City of Monterey Recreation and Community Services Department

3-on-3 Outdoor Adult Basketball League
RULES & REGULATIONS

It is the responsibility of each team manager to thoroughly cover all Rules & Regulations with their team members before league play begins.

The following rules shall govern all adult teams and leagues playing under the jurisdiction of the Monterey Recreation Division (MRD).

SECTION I – ROSTERS/PLAYERS
1. Team rosters will consist of a maximum of six (6). This includes the manager if he/she plays. Roster changes must be submitted in writing to the MRD Field Sports Coordinator at least 48 hours prior to the next scheduled game for disposition. Only the MRD staff can approve/disapprove roster changes after the third game of the season.
2. Players may be added or dropped from rosters through the third (3rd) week of league play. After which, roster changes must be submitted in writing to the MRD Field Sports Coordinator at least 48 hours prior to the next scheduled game for disposition. Only the MRD staff can approve/disapprove roster changes after the third game of the season.
3. Players may play on one team only during league and tournament play. Players will be dropped from all other teams other than the one in which they can legally play. Once dropped, their roster spot can become available for another eligible player to occupy.
4. All players in the MRD 3-on-3 Outdoor Adult Basketball League must be listed on the roster of the team they are playing for. Failure to do so will result in a forfeiture of all games played in by the illegal player.
5. All players must sign the roster before playing their first game of the season. It is the team captains responsibility to verify that each player has signed the roster and waiver form before any game is played. Players who have not signed the roster may not play until doing so. Any player, who has not played a regular season game and has not signed the roster at the conclusion of the regular season, will not be eligible for the playoffs.
6. Any player playing under an assumed name or AKA is illegal. Any player violating this rule will be immediately suspended for the remainder of the season and all games being forfeited in which the illegal player participated in.
7. Teams must have a minimum of three (3) players on the court at any time. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit.
8. Players must be 18 years old on the day league play begins. The scorekeeper and/or referee have the right to ask any player for proof of age by requiring them to submit their ID before they play.
9. Individuals participating in the activities sponsored by the MRD do so at their own risk. The MRD cannot be held liable for any personal injury or property loss/damage.

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SECTION II – OFFICIALS
1. The MRD will provide an official referee and scorekeeper for each scheduled game.
2. Referees and scorekeepers are representatives of the MRD, as such they are authorized and required to enforce all applicable rules and regulations without contestation.

SECTION III – GAMES
1. All players must check in with the scorekeeper prior to the start of each game in order to be added onto the team line-up.
2. Any team attempting to deliberately stall the start of a game will be given one warning. If, in the judgment of the official, the team continues to stall, the official may call the game a forfeit.
3. Home team will start with the ball every game, away team will start with the ball in the second half.
4. The manager or his/her designee is the official representative of the team. As such, they are responsible for the eligibility, conduct, and sportsmanship of all players on the roster.

5. Teams must have at least three (3) players ready to play five (5) minutes after the official start of the game. Failure to comply with these provisions will result in a forfeit. Should a team forfeit two (2) games, they may be dropped from league play depending upon the circumstances surrounding the forfeiture. Teams with two forfeitures who continue to play will be ineligible for the playoffs.

6. A regulation game will consist of two (2) fifteen (15) minute running halves. There will be a 5 minute halftime between halves.

7. Tie games at the end of regulation play will be recorded as 1/2 win and 1/2 loss for each team. For playoff games, if the score is tied at the end of regulation, the first team to score 5 points will be determined the winner. The clock will be turned off and the possession arrow will determine who receives the ball first in overtime.

SECTION IV – CANCELLATIONS
1. Only the MRD may make changes to the league schedule. Any team that foresees a conflict with their schedule is to notify the MRD forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start of the game so that the MRD can notify the scheduled opponent. Failure to notify within the specified time will result in a forfeit.

2. All forfeited games will result in a 25-0 score. Any team that forfeits 2 or more games may be removed from the league at the MRD staff's discretion.

SECTION V – PROTESTS
Protests based on a judgment call from a referee WILL NOT be considered.

1. Whenever a matter of protest arises during a game, the manager or his/her designated representative, must immediately notify the referee, the opposing manager, and the official scorekeeper of the intent to protest before the next possession change. Formal protests must include the date, time, and location of the game as well as the name of the referee, scorekeeper, and managers. Protests must refer to a specific citation and be delivered to the MRD by 12:00 noon the following day. A fee of $20.00 must accompany the protest. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned. If not, the fee will be deposited into the City fund.

2. Protests involving the eligibility of players will be decided by the MRD. Protests will not be accepted on the field nor will they be accepted after the last game. In all eligibility protests, the burden of proof lies with the protesting manager.

SECTION V I – RULES
The MRD reserves the right to modify, delete, or otherwise change any rules of the game which the division deems necessary. League rules will be based off the official NBA rules of basketball.

1. Absolutely no food or beverages are allowed on the court, only water will be allowed. No sunflower seeds, sports drinks, gum, etc.

2. Smoking is prohibited on all City parks, courts, and playgrounds.

3. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at all times on City owned facilities. Failure to comply with this provision will result in forfeiture of the game and possible suspension from the league.

4. All players not on the playing court must remain behind the playing line or against the fence.

5. Teams may substitute players during a timeout, or during a dead ball (foul, out-of-bounds, possession change).

6. No dunking allowed. A dunk will result in a turnover.

7. Game clock, the clock will only stop during the last one minute (1) of a half/overtime when:
   - Either team uses one of its timeouts.
   - Team scores a basket.
   - Foul/Dead Ball.

8. Two (2) thirty (30) second timeouts will be available to use per half. One (1) fifteen (15) second timeout will be given in overtime. Timeouts will not roll over to the second half. Timeouts can only be called while in possession of the basketball.

9. Teams are required to wear the same color uniform for all games. Uniform color will be determined for each team prior to the start of the season.
10. Possession will always change on any score. Ball will be checked in with the referee, and must be put into play with a pass to a teammate.
11. The ball must be cleared outside of the 3-point arc on any live ball possession change.
12. Jump balls will be determined by the possession arrow.
13. Points will be scored as one (1) (inside of the arc), and two (2) (outside of the arc).
14. There is no limit to the number of fouls a player can commit. However, excessive fouling or unsportsmanlike conduct can result in the removal of a player.
15. A missed shot attempt on a shooting foul will result in one or two (1 or 2) free throws. A made shot attempt on a shooting foul will result in an automatic plus one (+1) to the score.
16. There will be no shot clock.
17. There will be no attempts at stalling or “freezing” play. Intentionally stalling will result in a turnover of possession.
18. Any player ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct will automatically be suspended from their next scheduled game and placed on probation for the remainder of the season in progress.
19. The MRD reserves the right to add or delete any rules of the game, which the division deems necessary for the good of the program, before, during or after the completion of the season.

SECTION VII – PLAYOFFS/AWARDS
1. Each team will play a minimum of eight (8) games. The top four (4) teams from the regular season will advance to the playoffs.
2. League games and playoff formats will be determined before league play begins and will be stated on the league schedule. League games and playoffs will be in the interest of all teams.
3. Players on the roster who have not played at least one (1) game; and signed the waiver, will not be eligible for the playoffs.
4. Each Division winner will receive a Sponsor’s Award and all players will receive individual awards.
5. In the event a winner is not declared by overall record, the following will be used to decide all ties: 1) Head to head competition during league play: 2) Total points GIVEN UP during season: 3) Total points SCORED during season: 4) Single elimination playoff. Home team will be determined by the higher seeded team during the playoffs.

SECTION VIII – PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT
1. The manager or his/her designee is the official representative of the team. As such, they are responsible for the eligibility, conduct, and sportsmanship of all players on the roster.
2. There will be zero tolerance for any unsportsmanlike conduct, including trash talk, verbal abuse and rough play. Offending players may be ejected from game and/or league play.
3. Players/teams may be suspended and/or ejected from the court any time before, during or after the game. Suspended players/teams must leave the facility upon ejection and are not allowed to attend any games in which they are suspended from.
4. A player who is ejected from two (2) games during the course of a season will be suspended for the remainder of the season.
5. No player or manager shall at any time lay a hand upon, shove, or strike an official. It is a felony to do so. Officials are required to immediately suspend a player from further play and report such player to the MRD Field Sports Coordinator. Any player violating this rule will be banned from participating in City sponsored recreation leagues.
6. No player shall refuse to abide by an official’s decision. Any player not abiding by this rule will be immediately suspended from further play and reported to the MRD Field Sports Coordinator. Suspended players MAY NOT resume play until a disposition has been rendered by the MRD. Players face a minimum of probation for the remainder of the season and a maximum of a two game suspension in addition to the probationary period.
7. All players and managers are expected to treat officials with dignity and respect. Any inflammatory, degrading, or otherwise offensive remark will result in an immediate removal from the game. Second guessing or questioning an official's decision will not be tolerated. Players and/or managers not abiding by this rule may be placed on probation for the remainder of the season or suspended depending on the severity of the infraction.
8. All players and managers are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship. Offensive body language, profanity, or any other unsportsmanlike conduct will result in an immediate removal from the game. A two game suspension and season long probation may also be issued by the MRD.
9. At no time will players or managers verbally or physically accost other players, manager, or spectators. Any player or manager violating this rule will be immediately suspended and reported to the MRD Field Sports Coordinator. Any player suspended will remain so until a disposition has been reached by the MRD.

10. Under no circumstances will any player or manager appear on the court of play while under the influence of alcohol/drugs. The presence of alcohol on one’s person will also not be tolerated. Players taking prescription medications that alter one’s ability to think and react clearly should not play. Any violation of this rule must be reported to the MRD Field Sports Coordinator immediately. Players violating this rule will receive a minimum of a two game suspension with season long probation, or a maximum of season long suspension.

11. Any player ejected during a post season game will automatically be suspended for the remainder of the season in progress.

NOTE: 1) Any player being placed on probation for the remainder of the season and reported again for violating the “Code of Conduct” or any other applicable rule will be suspended for the remainder of the season; 2) any player being suspended at the end of the season must complete the suspension at the beginning of the next season the player participates in; 3) any player removed from a game must leave the facility immediately. Failure to do so will result in the suspension for the remainder of the season and forfeiture of the game in progress; 4) Players being placed on suspension will be suspended from ALL MRCSD leagues; 5) City Ordinance No. 1722 C, prohibits alcoholic beverages in or on facilities in which the Monterey Recreation and Community Services Division programs are held; 6) Health and Safety Code sec. 104495 prohibits smoking in all City parks and playgrounds.

We would like to take this time to thank you for making this program a success. We would like to continue to make it grow throughout our community. Please feel free to bring any suggestions or comments you might have to our office. We appreciate the feedback that you give us each and every season.

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