



Coaches and Managers,

We look forward to hosting your team at All-Tournament Players Park. We have included in this coach's packet some information regarding the league and our park policies. We have attempted to provide as much information as possible in this packet and on our website regarding league rules and guidelines.

Below is also a handy check-list to assure you have completed all the required steps for entry into the league.

Please be sure you have taken care of the following:

- **Register:** On-line Registration completed (provides us with necessary contact information to keep you up-to-date.)
- **Payment:** Entry fee paid by check, on-line PayPal or by credit card at the park between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Fee must be paid by deadline to hold spot.
- **Email:** Be sure that the email you provided to All-Tournament Players Park is correct. Correspondence regarding the league will be emailed and posted on the website.
- **Background Check Forms:** Head coaches & assistant coaches must submit a completed background check form by the registration deadline. Any person not submitting this form will not be permitted to coach. Coaches may provide a copy of a current (no more than 6 months old) background check. All-Tournament reserves the right to require an additional background check if not satisfied with submitted copy.
- **League Registration:** Please bring these forms to the coaches meeting if completed.
 - Completed team roster
 - Completed team waiver form signed by each player's parent or guardian. We must have these before they can participate.
- **Uniforms:** All players must be appropriately uniformed, which includes: matching team jerseys with permanent numbers on **front and back** and more than 5" in height on the back and visible at all times, appropriate shorts and basketball shoes.
- **Insurance:** Teams must provide a certificate of team insurance in effect for the duration of the league. Please see the information provided at the end of the league information packet.

Please remember to be considerate of other teams and inform us of known forfeits so we may inform your opponent.

We also ask that you remind your players that **food and gum are not permitted on the team benches**. Drinks are permitted **but lids should be kept on drinks** to avoid spills. Please put trash in the trash cans after the game and please report spills to the scorekeeper's table.

We suggest that you make league rules and park policies available to your team's parents. They can also be found at www.alltournamentplayerspark.com by clicking on "Clinic/Events" then "Basketball". Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

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All-Tournament Players Park League Rules

All coaches need to be familiar with the following league rules. Rules are in place to provide a safe and appropriate experience for the participants. Rules will be enforced.

.....**RULES:**

- USSSA & National Federation of High Schools rules will be used with the addition of the following rules.

.....**PRACTICE:**

- Teams are responsible for their own practice arrangements. Courts may be rented at All-Tournament Players Park if available.

.....**BACKGROUND CHECKS:**

- All coaches and assistant coaches are required to pass a background check prior to the start of the league. Background forms must be submitted by the registration deadline. Any person not submitting this form will not be permitted to coach. Coaches may provide a copy of a current (submitted within the past 6 months) background check. All-Tournament reserves the right to require an additional background check if not satisfied with submitted copy.

.....**INSURANCE:**

- All-Tournament Players Park does not provide insurance for teams participating in the league.
- All participants in the All-Tournament Players Park open league are required to have valid and sufficient medical/accident TEAM insurance coverage. (See more information below.)

.....**COURT USE:**

- All-Tournament Players Park restricts all court use to players actively participating in a game at that time. (Non-team members should not be on court during team warm up.)
- No free play by non-team members, including parents & young children, on courts at anytime.
- Empty courts are closed.
- Warm up by upcoming teams is not permitted during previous games.
- No shooting during timeouts, between quarters or during previous game half time.

.....**UPSTAIRS:**

- The upstairs viewing area is closed to teams, coaches and the general public.

.....**GATE FEES:**

- Entry fee will be \$4 Adults, \$2 for ages 6-12 (student), and no charge for under 6.
- Teams will receive free entry for 3 coaches. Coaches will be required to sign in at the entrance.
- Gate fees are cash only.

.....**SCORES:** Scores will be posted as soon as possible on the website at www.alltournamentplayerspark.com

.....**FANS:** Criticism of referees, coaches, and players by your fans *may result in the ejection of the head coach* of your team. Please encourage your fans to exhibit good sportsmanship appropriate to youth sports. Inappropriate language will not be tolerated and offenders will be asked to leave the facility.

.....**COMPLAINTS:** Problems or complaints regarding games must be brought to the attention of the park by the **Head Coach**. Parents with concerns **should address their coach** and any concerns the coach feels should be brought to the attention of the park will be reviewed. **(Please go over this with your parents.)** Head coaches are asked to complete a referee review form if there is a serious concern about an official. Without this information in writing we cannot submit a complaint to the referee's association.

.....**CONDUCT AND DISQUALIFICATION:** An administrative technical foul will be charged if necessary for problems regarding conduct and or dress. Two foul shots are awarded for the first infraction and a repeat infraction may result in additional foul shots being awarded or continued infractions can result in suspension from the next week's game or the league.

- **Conduct:** The conduct of players and coaches should be above reproach both on and off the court. Misbehavior or misconduct, on or off the court, will be subject to individual and/or team disqualification from a tournament or league. Each coach will be responsible for all members of his/her team, including all parents and spectators representing their team.
- **Disqualification:** A team and/or player is subject to immediate disqualification from the league for any misconduct deemed inappropriate, unacceptable, unsafe and/or abusive by the All-Tournament Players Park staff. This includes but is not limited to defacing playing site property, trashing team bench area, fighting, unsportsmanlike play and/or conduct, or ineligible players. Any disqualification is the sole decision of the league officials. An ejection of any player, coach, parent, or spectator representing a team will result in a minimum of a one game suspension and up to dismissal from the event. No refunds will be issued in the event of disqualification.

.....**COACHES ATTIRE:** All coaches should be dressed appropriately including appropriate athletic shoes on the courts and clean neat clothing. An administrative technical foul can be charged. Tank tops, sleeveless basketball jerseys, "cut off" shorts, work boots, shoes loaded with dirt and open-toed shoes (sandals, flip flops, etc.) are not permitted. Inappropriate sayings or advertising on clothing are not permitted on coaches, players or fans.

.....**ROSTERS:**

- Each coach will be required to complete an official team roster prior to the start of the season with name numbers and birthdates.
- Rosters will be limited to 15 players.
- No player additions may be made after the **start time of the team's second game.**
- Players may not be on more than one roster in the league.
- Players may not be moved from one roster to another after the roster is submitted.
- Teams are required to complete an All-Tournament Players Park waiver form signed by each player's parent or guardian. **This form must be completed and turned in BEFORE the player is allowed to participate.** *Games may result in a forfeit if the coach has not turned in the completed waiver form for his/her team.*
- Players not on official roster will not be allowed to play under any circumstances.
- Each team will complete the official score sheet for the score keeper(s) prior to the game start.

.....**REGISTRATION:**

- All players must complete an All-Tournament Players Park Registration Form. All players must have the signature of a parent/guardian to participate. This form must be on file before player may participate.
- All teams must pay entry fee in full by the league deadline.

.....**GRADE/AGE RULE:** USSSA grade guidelines apply. (All players are subject to verification of age by birth certificate if questioned.)

USSSA is grade based with age parameters and limitations determined by birth dates that allow players in each division to compete against other players currently at the same grade/age level. A player may qualify under the age exception rule if they have been advanced in grade due to academic excellence or parental preference. The following guide determines all eligible ages at grade levels.

- 3rd Grade – A player that is in the third grade and born on or after September 1, 1998. (Age Exception: A player that is born on or after September 1, 1999.)
- 4th Grade - A player that is in the fourth grade and born on or after September 1, 1997. (Age Exception: A player that is born on or after September 1, 1998.)
- 5th Grade - A player that is in the fifth grade and born on or after September 1, 1996. (Age Exception: A player that is born on or after September 1, 1997.)
- 6th Grade - A player that is in the sixth grade and born on or after September 1, 1995. (Age Exception: A player that is born on or after September 1, 1996.)
- 7th Grade - A player that is in the seventh grade and born on or after September 1, 1994. (Age Exception: A player that is born on or after September 1, 1995.)
- 8th Grade - A player that is in the eighth grade and born on or after September 1, 1993. (Age Exception: A player that is born on or after September 1, 1994.)
- 9th Grade - A player that is in the ninth grade and born on or after September 1, 1992. (Age Exception: A player that is born on or after September 1, 1993.)
- 10th Grade - A player that is in the tenth grade and born on or after September 1, 1991. (Age Exception: A player that is born on or after September 1, 1992.)
- 11th Grade – A player that is in the eleventh grade and born on or after Sept. 1, 1990. (Age Exception: A player that is born on or after September 1, 1991.)
- Players must still have high school eligibility remaining or have been accepted for admission to a Prep School.
- 12th Grade - A player that is in the twelfth grade and born on or after September 1, 1989.

.....**SEASON TOURNAMENT QUALIFYING:** We realize that some players play in multiple sports, and that teams sometimes carry up to 15 players to facilitate this, so in the interest of fairness to all we require that for a player to qualify for participation in the season ending tournament he/she must have played in a minimum of 5 regular season games. Requests for exceptions due to injury or serious illness may be submitted in writing to the tournament director.

.....**UNIFORMS:**

- All players must be appropriately uniformed, which includes: matching team jerseys with permanent numbers on the front and back, more than 5" in height on the back and visible at all times, appropriate shorts and basketball shoes.
- Numbers may be 1 or 2 digits; each number should only be 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5. Example 1, 11, 2, 23, 42, etc.
- No players may wear any jewelry during game play.
- No street shoes will be permitted on courts. This will be enforced.

.....**REFEREES & SCOREKEEPERS:** We make every effort to provide professional, experienced, well trained referees and scorekeepers.

REFEREES:

- Referees at All-Tournament Players Park are in charge on the court. The tournament director does not participate in rulings made during a game.
- Referees are expected to work as a team. Once the referee team makes a ruling, play will begin without undue delay.
- Referees will enforce all rules that apply to the game, uniforms, equipment, etc. without prejudice or favoritism.
- **Only HEAD COACHES should address referees.** Coaches should handle referee conversations in an adult manner with calm and with respect. Referees are expected to do the same.
- Coaches should direct any and all conversation regarding the game to the referees, not the scorekeepers or clock keepers.

- Continuous conflict and/or delay of game caused by a coach may result in a coach being ejected from the game. A referee's warning should be taken seriously.
- Coaches and/or players ejected from a game will not be permitted to attend or participate in the next game on the schedule. Coaches and players may be banned for the remainder of the season if deemed appropriate.

SCOREKEEPERS: All-Tournament Players Park may provide scorekeepers/clock keepers for games or on occasions the home team may be asked to keep the official book at the scorer's table.

- Scorekeepers (including volunteers) are a part of the referee/officials team.
- Coaches, players and fans should not interact with scorekeepers/book keepers. The head coach should direct questions, problems, criticism, etc. in a calm and adult manner to the referees.
- Line-up changes can only be made when players report to the table and the referee indicates substitution. Players are not to enter directly from the bench or until instructed to do so by the referee.
- Cheering and coaching are not permitted at the scorekeeper's table.

.....BENCH/COACHES

- Limit of three coaches per team, one head coach and two assistant coaches.
- Only one coach of a team is permitted to be standing (off the bench) at any given time. One warning will be given. Inability to adhere to this rule will result in a technical foul and may ultimately result in being ejected from the game. (Ejection rule will apply.)
- **No non-players or non-coaches on player's bench at any time.** (Especially children.) This will be enforced.
- Food and gum is not permitted on team benches. Drinks are permitted but lids should be left on bottles to avoid spills.
- Please help by picking up trash around team benches during and after your game and reporting any spills to the scorekeeper's table.

.....COURT/BALL

- All goals will be at 10 feet.
- 4th – 8th grade girls: ball size is 28.5"
- 4th – 6th grade boys: ball size is 28.5"
- 7th & 8th grade boys: ball is regulation size.
- Foul lines will be at 15 feet for all ages.
- 3 point shots will be counted for all age groups.

.....GAMES

1. LENGTH OF GAMES
 - Games will consist of four periods, six minutes each.
 - There will be a 1 minute break between quarters.
 - There will be a 5 minute break at half-time.
2. GAME TIME
 - Games will begin at the scheduled time unless the previous game runs over. If game is starting late it will begin 3 minutes after the completion of the previous game
 - There is no grace time (including the first game of the day). Games will begin as indicated or a forfeit will be declared.
3. MINIMUM PLAYERS
 - A team must have five players to start. Less than five players is a forfeit.
 - If both teams are unable to field five players both teams will receive a loss.
4. HOME TEAM
 - Team listed first on the schedule will be the home team.
 - Games begin with a jump ball and all other jump balls thereafter are based on the alternating possession rule.

5. CLOCK

- There will not be a running clock with the exception of the "mercy rule".

6. MERCY RULES (only applies in second half of game)

- When a team is 30 points ahead of the opponent a running clock will be used for the remainder of the game.
- If score drops below a 20 point margin game will return to regulation clock.
- **No press** is allowed by the team that is ahead during a running clock.

7. TIME OUTS

- Each team will be permitted three one-minute time outs and two 30 second time-outs per game. Unused time-outs are carried over to any overtime period and one additional time-out is given for each overtime period.
- If a time out has been called, the team has one minute to put the ball back into play.

8. OVERTIME

- Overtimes will consist of 2 minute periods. Games cannot end in a tie.

9. FULL COURT PRESS

- No press is allowed by the team that is ahead during a running clock as a result of the mercy rule.

10. TECHNICALS

- Two (2) direct technical fouls during a game on a player, coach,, or team representative will result in their disqualification for the next game of the tournament. Fighting and gross unsportsmanlike like behavior can be more than one game and is at the discretion of All-Tournament Players Park.

11. EJECTION

- Any coach, player or fan ejected from a game will be suspended for one game. Anyone ejected is expected to leave the facility immediately and cannot return for the next game.
- All-Tournament Players Park reserves the right to ban anyone from participation in the league or access to the property.

12. SCORES

- Forfeits will result in a 20-0 score
- Scores and league results will be maintained on the bulletin board for the season.
- For the purpose of league standings the following will be applied
 - Win/Loss Record
 - Two Teams Tied: Head-to-Head Results
 - Point differential (+/-) a maximum of 20 points
 - Back to head-to-head
 - Fewest points allowed in all games played
 - Coin Flip

.....INSURANCE INFORMATION

All teams participating in the All-Tournament Players Park open league are required to have valid and sufficient medical team insurance coverage and accept full responsibility for provision of coverage as a condition of participation in the league. Insurance must be in effect for the entire length of the team's participation. Teams must submit an insurance certificate prior to their first game.

Team insurance is available through USSSA (for \$89 in 2009) for the current year. (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31) We recommend all teams take advantage of this insurance which covers the team and coaches at any event they participate in. Not limited to USSSA events.

A link is provided on [ww.alltournamentplayerspark.com](http://www.alltournamentplayerspark.com) or you can go directly to <http://www.ussa.com/sports/Insurance.asp?Sport=17>

.....**PRE-GAME**

- Team's members and coaches arriving early are asked to gather on the bleachers at the far end of the court designated for their upcoming game. This helps to get games started quicker after the changeover.
- As a consideration to coaches and players in the current game, coaches are asked to keep their players and fans off the courts prior to their games. It is difficult for coaches and players to hear during team huddles with balls on the court. (Shooting during half times and time outs is not allowed. Only players allowed on courts at any time.)

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Park Policies

Please share these with your fans.

Rules are in place to provide a safe and appropriate experience for the participants and fans. We ask that all those that enter All-Tournament Players Park as players, coaches or fans remember this is a youth facility dedicated to youth sports, good sportsmanship and fair play.

- **No gum.**
- Fans enter at their own risk.
- Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
- No coolers or outside food.
- No outside chairs.
- No cleats are allowed inside the gym building. No bare feet or sock feet.
- No free play is allowed on courts. Players for upcoming games should stay off courts until time for their game.
- Empty courts are closed to everyone.
- This is a zero tolerance park. No alcohol, tobacco or drugs. No weapons.
- Artificial noisemakers, air horns or boom boxes are not allowed.
- Inappropriate language will result in a warning or ejection from the park.
- Criticism of referees, coaches and players and park employees may result in your ejection from the park in addition to the ejection of the head coach of your team.
- Any person finding it necessary to vandalize park property will be prosecuted.
- No heelies or other rolling objects.
- Please leave dogs and **pets** of any size at home. They will be asked to leave park property. Pets cannot be left in cars.

Miscellaneous Information

- The basketball gym and baseball fields are separate and have individual entry fees for events.
- You must have a hand stamp to re-enter the building.
- Please report spills to the concession stand so we can prevent it from being tracked onto the court.
- Please **do not back into parking spaces** along the baseball fence.
- **Parking:** Please do not park along the curbs for emergency and fire safety or in the New Hope Church lot.

Upstairs Area

- The upstairs viewing area is closed to teams, coaches and the general public.