



City of Lawrence

PARKS AND RECREATION

Lawrence Parks & Recreation Youth Basketball Guidelines

The following protocols & recommendations will be in place for youth basketball for the 2022 season. The purpose of this information is to provide as best as possible, a safe environment at the Sports Complexes and to comply with local government mandates.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS:

1. Benches – The team benches will be for participant use only. Substitute players will sit 6 feet apart on their team bench and must wear a mask. A maximum of 2 coaches are allowed around the bench area. They must maintain 6 feet from the court, 6 feet from each other and 6 feet from substitute players.
2. The wearing of face coverings is required in all public facilities. Face coverings must be worn by everyone at all times. **This includes spectators, coaches, players, score keepers and officials.** Face coverings may be homemade, or store bought.
 - Exception: Players 12 years old and older will not need to wear a mask while actively participating in the game. **Masks will need to be worn while on the bench.**
3. LPRD will provide the basketball for the game(s). The game ball will be disinfected after every game.
4. Water – Water fountains will be on; however, players are encouraged to bring their own water bottles.
5. At the conclusion of the game, no handshakes. Instead, teams are to wave to their opponents and say good game.
6. Limit team huddles. Communication with the team needs to follow social distancing guidelines.
7. Captains will not attend the pre-game meeting. Pre-game meetings will be with one coach from each team and the officials. The meeting will take place toward the center of the court. Social distancing rules apply.
8. In the event of an injury – Only the coach and/or parent may attend to the player unless medical attention is required.
9. Bathrooms will be open and cleaned before the 1st games of the day/night.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Participants should wash/sanitize their hands after each game.
2. Teams are encouraged to provide and display hand sanitizer for their team for use before, during and after the game.
3. Social distancing is recommended whenever possible. Teams are encouraged not to gather as a group within close proximity of one another for pre or post game meetings.
4. To minimize the risk of COVID-19 spread by minimizing the number of people in the facility, after your games have concluded, please leave the building. Do not remain to watch other games.
5. Players, coaches and spectators may not enter the building prior to 15 minutes before their scheduled game time.

6. We strongly encourage those individuals who are at high risk (Senior Citizens and those with underlying medical requirements) to avoid attending.
7. All participants, fans and staff are encouraged to look for any signs of illness and do not come to the recreation center if you are showing any symptoms of Covid-19.

RULE CHANGES:

1. Hoopsters: Uniform rules will be relaxed this season. Teams are encouraged to have the same color jersey with a number.
2. No Overtime. Games will end in a tie