Hello Parent Managers.

Thank you very much for signing up your team in our **High School Hoops (Winter 2023-24)** league. I'm happy to welcome you and your team to our upcoming season.

If we haven't already met, please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Steve Schellman. I am the Program Manager of Youth Sports for JC Parks. I look forward to working with you.

I also want to thank you for volunteering your time to manage this team. That is a very noble gesture. Personally, I've found working with kids to be very rewarding and a great way to make a difference in our community.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with quality information so you are well-informed and well-prepared as a Parent Manager.

I have broken it down into the various topics below:

League Website Information:

I send out this letter after you have already registered your team, so I assume you have already received all the info. you need from our league website (linked above). If not, please refer back to it or let me know if you have questions.

Registered Teams:

You can see a list of Registered Teams (linked above) that have also signed up to play in this league at the link above.

Payment:

You have already registered your team, but payment is a separate and second step. If you still need to pay the team fee, please call our front desk at 573-634-6482 or come by The Linc at 1299 Lafayette Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101 on Mon.-Fri. from 8 AM to 5 PM. You must complete this step to secure your early discount (if applicable) and spot in our league. If you have already paid, thank you very much.

Team Rosters:

You have already registered your team, but you must also submit your team roster including all players. To do this, please visit: **teamsideline.com/jeffersoncity.**

Sign in using the same email address you used to register your team. Then find your team and add members of your roster one at a time. You will only need to submit each player's name and email address. After you have added players to your rosters they will receive an automatic email from TeamSideline to register themselves. Players will also check a box to agree to our Conduct Policy & Waiver/Release of Liability. This is mandatory for all players. Each roster must be made up of at least 7 players currently enrolled in High School (not necessarily from the same high school) and not currently playing on a high school basketball team. Rosters are locked on the to be announced due date. Players CANNOT play for more than one team in the same division. Players cannot play lower than their age division. In other words, they can play up, but they cannot play down. If eligibility of a players is questioned, the player must produce a valid picture ID or not play.

Team Names:

As part of the team registration you submitted your team name. All team names must be approved. Inappropriate team names will not be accepted. During registration, you were asked to please explain the meaning behind your team name and why you want this team name. If the team name is inappropriate, you will be asked to come up with another name. If the second name is also inappropriate, I will assign you a team name. I have found the urban dictionary to be a good resource in this matter.

Practices:

Coaches & teams from our rec. league (Girls Jr. NBA Basketball) usually fill up all of our time slots available during this time at The Linc to reserve practices. Since these teams have less resources, we are allowing them the first opportunity. Once I see how many openings we still have after they are finished, I will follow up with you on our policies and procedures for practices for this league. I know most High School Hoops teams have access to gyms at their school or church and I would recommend that you use those facilities if possible.

Game Schedules/Conflicts/Special Requests:

Game schedules will be released as soon as possible (usually about 1-2 weeks before the first game) at **teamsideline.com/jeffersoncity.** If you have any new schedule conflicts or special requests that you did not submit with your team registration, please email me ASAP. The game schedule is much easier to change before it is published, rather than after. I will try to accommodate all requests, but can't make any guarantees.

Cancellation Text Alerts:

In case of cancellations due to inclement weather, please **sign up** to receive text alerts from JC Parks via TeamSideline. An email will also be sent to all players. I will also post all cancellation at: **jcparks.com/cancellations.** We usually decide on cancellations at about 3 PM. Please do not contact us, this only slows down the process. We will let you know as soon as possible.

League Rules:

Complete league rules (linked above) are on our league website and will be on the score table during games. Please be very familiar with the league rules for your age division and make sure all players are too.

Score/Standings & Awards:

Score and standings are kept for all divisions at: **teamsideline.com/jeffersoncity** along with the game schedules. We will give out awards (i.e. T-shirts, trophies, etc.) for the first-place winners in each division.

Volunteer Scorekeepers:

Each team is responsible for supplying one volunteer for each game. We need one volunteer to complete the scoresheet and one to run the clock. Please make sure your volunteer completes the scoresheet accurately. Simple directions on how to run the scoreboard will be on the score table.

Team Jerseys/Equipment:

JC Parks will provide all teams with reversible (dark and light side) jerseys. Teams listed as home will wear light side out. Teams listed as away will wear dark side out. All jerseys must be tucked in at all times. All players must be dressed uniformly in jerseys provided by JC Parks or they will not be permitted to play. JC Parks will provide the game ball. Teams must provide their own warm-up basketballs.

Jewelry:

For player safety, jewelry (ear rings, necklaces, bracelets, etc.) are not allowed while playing.

Officials/Supervisors:

We will provide 2 Officials/Referees for each game. A Facility Supervisor will also be on-hand at The Linc during your games. The Supervisors wear bright-colored shirts so you can spot them easily. If you need any assistance, please talk to them. Please report all emergencies, accidents, incidents, etc. to them ASAP as well. Please be considerate and respectful in all dealing with the Officials & Facility Supervisors.

Sportsmanship:

Everyone must always use good sportsmanship and conduct themselves in a professional and respectful manner. This includes all coaches, players, parents, and fans. Parent Managers are responsible for the behavior of everyone associated with their team. We have a zero tolerance policy and will not tolerate poor sportsmanship from anyone. Consequences will include ejections, suspensions, removal from the league and any means necessary to ensure the kids have a safe, fun, and enjoyable youth sports experience.

Please also respect your opponent and do not run up the score. Please sub different players in at various positions to help keep the score more competitive when needed.

Survey:

At the end of each season, we will email a brief (3-5 minutes, 7-8 questions) online survey to all Parent Managers & players. Please take the time to offer us constructive feedback so we can continue to improve all aspect of our operations and service.

Questions:

I hope this information has been helpful and has answered all of your questions. Please let me know if you have additional questions or need assistance at any time.

Thanks:

Thanks again for participating on our league and thank you for your time and efforts as we all work together to provide a safe, fun, and enjoyable youth sports experience for the kids in our community.

Sincerely,



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