



7/8th Grade Rec Basketball League Coaches Packet



Dear Grades 7/8 Grade Basketball Coach:

I would like to thank you for taking the time to volunteer for such an important position. A Youth Coach is one of the hardest, most demanding jobs a person can have. Yet, it is also one of the most rewarding experiences as well. As a coach, you have the ability to teach, to learn, to give back and to create wonderful memories for a child. As a coach, you can instill a lifelong love for sports in the hearts of children in our community.

The main purpose of this Recreational Basketball Program is to provide a safe environment where players have the opportunity to participate and enjoy the game of basketball in a fun and supportive atmosphere. We feel strongly that all players should have the chance to participate, and that player development, not winning, should be the ultimate goal.

Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding our league. I look forward to working with you throughout the season. Thank you again for your time and enthusiasm!

Sincerely,

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**South Portland Parks and Recreation
Youth Sports Philosophy**

South Portland Parks & Recreation is committed to providing a high quality youth sports experience for our participants, parents, coaches, and spectators. All of our youth sports leagues are driven by the same core philosophy, to introduce and develop the skills needed for lifelong enjoyment of sports in a setting that is inclusive, engaging, and centered on promoting sportsmanship and having FUN! We feel strongly that all players should have the chance to participate, and that player development, not winning, should be the ultimate goal.

Free resource for basketball drills & activities: www.breakthroughbasketball.com

Practices Times

Grades 7/8 teams may practice 1-2 time per weeks, depending on gym space. Practices will take place at the South Portland Community Center or Red Bank.

Games

Games will be played at the South Portland's SPCC Gym on Wednesday nights starting on January 7th 2026.

Roster & Equipment

Each facility will be provided with basketballs, pinnies and a med kit. This is to stay at the facility. Each player will receive a team shirt with a number on the back. They should wear this shirt during games. Every roster will have the shirt size of each player to help when distributing. Rosters will also list allergies, conditions, and developmental or physical limitations that parents wish to share.

Outside Teams All teams participating in this league that were not registered through South Portland Recreation should be associated with another service community organization (ex. non-profit, school, other community's recreation department). Teams entered into the league in this fashion will supply their own jerseys and be subject to a \$400 league fee. This fee will be paid to South Portland Recreation no later than two weeks before the first game of the season.

Incidents/Accidents

Any major accidents (injuries) or incidents (parent and/or child behavior) should be reported to the Recreation Coordinator soon as possible.

Post-season tournaments

We will be holding an end of season playoff, based upon regular season records. Although we encourage continued play once the season is over, South Portland Parks & Recreation will not pay entry fees for any additional tournaments that teams choose to participate in after the season. Teams may use their South Portland jerseys to participate in added tournaments but we must be notified as to what tournaments you have registered for.

Cancellation Procedure

- Game cancellations will be made no later than 3pm on Wednesday. If possible, we may make the decision late Tuesday afternoon. In either case, coaches will be emailed and then they must contact their team to let them know asap. Cancelations will also be posted on our website (southportlandme.myrec.com) and Facebook page.
- If the schools are canceled for the day (such as when school is canceled due to snow) then practices that take place in those buildings will be cancelled. Practices that take place in the Community Center will not be canceled unless the weather is a factor and we decide to close our building. If this is the case, the coach will be notified.
- If a coach decides not to have practice for whatever reason, we ask that you please let the Recreation Coordinator know so we may appropriately field any calls we receive from teams.
- The coaches DO NOT have the authority to cancel games – this is left up to recreation staff.

IMPORTANT: You are responsible for contacting your team, notifying them of when practices will be held, distributing game schedules, and forwarding any other pertinent information. Good communication with your team is crucial to having a smooth and successful season.

Coach's Code of Conduct

- **Respect the Golden Rule:** Treat your players, parents, and officials the way you want to be treated. That means no yelling, sarcasm, or embarrassing anyone. Give respect to get respect.
- **Coach Everyone:** Remember, "there is no I in TEAM." Make sure every player contributes. If you're coaching your own kid, be extra careful to treat them the same as everyone else—don't give them too much or too little attention.
- **Focus on the Basics:** Help your players master the fundamentals of basketball. Wins and losses come and go, but developing their skills is your big chance. And don't forget to teach them that hustle is a key skill too.
- **Enforce Good Sportsmanship:** Spend time at practice and games teaching the team how to behave whether they win or lose. No trash talk or taunting. Encourage good relationships with the officials and have the guts to address bad sportsmanship when it happens.
- **Know the Rules:** Read the rulebook and understand any special league policies. You can't expect your players to know the rules if you don't.
- **Be Cool with Officials:** Don't try to bully or intimidate the refs. Act like an adult: ask questions politely for clarification during a timeout or break if you need to. Set a positive example by never arguing a call or bad-mouthing an official.
- **Promote Fun:** Don't get too serious or crazy about winning. Make sure you smile, and most importantly, make sure the kids are having fun. If they aren't, something needs to change.
- **Be Patient:** Young players *will* miss shots, turn the ball over, and foul unnecessarily. They need room to make mistakes. It's your job to help them learn from those mistakes, and that takes patience and time.
- **Talk to Parents:** Start the season by talking to parents about your coaching philosophy. Give them a chance to discuss any concerns. They are there to see their kids play, so ensure every player gets a chance to contribute.

"Team sports teach you how to get along with other people. A true mark of your character, will be in how you treat that person who is the weakest link, when you are the strongest link"

GRADES 7/8 REC BB LEAGUE RULES

1. Play will be 5v5.
2. Four 8-minute quarters— running time. **The clock will stop for foul shots.** Under 2 minutes in the 4th period, the clock will stop, unless a team is up by 20.
3. 5 personal fouls per player.
4. 7 team fouls will result in 1 and 1, 10 or more team fouls, players will shoot 2 shots.
5. In case of a tie, there will be a 4-minute overtime period. If the score is still tied after the overtime period, the game ends in a tie.
6. The league will use 29.5 for boys and 28.5 for girls on 10ft hoops.
7. Each team will have **two 60-second time outs a half.** One additional 30-second time out for overtime period.
8. **No jewelry may be worn (This includes earrings) - Players may wear rubber bands made of elastic, cloth or other soft material, for long hair. Hard barrettes are not allowed.**
9. Coaches must set a positive example for their players at practice and games. If there are questions for the officials, please address them during a time out, between quarters, or between halves, with the game supervisor present. The coach is responsible for the actions of his/her players from the time they arrive at practice or a game until the time they leave.
10. **Full-court press is only allowed in the last two minutes of the half if the game is within 10pts.**
11. Anyone not on the roster is not allowed to play or sit on the bench during games. All coaches must be approved volunteers by the town you are representing.

Program Objectives

- To provide a safe, positive and fun basketball experience for all children.
- To allow players to participate in an environment that does not put any unnecessary pressure on them from parents or coaches.
- Remember that this is an instructional league where the development of players must precede a coach's personal desire to win.

Things to note:

- No drinks will be allowed in the gym. Players are allowed to bring water. Juice, soda, and sports drinks are prohibited. Coaches must help enforce this rule.
- For the safety of the players, all coaches and players must stay off the court with wet shoes.
- If a child has any allergies, conditions or physical limitations, it will be noted on your roster. If you would like further information on how to accommodate that child, please talk to the parent or contact the Rec Dept.

Please Email this report once completed to Bmaloney@southportland.gov or return to SPCC front desk, within 24hrs of the incident.



**CITY OF
SOUTH
PORTLAND**

ACCIDENT/INJURY FIRST REPORT GUIDELINES AND REMINDERS

I. PURPOSE

As stated in the Personnel Policy, all accidents or injuries to City employees arising out of or during the course of employment must be reported to the employee's supervisor and Human Resource's Office. All reports must be in writing which can be accomplished by filling out the City's Accident/Injury First Report. In addition, any vehicle accidents or other accidents causing damage to City property under the direct care and control of a City employee must be reported to their supervisor and the Executive Office. The Executive Office shall also be informed of any injuries or loss of property arising out of or during the course of City events, activities, or City operations.

II. GUIDELINES

1. After an Incident - After an incident occurs, employees should ensure that everyone involved is safe. If there are injuries, employees should call 911 for assistance.

For all vehicle accidents where a City vehicle is involved, it is strongly encouraged that employees call the local police department and employees are required to call the local police station for damages estimated to be more than \$1,000. The officer should present the employee with a crash report number that should be included on the Accident/Injury First Report. If under certain circumstances this does not take place, employees may be required to fill out an Automobile Questionnaire and/or answer follow up questions.

If an employee is injured, they should seek medical attention as soon as possible. This may be a band-aid or a visit to the City's occupational health provider. Employees should check with their immediate supervisor. If the injury is severe and a danger to life, employees should call 911 immediately. Contact information for the City's workplace occupational healthcare providers are below:

CONCENTRA (SOUTHBOROUGH DR.)
400 SOUTHBOROUGH DR. #1, SOUTH
PORTLAND, ME 04106
(207) 761-1100
M-F: 8:00 AM - 5 PM

CONCENTRA (WESTERN AVE.)
85 WESTERN AVE., UNIT 6, 7, 8, SOUTH
PORTLAND, ME 04106
(207) 774-7751
M-F: 7:30 AM - 5 PM

BAYSIDE EMPLOYEE HEALTH
50 SEWALL ST. # 301, PORTLAND, ME
04102
(207) 780-6631
M-F: 7:30 AM - 5 PM

It is important to note that contact information for everyone involved is very important. At the very least, employees should note any witnesses (including contact information) or other individuals who were directly affected by the incident.

2. Filling Out the Accident/Injury First Report - the Accident/Injury First Report must be completed within 24 hours and no later than 48 hours after an incident occurs. Timely reporting is important and required.
3. Post Reports - In some cases, employees may be asked follow-up questions or asked to fill out supplemental forms. To ensure a quick resolution for any claim filed after the initial incident, employees are asked to complete these reports and answer any follow up questions in a timely manner.

ACCIDENT REPORT INSTRUCTIONS



CITY OF
**SOUTH
PORTLAND**

IN OFFICE USE ONLY

INCIDENT #: _____

CLAIM #: _____

DATE OF NOTIFICATION: _____

ACCIDENT/INJURY FIRST REPORT

**EMPLOYEES WHO ARE INJURED OR ARE INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT SHOULD COMPLETE THIS FORM
(NOT FOR PUBLIC USE)**

COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS THAT APPLY

EMPLOYEE INJURY CONTACTS - SEE OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENT AND INJURY FLOW CHART FOR MORE INFO.

CONCENTRA (SOUTHBOROUGH DR.)
400 SOUTHBOROUGH DR. #1, SOUTH
PORTLAND, ME 04106

(207) 761-1100

M-F: 8:00 AM - 5 PM

CONCENTRA (WESTERN AVE.)
85 WESTERN AVE., UNIT 6, 7, 8, SOUTH
PORTLAND, ME 04106

(207) 774-7751

M-F: 7:30 AM - 5 PM

BAYSIDE EMPLOYEE HEALTH
50 SEWALL ST. # 301, PORTLAND, ME
04102

(207) 780-6631

M-F: 7:30 AM - 5 PM

If the provider above is not open/available or there is a serious employee injury, call 911 for immediate assistance.

GENERAL INFORMATION (REQUIRED)

DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION

INCIDENT DATE: ____/____/____ TIME WHEN INCIDENT OCCURRED: ____:____ AM [] PM []

STREET ADDRESS OR NEAREST INTERSECTION: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ CITY FACILITY (if applicable): _____

SUPERVISOR: _____ SUPERVISOR'S EMAIL: _____

WITNESSES

This section allows you to document at least three (3) witnesses to the incident. Please provide names AND contact information.

WITNESS 1

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

WITNESS 2

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

WITNESS 3

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

MOBILE EQUIPMENT OR VEHICLE (IF APPLICABLE)

VEHICLE INFORMATION

If you were involved in a vehicle accident causing \$1,000 or more in damages, you are REQUIRED to call the nearest police station for assistance. This section is intended for you to provide the City with basic information about the damaged City vehicle as well as information about any other vehicle damaged in the accident.

CRASH REPORT NUMBER: _____

CITY VEHICLE

DRIVER NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

VIN (Last 5 Digits): _____ MAKE: _____ MODEL: _____

DESCRIBE DAMAGES: _____

OTHER VEHICLE

DRIVER NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

OWNER NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

INSURANCE PROVIDER: _____ POLICY NUMBER: _____

MAKE: _____ MODEL: _____ PLATE #: _____

DESCRIBE DAMAGES: _____

South Portland Recreation High School Recreational Basketball League Code of Conduct

All coaches and players **MUST** sign and fully understand the League Code of Conduct Policy below. This needs to be signed by all players and coaches and returned to the department which you registered with prior to participating. We expect players and coaches to represent themselves and their community in a positive manner and abide by this code of conduct at all times.

There will be a zero tolerance policy for player and/or coach behavior.

By signing below, all coaches and players are agreeing to adhere to the following guidelines...

1. If I use drugs or alcohol at any time during the season, I will be eliminated from the team.
2. If I get a technical foul for misbehavior, I will come out of the game and sit on the bench for the rest of the game without further incident. Two technical fouls in one game will result in sitting out the following game.
3. Anyone using abusive language towards officials, opposing players, teammates, or spectators will be suspended for a minimum of two games.
4. Anyone starting a fight or altercation will be suspended from the league immediately.
5. South Portland Recreation reserves the right to remove a participant, coach, or spectator from this league at any time upon our discretion.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

