

City of Longview PARD

Youth Basketball Rules

Open League

ELIGIBILITY

- The PARD Youth Basketball open and church leagues will participate in the same program as opposed to offering Youth Open and Youth Church leagues. A child may play on only one PARD youth team.
- A player's age as of September 1, 2019 determines the age division in which he/she plays: 6 & under (must be at least 5), 8 & under, 10 & under, 12 & under or 14 & under.
 - In order to play in the youngest age division (6 & Under), the boy/girl must be 5 years old by September 1, 2019.
 - For example, if a child's birthday was September 2, and he/she turned 11, he/she will play with the 10 & under age group, because as of Sept. 1, they were 10. However, a player may "play up" in an older age division with permission from the PARD Office.

TEAM FORMATION AND DIVISIONS

PARD teams are now classified Division II and Division III but all will play by Division II rules in the city league since the majority of open league teams currently are Division II.

- Division I Teams – Division 1 teams do not exist on the local level, per Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Guidelines. These teams are all-star, select, tournament type teams who can advance to play Division I at the T.A.A.F. Boys/Girls State Tournaments without league play.
- Division II Teams – a Division II team is any team where the coach has personally selected 5 or more players on the team regardless of skill level. Division II teams are required to have at least 8 players. The maximum number of players per team is 12.
- Division III Teams – a Division III is any team with 4 or fewer players personally selected by the coach, or a returning team with 4 or fewer players from the same team in the previous season. The remaining places on the roster will be filled by Longview PARD. Per TAAF rules, Division III teams are limited to no more than 10 players.

PARD will not allow teams to have more than the maximum number of players on a team. If a coach has players that he/she would like to register together as a team, he/she must have a minimum of 6 players registered by the registration deadline. The coach will then be responsible for the player additions by the November 15 deadline, in order to meet the required number of 8 players.

- Any team with more than 4 returning players from the previous year's roster will automatically be a Division II team.

TEAM OBLIGATION TO PARD

- Each player that elects to participate in the league is required to pay the registration fee of \$75. Registration ends on November 1. This fee includes a shirt, gym practice time, and game fees.
- It is the responsibility of every coach to inform all of their players and fans of all rules and regulations. Coaches are responsible for the actions of the team players, parents, and fans.
- Both teams must provide a game basketball, from which a referee will choose the best as the game ball.
- All coaches will be required to have a copy of birth certificates for each of the players on their team by the first game. If during the season a player's age is challenged and the coach can not present the player's birth certificate, the player will have to sit out that game.

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- It is the coach's responsibility to double check the age and date of birth listed on each of their player's registration forms for accuracy. Sometimes parents list the wrong date of birth, causing the child to be placed in the wrong age group. If this happens it must be reported to the PARD Office immediately.

PLAYER ADDS

- Players may be added to a coach's established roster during the player add registration from November 4 - November 15, 2019. All player add forms must be turned in by the coach with full payment of \$90.00 per player. PARD will not accept player add forms submitted by parents.
- Coaches may add a maximum of 3 players to each team.
- PARD reserves the right to add players to teams in order to place participants that registered on time. If PARD places players on your team, no more than 4 will be added.

UNIFORMS

- PARD will provide each player with a game shirt. It is the responsibility of each player to keep up with his/her game shirt for the season. Players will not be allowed to play out of uniform. A team may purchase their own uniforms, but they must meet PARD approval; in addition team participants cannot be forced to buy additional uniforms in order to remain on a team.
- Gym shoes are required, and they must be worn at all times.
- If two teams have the same color jersey, the home team will wear the PARD jerseys.

TIE BREAKERS/PLAYOFFS/TROPHIES/MEDALS

If teams are tied for an award, head-to-head standings will prevail. If teams split their regular season games, the two teams will be considered co-champions. For 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U leagues, medals will be awarded to the 1st place team only. All participants in 6U beginner's league will receive awards.

LEAGUES

8 and Under

Will use a women's basketball (28.5" circumference.)

Will use 8ft. 6in. goals

Will use a 13ft. 6in. free throw distance

Will use a five-second lane violation

Will play four (4) six (6) minute quarters and two (2) minute overtime periods

Teams may full court press during the last minute of the fourth quarter and during any overtime period. Half-court defense is allowed during the entire game. However, a team may not full court press during the last minute when ahead by 15 points. A team charged with a defense violation in the backcourt will be given a team warning (1 each half). Additional violations shall result in a technical foul.

10 and Under

Will use a women's basketball (28.5" circumference.)

Boys and Girls will use regular 10 ft. goals

Boys and Girls will use 15 ft. free throw line

Will use a five-second lane violation

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10 and Under (cont.)

Will play four (4) eight (8) minute quarters and two (2) minute overtime periods. Rules amended to comply with T.A.A.F. rules/regulations. 10 & under may play full court defense until a 15 point lead is obtained. The trailing team may continue to press.

12 and Under

Boys will use a regulation basketball.

Girls will use a women's basketball. (28.5" circumference.)

Will use a regular 15 ft. free throw line

Will use regular 10ft. goals

Will use a three (3) second lane violation

Will play four (4) eight (8) minute quarters and three (3) minute overtime periods

May full-court press at any time, except when ahead by 20 or more points

All time outs may be asked for by a player on the court or the coach (on the bench.)

14 and Under

Boys will use a regulation basketball

Girls will use a women's basketball (28.5" circumference.)

Will use a regular 15 ft. free throw line

Will use a three (3) second lane violation

Will play four (4) eight (8) minute quarters and three (3) minute overtime periods

May full-court press at any time, except when ahead by 20 or more points

Dunking or hanging on the rim is not allowed before, during or after the game

All time outs may be asked for by a player or the coach (on the bench)

THE GAME

National Federation Basketball rules will be followed with these exceptions:

1. Each game will consist of four 8-minute quarters (running clock.) for 10-Under, 12-Under and 14-Under Divisions and four 6-minute quarters (running clock) for 8-Under Divisions. The clock will stop only for time outs and free throws. During the last two minutes of each half, the clock will stop for all whistles unless there is a difference of 15 or more points. The clock will then stop for time outs and free throws.
2. There will be a three (3) minute intermission at halftime.
3. Each team will be allowed four (4) one-minute timeouts per game. In case of overtime, each team shall be allowed one (1) additional one-minute timeout, as well as any timeouts remaining from regulation.
4. A team may start and finish a game with fewer than five players, if necessary.
5. Referees are in absolute charge during the game. Two (2) referees and one scorekeeper will officiate league games.
6. Gym keepers will be on site for assistance, if needed.
7. If the score is tied at the end of regulation play, in the 8-Under and 10-Under divisions of play, a two (2) minute overtime will be played. In all other divisions, a three (3) minute overtime period will be played. The clock will stop on each whistle by the officials.

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8. No jewelry of any kind will be worn during a game, unless it is a medical bracelet/necklace and it must be taped. *Girls are not allowed to wear any metal or plastic hair ornaments during games, only non-metal/plastic hair ornaments, such as rubber bands or cloth ponytail holders are permitted.
9. When a team is ahead by 30 points at the beginning of the 4th quarter the scorekeeper will record the score at that time. The score will then be zeroed out and the game will continue until time runs out. The clock will not stop again for any reason other than a time out called by an official.
 - a. The clock will not stop for a team time out called by a coach.
 - b. No pressing of any kind is allowed after the score has been cleared.
 - c. All personal fouls will continue to be recorded. A team may request the clock be cleared at any time if a team is behind by 30 or more points.
10. The team listed first on the schedule is the home team.
11. No more than two (2) adults are allowed on the bench at any time. This rule will be strictly enforced. There will be only one coach off the bench.
12. A coach receiving a technical foul will be restricted to the bench. A coach may rise to applaud a good play, make a substitution, or request a time out. The coach must then return to the bench.

FORFEITS

- A team will forfeit any game in which an ineligible player has participated, as determined by PARD staff. If a player is protested during a game, the game will continue. PARD staff will check the player's eligibility and rule on the protest.
- A team will forfeit any game if an adult of the age 18 or older is not present on the bench at the start of the game.
- Coaches should be careful to avoid forfeits at all costs.

PROTEST

Protest must be accompanied by a \$50 (cash only) protest fee, which is to be given to the PARD scorekeeper. This money will only be refunded if the protest is upheld. Judgment calls (such as traveling or fouls) are not able to be protested. Protest of a game must be in writing to the PARD Office within 48 hours of the occurrence. PARD will determine a ruling as soon as possible. Protest must be on a rule or rule interpretation.

EJECTIONS

- Coaches and spectators ejected from a game must immediately leave the facility. Players ejected from a game will be confined to the bench area. Conduct of ejected players is the responsibility of the team's head coach.
- Coaches, players and fans can be ejected before, during and after a game. The Athletic Coordinator or his/her appointed employees and game officials can impose any ejection or suspension.
- A second ejection on any coach, player or spectator is an automatic suspension for the remainder of the playing season with further suspension possible.

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EJECTIONS (cont.)

- Spectators can and will be asked to leave the gym for any act of unsportsmanlike behavior. The PARD Athletic Coordinator, and his/her appointed coordinators, is the chief administrator over all youth basketball leagues. In all matters concerning rules and regulations, amendments, rule changes and/or additions etc. Changes can be made at any time by the program supervisor to enhance play in all league basketball games.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Coaches are always required to act in an appropriate and responsible manner. Coaches in the PARD Youth Basketball program are serving as volunteers for the Parks and Recreation Department. As volunteers, any coach can and will be dismissed from their coaching responsibilities, if at any time it is determined (at the discretion of PARD Administration) that it is not in the best interest of the program for a coach to continue to serve.

- Anyone caught spitting on gym floors will be asked to clean the floor and a warning will be issued.
- Chewing gum is not allowed in the gyms; coaches will be asked to enforce this rule.
- The TAAF Cavalcade governs PARD rules.
- All teams should clean their bench area at the end of the game.
- The PARD Office phone number is 903-237-1270. Teams may view league schedules and game results online at longviewtexas.gov/parks.
- No schedule changes will be made to accommodate other activities.
- All players on a team roster must play in each half of the game.