

## Parent and Coach Information

(Boys Basketball)

Parents and Coaches,

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

**Registration:** Registration begins October 1<sup>st</sup>, and ends October 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. There will not be a Saturday registration held. Registration is \$35.00 for residents/non-residents, and includes a team jersey. Harrisville Youth Sports will accept players from any city.

**Leagues and Divisions.** (Players should register for their current school year.)

There is no Kindergarten division for basketball.

If there is a lack of participation, grades will be combined in the following divisions;

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> grade

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 that 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 will **NOT** be a late fee for late registrations.

**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. You may write down several "buddy" names, but only the 1<sup>st</sup> name will be considered. Coach/Buddy requests are the first thing taken into consideration when teams are created, however, parents and players need to remember that the person(s) 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.

**Schedules:** Games: Game schedules will be available one week prior to the season beginning. 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. Please make sure you look at the correct one.

Practices: Practice days and times vary from year to year depending on court availability. 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 December 1<sup>st</sup>. If parents have not been contacted by December 1, contact the Recreation Director.

**Practice:** Practice will be held once a week beginning the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in December and will be held at Orion Jr. High school (370 W 2000 N, Harrisville). The day of practice is determined by court availability at Orion Jr. High and will be determined on a year to year basis. If the practice times available do not work for the coach, coaches are encouraged to secure another facility for practice. If there is a charge for using that facility, the City will cover that cost. Players are encouraged to bring personal basketballs to practice. Please do NOT arrive more than 5 minutes early for your practice. Players are encouraged to bring their own basketballs to practice.

**ORION JR. HIGH RULES:** PLEASE be respectful to school representatives and the school itself. Although parents are welcome to stay in the gym during their child's practice, we encourage parents to leave your player to practice with their team and have you return to get them at the end of the hour. This allows the player to focus on learning from their coach and playing with their teammates rather than being distracted by other things that may be taking place in the gym. (ie. kids running around) If a parent chooses to leave the player 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. Picture times are usually set either right before or right 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:** The past few years, full teams have not been able to play because there was no coach. If we don't have coaches, we don't have teams. *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.* All coaches (head & assistant) must pass a background check prior to the first practice. Please DO NOT volunteer someone else to be a coach. (ie. wives volunteering husbands and husbands volunteering wives, without their knowledge.)

**Background Checks:** The background check can be completed at the Harrisville City Police Department during regular business hours. Monday – Thursday 8:00am – 5:00pm and Fridays 8:00am – Noon. (Coach must bring a valid Utah driver license) A coaches background check MUST be completed and submitted prior to the first practice.

**Games:** Games begin on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in January and runs through the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in February. 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.

Merrill Harris 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 Merrill. Please be mindful of the score keepers. Harrisville City tries to provide 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 Merrill's attention and it will be addressed.

**Adding Players:** If you want to add a player to your roster, the parent must contact Bryan Fife at (801) 782-6227 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.

**Not enough players to create full teams:** In the event that 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.

**Uniforms:** A team jersey will be provided by Harrisville City Recreation. Jersey's will be handed out at the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2nd practice prior to games beginning. If you already have a Harrisville basketball jersey that fits your child please don't ask for a new one. If you have old jerseys please consider turning them back in to Harrisville City where they will be returned to the jersey inventory. Jerseys will be turned back into the coach after the last game of the season. 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 STRICTLY 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.

**Trophies, Medals and Awards:** Harrisville City does not provide trophies, medals or awards. Coaches and parents are encouraged to purchase your own trophies through a vendor of your choice.

### **“Code of Conduct and Ethics”**

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.

*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.*

## **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.*