

GATLINBURG RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Men's Basketball Rules 2017/18

1. Assigned Team Captain/Coach: Unless the league director is notified of a change, the team captain on the roster will be the assigned team representative and will receive all notifications pertaining to the league. They will be the only person recognized to speak for your team in the event of an appeal or protest. In the event of a change of address or telephone number, the team captain is responsible for informing the league director of each change. The Team Captain/Coach is responsible for informing the league director of forfeits (For more on Forfeiting etiquette, see "#4-h" below).
2. Return roster and entry fee by deadline date: Friday, October 13th at 5:00 PM. League fee is \$250.00 per team.
3. Be on time for ALL games. Teams will be allowed a five-minute grace period to arrive. Games are forfeited in the event that the team does not have 5 players five-minutes past the scheduled game time.
4. Expectations of Players and Team Coaches/Captains
 - a. Unsportsmanlike Conduct will not be tolerated. Penalties will be enforced which may include technical fouls, ejections from the game(s) or player suspension, or team suspension from the league. Players and teams may be banned from future leagues and events. This is all dependent upon the severity of the offense. The official's decision to remove a player or conclude the game is final. Anyone acting in an unsportsmanlike manner, players, coaches, or spectators, will be asked to leave the facility. TWO TECHNICAL FOULS DURING LEAGUE PLAY WILL RESULT IN THE PLAYER BEING EJECTED FROM THE GAME AND THE LEAGUE. Players will be given a technical foul for hanging on the rim.
 - b. Only the team captain may review an official's decision. This must be done during a dead ball. The captain must be recognized by the referee before addressing the issue. After the review, the official's decision is final and play must resume immediately. A Captain/Coach may question the rules of play but may not question the judgement of an official.
 - c. TEAMS may be banned or suspended due to individual player conduct deemed inappropriate.
 - d. Obscene language, inappropriate gestures or threats directed toward an official, during or after ball games, will be grounds for suspension and immediate dismissal from the league.
 - e. The Department reserves the right to make decisions about anything not covered by the rules.
 - f. All players are responsible for maintaining a safe and welcoming environment. However, this especially applies to Team Coaches/Captains. Each team captain is expected to facilitate their team's actions. Teams are also held responsible for the actions of their spectators (See "C" Above).
 - g. Any actions committed by a team or by individual players that have been established as unacceptable behavior on this document, during coach/captains meeting(s), or during pregame meetings may result in the removal of that team from the league indefinitely. Teams can be banned for future seasons as well. This is at the judgement and discretion of the Recreation Department Staff.
 - h. In the event that a team needs to forfeit a game, the captain/coach is expected to contact the league director at least 24 hours prior to the game. Teams MUST give the league director notice via telephone no later than 4:00 PM the day of their game. Failure to do so will result in penalties as the discretion of the league director.

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5. Any punching or intentional shoving will result in immediate dismissal from the league and tournament.
6. Players must wear non-marking athletic shoes.
7. All playing members must wear matching shirts. Any type of shirt or jersey is acceptable as long as they are identical in color with numbers. NO EXCEPTIONS! This will not apply to the scrimmage week but will be enforced the first week of play which will commence on November 8th.
8. Tournament seeding will be determined by win/loss record. In the event that there is a tie between teams, seeding will be determined by head to head matchups, points scored, and fewest points allowed.
9. TSSAA Rules will govern play
 - a. Games will consist of 7-minute quarters of stop time play
 - b. Overtime will be 3 minutes of stop time play
 - c. Recreation Department will furnish game balls
 - d. Players with 5 fouls will foul out of the game
 - e. Any player with 2 TECHNICAL FOULS WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON AND TOURNAMENT. However, a single technical foul will dissolve in the event that a player plays two full consecutive games after the technical has been committed. For example, a player who commits a technical foul in the first half of game 1 and commits a technical foul in the second half of game 3, will be suspended from the tournament for the rest of the season. However, if the 2nd technical foul occurs in game 4 instead of game 3, the player is still eligible.
10. Games will be played on Wednesday nights. Each team will play 8 games followed by a single elimination tournament. ALL TEAMS WILL MAKE THE TOURNAMENT. (The only exception would be Teams that have been banned or removed from the league for disciplinary reasons –those teams will not be eligible for the tournament)
11. ELIGIBILITY: all players must be 18 years old to play. Each participant's name must be listed on the team roster. Participants may not play on two different teams in the same league at any time. Participating in any "live ball" situation is considered to have played in a game.
12. Teams may add players to their roster at any time during the season. Only players who have played in at least 3 games or ¼ of the league, whichever is greater, will be eligible for the post-season tournament.
13. Protest: protests will be allowed on eligibility and rule interpretations only. Judgement calls are not disputable. To protest, a team must verbally notify the referee at the time a rule infraction that the game is being played under protest. Team captain must submit a written protest before the following days ends at 4:30pm. This written protest must explain the reason for the protest, give the officials name, include team name, captain's name and phone number.
14. Any currently active high school or college basketball player is ineligible to play in the league.
15. In case of bad weather, please call the community center at 865-436-4990 after 3:00 pm to find out about cancelled games.
16. All other rules will be governed by the TSSAA rulebook

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17. Mercy Rules:

- a. Teams in the event that a team is ahead in the second half of a game by a margin of 25 points or more, the clock runs continuously regardless of whether the ball is dead or not.
- b. Teams that are ahead by a margin of 25 points or more cannot implement a full court press.

18. All teams Coaches are required to provide a working phone number and email

19. Registration Fees are nonrefundable even in the event that a team is dismissed from the league.

20. Championship shirts will be awarded to regular season champions and tournament champions.