

Smyrna Parks and Recreation Department
Adult Basketball League
Rules and Regulations

The governing body of this league will be comprised of the Director of Parks and Recreation, the Athletic Coordinator, and/or his/her assigned representative in his/her absence. These people alone shall have full control and authority in making all the decisions regarding the Smyrna Parks and Recreation Department's adult basketball leagues.

1. **Teams:** Any team wishing to participate must register online or at the Smyrna Community Center prior the ending of the registration period. Entry fees must be paid at the time of registration and teams will not be added after the registration deadline passes.
2. **Rosters:** Official rosters must be submitted to the Athletic Coordinator prior to the first game. Failure to do so will result in a forfeiture of that game if any protests are made by the opposing team regarding player eligibility.
3. **New Players:** Notification of any new player to be added to the roster must be done before the game begins. Players may not be added to a team roster after the **second game of the season**. If a player needs to be added after the second game, it must be approved by the Athletic Coordinator and may only be done to replace another player being removed from the roster.
4. **Rules:** All league games will be played under the Georgia High School Association (GHSA) rules.
5. **Games:** Games will begin at the designated times 7:00pm, 8:00pm, & 9:00pm. All teams are required to be ready to start on time. A team may start a game with four players, provided the fifth player shows up before the second half begins. If the fifth player does not arrive prior to the start of the second half, that team will forfeit the game.
6. **Game Clock:** The games will be played in two 20-minute halves with a running clock, with the exception of time-outs, injuries, and any unusual delays. The clock will stop during the final two minutes of each half with each whistle. If the game is tied after regulation, a three minute overtime period will be played with the clock stopping every whistle. Teams are allowed two time-outs per half, and allowed one additional time-out in overtime. Teams will shoot bonus free throws on the seventh team foul and two free throws on the tenth team foul and thereafter per half.
7. **Profanity:** There is no profanity allowed! The first offense will be a technical foul. The second offense will be an immediate ejection and a minimum one-game suspension.
8. **Complaints:** If you are not satisfied with the officiating or scorekeeping, present your complaints to the City's Athletic Coordinator in the form of an email. **At no time will the officials take abuse. The officials are in control of the games and will have the final say.** If a player verbally abuses an official, the player will be ejected from the game and a league suspension may be given. Any player that makes contact with an official in an aggressive manner will be removed from the league and will face a minimum one-year suspension from all SPRD athletic activities.

9. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct:** A player receiving two technical fouls for unsportsmanlike conduct in the same game will be ejected for the remainder of the game and the next scheduled game. If a player is ejected for a second time in the same season for unsportsmanlike conduct, they will be suspended for one year from the date of the second technical foul/ejection, and from any recreation activity at the discretion of the Director of Parks and Recreation.

10. **Team attendance:** Any team that forfeits three times during the season is subject to be dropped from the league with no refund.

11. **Jerseys:** Jerseys must be of matching color with numbers on the front or back. No two players on one team are to wear the same numbers. Violation of this rule will result in a technical foul to start the game.

12. **Protest:** The protesting coach shall report to the Athletic Coordinator via email within 24 hours of the game being disputed and post a \$100 protest fee. The protest fee will be returned if protest is upheld.

13. **League Standings:** If two or more teams are tied at the end of the regular season, the tie breaker will be the head to head record between the two teams. In the event that the head-to-head record does not suffice, the next measurable statistic will be each team's respective point differential (Points Scored – Points Given Up) for the season.

14. **Tournament Play:** Playoff tournaments will consist of a one-night, single elimination tournament between the top four teams in the league.

15. **Participation Requirements:** All players must play in a minimum of four games in order to be eligible to participate in post-season tournaments. Using ineligible players, those not included on your team's roster before the two-week time period expires, will result in forfeiture of those games in which the ineligible player participated. Each player will be required to check in with photo ID before each game.

16. **Age:** All players must be at least 18 years old.

17. **Mercy Rule:** If the referees feel the opposing team has succumbed, safety is a concern, and the team is down by at least twenty points in the final two minutes of regulation, then the game may be called. All games will be completed in all other situations.