

## Parent and Coach Information

(Girls Basketball)

Parents and Coaches,

Please read through this information carefully as it may answer most of your questions and/or concerns. If you still have questions, please contact the Parks & Recreation Director Bryan Fife, at 801-782-6227 or [bfife@cityofharrisville.com](mailto:bfife@cityofharrisville.com) (Email preferred)

**Registration:** Registration begins August 1<sup>st</sup>, and ends August 31<sup>st</sup>. Players can register on-line at [www.cityofharrisville.com](http://www.cityofharrisville.com) or by paper at the city offices although website registration is preferred. Registration is \$45.00 for residents/non-residents. Harrisville Youth Sports will accept players from any city with no additional fee.

**Leagues and Divisions:** (Players should register for according to the school year they will go into in August.)

There is no Kindergarten division for basketball.

Girls' basketball divisions are combined as follows: 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> grade

**Missed Open Registration?** Contact the Youth Sports Director and provide your name, the player's name and the player's current school grade. Email communication is preferred as the date and time of correspondence are recorded and is valuable information when adding late registration players to a team. Teams will be created and the need for more player participation will be determined. If more players are needed, you will be contacted by the Sports Director. You will be asked to go the city office and fill out the paper registration. A parent **MUST** have the approval of the Sports Director before attempting to submit a late registration to the office. If office staff does not have proper approval, you will be turned away and not allowed to register. Late registrations will be added only if the need for more players exist, and will be added on a first come first serve basis. There is no late fee for late registrations. If Harrisville teams are full, and if you choose, you may be assisted in getting your child registered in a neighboring city.

**Not enough players to create full teams:** In the event that you registered a player and there are not enough participants to create full teams, your child may be asked to participate in a neighboring city that may need more players, or Harrisville may accept players from a neighboring city to complete our own teams. If you choose not to participate with another City, a full refund of your registration fee will be issued.

**Preferred Coach/Buddy:** On the registration form, both internet and paper, parents have the option of requesting a coach and/or one player for your child to play with. Only ONE buddy name may be listed and must be a mutual request between both players. (Jon requests Brad and Brad requests Jon) If you list more than one buddy name, the computer program will automatically void ALL requests. Coach/Buddy requests are the first thing taken into consideration when teams are created, however, parents and players need to remember that the person you requested may not be participating this year, and the request cannot be fulfilled. Although coach and buddy requests are important, they do not guarantee your position on a certain team; however, every avenue is exhausted before determining that a request cannot be fulfilled.

**Adding Players:** If you want to add a player to your roster, the parent must contact the Sports Director at [bfife@cityofharrisville.com](mailto:bfife@cityofharrisville.com) to register the player. All players must be officially registered before they can play in a game. No new player will be added to a roster after the first game has been played.

## Schedules:

**Games:** Game schedules will be available one week prior to the season beginning. Typically around October 15. When the game schedules are complete, they will be posted on the City's recreation webpage and coaches/parents will be notified. Please pay close attention to the schedule. There may be an A schedule and a B schedule depending on participation numbers.

**Practices:** Practice days and times are typically Thursday and Friday evenings at 6:00pm, 7:00pm and 8:00pm, however, days and times may vary from year to year depending on court availability. Practices typically begin during the last week of September. Once the practice days and times are determined, the Sports Director will communicate with the coaches of each team to schedule each team's practice. The coach will then contact their rosters and let the parents know of the practice schedule. The practice schedule will also be posted on the City's recreation webpage. Parents should be contacted by a coach no later than September 15. If parents have not been contacted by September 15, contact the Recreation Director.

2016 practices will be held on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ evenings at Orion Jr. High beginning \_\_\_\_\_ September \_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ September \_\_\_\_. NOTES:

**Game Time:** Games begin on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in October and runs through the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in December. There will be no county play-offs at the end of the season. All leagues play one game per week. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may play in Plain City or Pleasant View on a smaller court and will be determined on a year to year basis. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade Harrisville home games are played at Orion Jr. High (370 W 2000 N) on Saturday's beginning at 8:00am. Teams will be required to travel to surrounding cities. ie, North Ogden, Pleasant View, Farr West and Plain City. Gym space is tight, please don't arrive more than 15 minutes early to your game.

**David Sowby** is the practice/game supervisor and school representative at Orion Jr. High. You will see him sitting at the score keeper's desk supervising Harrisville employees. If you have questions or concerns during your practice or games at Orion Jr. High, see David. Please be mindful of the score keepers. Harrisville City provides employment opportunities for our youth. Occasionally, a point may be given to the wrong team, or the clock may not stop exactly when it should have, etc. Please don't yell at the score keepers. Bring the issue to David's attention and it will be addressed.

**ORION JR. HIGH RULES:** PLEASE be respectful to school representatives and the school itself. If a parent chooses to leave their child and return at the end of the hour, please take your other kids with you. Non player children left unattended will not be tolerated. If parents choose to stay in the gym during practice, parents should pay close attention to their other children. Practice time is very important and is strictly for the players on each team. Non players bouncing balls in the gym, off the walls (inside or outside), bleachers, doors, or in the school hallways will NOT be tolerated and is STRICTLY enforced. Gym space is tight. Parents and non-players should sit on the row of bleachers provided while players practice. Harrisville City and Orion Jr. High appreciate you respecting these requests.

**Team Pictures:** Harrisville City is not contracted with any one photo vendor, however, "Tot Shots" typically takes care of scheduling team pictures. Pictures are usually scheduled just before or just after a game. The photography studio will get picture packets out to the coaches who will then give them out to players at practice. Parents may also order individual trophies, medals and awards through the photography studio or any place of your choice. Please remember, team pictures, trophies etc. are not part of the registration cost and will need to be paid for by the parents and or coaches, not Harrisville City. If you do not receive the pictures/items you ordered, you will need to contact the vendor that the purchase was made through, not Harrisville City.

**Coaches Incentive:** *If you volunteer to be a head coach for a youth sports team, you will be refunded your child's registration fee at the end of the season. Please DO NOT volunteer someone else to be a coach. (ie. wives volunteering husbands and husbands volunteering wives, without their knowledge.)*

**Head Coach V's Assistant Coach:** In the event that more than one person requests or volunteer to be a coach, the head coach is determined by who submitted their child's registration first. Assistant coaches will follow in the same manner according to the date and time they submitted their child's registration. Head coaches and assistant coaches are encouraged to contact each other to determine who will take care of what needs that the team may have. For purposes of the "Coaches Refund," only the Head coach is eligible for the refund at the conclusion of the season.

**Background Checks:** All coaches, head and assistants, are required to have a criminal background check completed at the Harrisville City Police Department during regular business hours. Monday – Thursday 8:00am – 5:00pm and Fridays 8:00am – Noon. Background checks expire 365 days after issue date. Background checks must be valid for the entire season you are coaching. (Coach must bring a valid Utah driver license) A coaches background check **MUST** be completed and submitted prior to the first practice and no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Uniforms:** A team jersey will NOT be provided, but will be distributed to players by Harrisville City Recreation if you purchase one during the registration period. Jerseys are \$15.00 in addition to the \$45.00 registration fee. Jersey's will be handed out at the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd practice prior to games beginning for those who purchased one. If you have old jerseys please consider donating them back to Harrisville City where they will be returned to the jersey inventory to help those who may not be able to afford one. Shorts, sweats or warm up pants may be worn and should be a solid color. Any color except fluorescent. **NO JEANS, POCKETS OR BERMUDA SHORTS OR JEWELRY. This rule is STRICKTLY enforced at Orion Jr. High.**

**Rules:** Rules of play will be posted on the city's recreation page prior to practices beginning. Please remember to view and print the rules from the webpage. Rules may vary from year to year due to issues that arose during the previous season, however, Harrisville, North Ogden, Pleasant View, Farr West and Plain City all play by the exact same rules which should be posted on their respective webpages.

When registering youth for recreation programs in Harrisville City, parents/guardians will be required to “sign” (on the paper registration form) or “accept” (on the internet registration form) the following *Code of Conduct and Ethics*, and *Parental Statement of Agreement and Acknowledgment* which has been adopted and implemented in Harrisville City youth Sports programs. Here is a copy for you to have.

### **Parental Statement of Agreement and Acknowledgement**

*I hereby recognize and acknowledge that my child’s participation in the Harrisville City Recreation Program may involve bodily and/or emotional injury to myself and/or my child. In consideration of my child being permitted to participate in such events, I hereby voluntarily and knowingly release, waive, and discharge Harrisville City Corp., its officers, employees, associations and all others affiliated with Harrisville Corp. from any and all liability that may result from my child’s participation in Harrisville City Recreation activities. I hereby authorize the Harrisville City Recreation program staff to act on my behalf in accordance with their best judgment in case of an emergency, and agree to assume full responsibility for all medical expenses that may arise thereof.*

### **“Code of Conduct and Ethics”**

*I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game and practice. I will place the interests of my child before my own and I will disregard my own personal desire to win. I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment. I will provide support for coaches and officials working with my child to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all. I will refrain from the use of foul language and/or negative comments towards any coach, player, referee, league officials or spectators.*

*I will demand a drug, alcohol, and tobacco free environment for my child and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all Northern Recreation events. I will remember that the game is for children and not for adults, and I will do my very best to make youth recreation sports fun for my child by assisting with coaching, being a respectful fan, providing transportation or whatever I am capable of doing. I will abide by all rules, regulations, policies, and procedures set forth by the North League.*

*I understand that this is a recreation program, not a competition league. All participants will be given an opportunity to play and specific conduct for parents, coaches, spectators and participants will be required. These include but are not limited to the following; Good sportsmanship, no profanity, no abusive language, no threatening or badgering of officials, coaches, players or program representatives. There will be no questioning the officials calls, but concentrating on helping the players to improve their playing abilities.*

*Anyone not adhering to these park and recreation rules will be asked to leave the playing area. Failure to obey will result in that person’s abolishment of privilege to attend future games and/or being released of coaching duties. In addition, the son or daughter of the person or persons involved may be removed from the game. If circumstances are of serious nature, a forfeit may be called on the violator’s team and authorities may be involved.*

*According to a recent study conducted by KSL, 74% of kids quit playing sports by the time they are in 7<sup>th</sup> grade because of their parents. A parent overreacting will not change the outcome of a game or a call, it’s embarrassing for your child, and you may be asked not to attend another game. PLEASE DO NOT PENALIZE THE KIDS.*