

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- If you have any questions regarding the league, please contact Toni Giovenco, Program Manager at [tgiovenco@epd.org](mailto:tgiovenco@epd.org) or 630-993-8980.
- Local ordinances prohibit any alcoholic beverages on School 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 Basketball League.
- The Elmhurst Park District reserves the right to modify and all league rules, regulations, and procedures as necessary.
- League information, including schedules, standings, and cancelation information will be available at [www.teamsideline.com/elmhurst](http://www.teamsideline.com/elmhurst)

## **RULES & REGULATIONS**

- 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, coach, and spectator.** The use of profanity, obscene gestures, and taunting are strictly prohibited by any player, coach, or spectator on or off the field. Captains must make sure their conduct is proper in every respect and must make sure their players and spectators do the same.
- The Program Manager has the final power in decision-making in all matters pertaining to the league. The Program Manager will call all meetings between team captains if necessary. Any special meetings desired by teams must be requested through the team captain.

## **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 refund eligible if another team in the same division is on the waitlist.

- No refund will be given after the season starts.

### **CAPTAIN'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Each team shall designate a “team captain” who will be the sole liaison between that team and the Park District. Anyone outside of the designated captain who contacts the park district will be charged an extra fee of \$5 per contact
- **Team captains must notify the Elmhurst Park District by 10AM 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**
- The team captain may be either a player or non-player.
- Responsible for distributing copies of all league policies, schedules, etc. to their players. (located on [www.epd.org/athletics](http://www.epd.org/athletics) ).
- Expected to inform 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.
- Expected to inform players of the game schedule, make-up dates, etc. and pass along any other information 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 action will be taken.
- Signing the score sheet, after each game, to assure accuracy of score.
- 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 Manager and submit another contact name, if other than the co-captain.

### **SCHEDULES**

- **Your league selection only signifies your preference in 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.**

- 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 rainout make-ups.
- 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 the [teamsideline.com/Elmhurst](http://teamsideline.com/Elmhurst) website.
- Captains are responsible for routinely checking the website for any schedule changes or updates.
- Teams are **NOT** guaranteed an equal number of games at each time slot.

## **ROSTERS**

- Rosters are due before the team's first scheduled game! Any team, which does not turn in a roster before their first game, will forfeit the match. Rosters may be submitted right before your scheduled match. Roster changes will be allowed as designated by the Park District deadline, before the 3rd game of the season.
- **NEW: All rosters and waivers will be finalized by team captains via TeamSideline. Captains will be sent a link to invite their players to their teams. Players will register and create their own individual TeamSideline 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Manager prior to 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 volleyball team roster. Amateur players are eligible. Exception: Professional athletes are permitted in Open Division.
- 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 on the team's roster.
  - Must have accurate information on the roster and sign-in sheet.
  - Must have a photo I.D. with them while in the facility (refer above for acceptable ID's).
  - **Must be on only one roster per sport per night.**
- Any team giving false information on a roster shall be dismissed from the league without any money being refunded.
- An ineligible player is anyone who is listed on more than one roster on the same night
- Any team using an ineligible player will forfeit the game.
- The maximum number of players on a roster are as follows:

Softball- 20

Basketball- 12

Volleyball- 12

### **ROSTER CHECKS**

- If a team suspects that the opposing team is using an unrostered (illegal) 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.
- Use of an unrostered player will result in the forfeiture of the game 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.
- Any players unable to produce photo identification at that time shall be declared an unrostered 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.
- A roster check must be made before:
  - Softball- The fourth inning begins
  - Basketball- The second half begins
  - Volleyball- The second set begins

## **RULE VIOLATIONS**

- Players or captains in violation of the following shall be ejected from the game in which they are participating, as well as a minimum of one additional game (at the Program Manager's discretion):
  - Use of excessive foul language
  - Being under the influence of alcohol or any mind-altering substance while on School District grounds.
  - Smoking on School District grounds
  - Team members, other than the manager, discussing disagreements or arguing with the official(s)
- 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.
- We ask that you respect the rights of the officials and Park District Staff. If, for any reason, an official or Park District Staff is verbally threatened, physically threatened, or struck by a player or captain before, during or after a game, that person will be expelled from participation in any adult leagues indefinitely.
- Use of excessive foul language by spectators, or spectators in possession of alcohol, must be policed by their respective team members. Violation of this rule will result in forfeiture of the game.
- Use of a non-rostered (illegal) player will result in the forfeiture of the game in which he is caught illegally playing.
- Players or captains in violation of the following shall be ejected from the game in which they are participating or declared ineligible to participate (if prior to):
  - Use of tobacco products, including vapes
  - Use of tobacco products is prohibited within Berens Park by all participants, spectators, and staff.
  - Smoking is only allowed in the parking lot and on non-School District grounds
  - Violation of this rule may result in forfeiture of the game.

- Players or captains in violation of the following shall be ejected from the game in which they are participating, as well as a minimum of two additional games (at the Program Manager's discretion):
  - Use of excessive foul language
  - Possession and/or consumption of alcohol/drugs while on park property
  - Throwing bat or other equipment in anger
  - Unsportsmanlike conduct
  - Use of tobacco products (2nd offense)
  - Possession of a Firearm on Park District Property
- 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.
- We ask that you respect the rights of the officials and Park District Staff.
- If, for any reason, an official or Park District Staff is verbally harassed before, during, or after a game, that person will be suspended from participation in the league for a minimum of one game.
- If, for any reason, an official or Park 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 the police will be notified.
- Use of excessive foul language by spectators, or spectators in possession of alcohol on park property, must be policed by their respective team members. Violation of this rule will result in forfeiture of the game.

## **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.

## **RAIN OUTS AND CANCELLATIONS**

- Do not assume games are canceled because of weather conditions. Every effort will be made to play the games. 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.
- Instructions for the Rainout Hotline can be found on the Team Sideline website under “Downloads”.
- The Elmhurst Park District has installed a Thor Guard Lightning Prediction System in Berens Park to help protect participants, spectators, and staff from the potential danger of lightning strikes. The Thor Guard Lightning Prediction System constantly monitors and analyzes conditions in the atmosphere that may be conducive to the formation of lightning.
- When certain parameters indicate that the likelihood of a lightning strike within the area is high, the system will activate a horn with a single fifteen-second blast, as well as a strobe light.
- At this time, all games will immediately cease, and players, participants, and staff will be required to clear the fields and stands and take shelter.
- Games will not be allowed to continue until an all-clear signal is sounded, indicated by a series of three short blasts from the horn.
- Staff reserves the right to stop play and clear fields due to weather conditions even if the Thor Guard Lightning Prediction System has not sounded.
- If during a game, weather conditions force a stoppage of play (except for lightning and/or thunder) before the game is considered official, a 15 minute delay shall be in effect. If after 15 minutes, conditions have not improved to continue the game, the game shall be called off and rescheduled for a later date.
- If weather conditions force a second stoppage of play before the game is considered official, the game shall be called off and rescheduled for a later date.
- Should two games be called off in an evening because of lightning, thunder, and/or weather-related issues, the remainder of the evening’s games shall also be called off and rescheduled later.
- For softball, rainouts will be rescheduled as double headers, if possible, and then at the end, extending the season.
- 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 notice for all make-up games. In extreme circumstances, teams may be given less than a week’s notice for make-up games.

- Should the tornado siren sound all players must evacuate the fields immediately, all games will be called off at that time. Players have the option to take shelter in the HUB until the storm has cleared.
- If the heat index is more than 115 degrees at game time, games will be canceled until the heat index is less than 115 degrees.

## **RAINOUT LINE**

- Go to [www.epd.org](http://www.epd.org) & click Adult Sport Leagues
- Under the “Information” section select “*click here to sign-up for rainout alerts*”
- Decide how you would like to get your cancellation alerts sent to you.
- **EMAIL ALERTS**
  - If you would like to get emails, click on the EMAIL tab.
  - Type in your email address
  - Determine how long you would like to get emails sent to you
  - Apply for the programs you want to receive emails about.
  - Once you’ve chosen the programs scroll down and click submit.
  - Wait shortly for a verification code to be sent to your email.
  - Once you receive the code that was sent to your email, type it in and hit submit
  - You will begin receiving cancellation alerts as they apply.
- **TEXT ALERTS**
  - If you would like to get text messages, click on the TEXT tab.
  - Type in your 10-digit phone number
  - Determine how long you would like to get texts sent to you
  - Apply for the programs you want to receive texts about
  - Agree to the terms
  - Click Submit
  - Wait shortly for a verification code to be sent to your phone
  - Once you receive the code that was sent to your phone, type it in and hit submit
  - You will begin receiving cancellation alerts as they apply.
- **MOBILE APP**
  - Download the Mobile App Rainout Line (available for Android and iPhone)
  - Type in EPD Adult Athletics in the Search bar.
  - Select Elmhurst Park District and click on the star to make it a Favorite.
- Select the programs you want cancellation information by clicking on the star and highlighting it yellow.



- Anytime you want an update for a program you can go to the Rainout Line app and check.
- **Call-In Method:**
  - Dial 630-333-9594 and enter your extension:

Monday Softball	17
Tuesday Softball	18
Wednesday Softball	19
Thursday Softball	20