additional thirty (30)-second time-out per overtime period.

Player Conduct & Consequences

- If a player is ejected, he must leave the gym in a timely fashion. Failure to do so will constitute an automatic forfeit. The ejected player shall also be suspended for a minimum of one additional game at the Program Manager's discretion.
- Fighting will result in an automatic player suspension for no less than one calendar year.
- All spectators must remain in the gym. Players are responsible for supervision of their children. Failure to do so shall result in a warning for the first offense. If a second warning is needed, the game shall be forfeited.
 - **NOTE:** As a condition of utilizing School District facilities, it is imperative that this rule be followed. Failure to do so will jeopardize the remainder of the season and the future of the Men's Basketball leagues.
- Any player receiving three (3) technical fouls during a season shall be suspended for the remainder of the season, including playoffs.

Code of Conduct & Rule Violations

Elmhurst Park District Code of Conduct

The Elmhurst Park District is dedicated to providing a safe, fun environment. Our positive approach is geared towards instilling an enjoyment of physical activity. Participants and spectators are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior and always be respectful of others.

Below is the Elmhurst Park District Code of Conduct:

- Abiding by all laws and rules.
- Treating all participants, spectators, parents, District staff and law enforcement with respect as individuals, regardless of their race, sex, gender-identification, creed or ability.
- Not using any foul, abusive, harassing, sexually suggestive, or intimidating/menacing words, gestures, body language, or behavior towards any participant, spectator, or parent.
- Refraining from and reporting any use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal substances, weapons, or devices that may be used as a weapon.
- Not using violent or unwanted physical contact with a participant, spectator or parent.
- Controlling, taking responsibility and consequences for your actions/inactions.
- Always treating the facilities, equipment, supplies, and property with respect.

Additionally, all players, captains, and spectators are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship and respect toward officials, Park District staff, and other participants/visitors. Violations of the following rules will result in disciplinary action as outlined below. Disciplinary action may be escalated based on severity of individual act/reoccurrence.

Ejections & Game Suspensions (Minimum of 1 Additional Game)

Players or captains committing any of the following violations will be ejected from the current game and suspended for a minimum of one additional game, at the Program Supervisor's discretion:

- Use of excessive foul language
- Being under the influence of alcohol or any mind-altering substance.
- Smoking or use of tobacco products (including vapes) on School District property.
- Team members (other than the captain) argue with, or disputing calls made by officials.
- Verbal Harassment of officials or staff before, during, or after a game.

Ejections & Extended Suspensions (Minimum of 2 Additional Games)

Players or captains committing any of the following violations will be ejected from the game and suspended for a minimum of two (2) additional games, at the Program Supervisors discretion:

- Throwing equipment in anger
- Unsportsmanlike conduct
- Use of tobacco products (second offense)
- Possession of a firearm on Park District/School District property.

Ejection of Spectator & Forfeiture of Game

Spectators committing any of the following violations will be ejected from the facility and team will receive a forfeit. Spectators must be policed by their respective team members.

- Use of excessive foul language by spectators
- Spectators in possession of alcohol

Expulsion from League Play

Active participation in any type of disorderly conduct (fighting, etc.) will result in expulsion from the league for a minimum of 1 full year, beginning the day of the incident, for the player and possibly the team.

If, for any reason, an official, Park District Staff or School District staff is physically or verbally threatened or assaulted by a player or captain before, during or after a game, that person will be expelled from participation in any adult leagues indefinitely and police will be notified.

Protests

Protests regarding rule's interpretations must be submitted in writing, along with a \$25 fee, within 24 hours of the game in question. Judgment calls cannot be protested. If the protest is valid, the protest fee will be returned. If the protest is not allowed, the protest fee will not be returned. Protests will not be allowed in any post-season tournaments.