



## FALL AND SUMMER MEN'S BASKETBALL RULES

### SECTION 1 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

#### ENTRY INFORMATION:

1. Entry Fee: **Fall \$200.00 and Summer \$150.00** per team. Make checks payable to **City of Shreveport**.
2. Players must be **18** years of age or older to participate. Player's must show some form of picture **ID** at all games.
3. Individuals currently listed on a high school or college roster are **INELIGIBLE**.
4. SPAR will **NOT** be responsible for any injuries that may occur while participating in this program.
5. Entry forms, entry fee and rosters must be turned into the SPAR Athletic Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on the denoted registration deadline.
6. Play will begin for **Fall Basketball in November/Summer Basketball in July**
7. Team representative will be required to submit to the SPAR Athletic Office an email address and any date(s) that their team will not be able to play by registration deadline. After the schedules are drawn up, **NO GAMES WILL BE RESCHEDULED EXCEPT FOR SPAR CANCELLATIONS.**

#### ROSTER INFORMATION:

1. Please print or type rosters. Include name, address and phone number of players. Each team may have a roster maximum of **15** players.
2. The Official SPAR rosters will be held at the Athletic Office and designated playing site. The scorekeeper will have an official certified copy of each team roster at each site. I.D.'s and roster check will be administered at each game.
3. A player cannot be added to the roster at game time. Additions must be made in writing at the SPAR Athletic Office **no later than 4:30 p.m.** on the day of the game. **NO ADDITIONS WILL BE TAKEN BY TELEPHONE.** Additions may be faxed to 673-7800. Deletions must also be made at the SPAR Athletic Office with proper Identification.
4. **NO ADDITIONS can be made to rosters Wednesday after the league begins. Rosters will be frozen at this time. Exception: In the event of an emergency Military, Police and Fire Department.** Prior to a change may be made either at the player request or the representative decision to dismiss the player. If a player voluntarily requests a change he / she must come to the SPAR Office with proper identification. If a player is dismissed by a representative, the representative must sign a release form.
5. A player can play on one team only. If a player is guilty of playing for another team other than the team he/she is registered with, he / she **will be suspended from league play for the remainder of the season.** A player guilty of this violation will have every game that he/she participated in forfeited. Additionally, the team representative will be placed on probation for the remainder of the season. A second violation by the representative will result in his / her suspension for the remainder of the season or indefinitely from any SPAR Athletics programs.

6. All players/coaches must sign a release form and bat waiver before participating in the Fall/Summer Basketball league

### **FORFEITURES:**

1. The game will be forfeited if a team is not ready to play at scheduled game time or after the **five (5) minute grace period of the first game**. The grace period is only if the team doesn't have 5 players at game time. **(First game only)**
2. Teams must have five (5) players to start the game. If a team loses a player for any reason, such as injury or ejection, they may continue with four (4) players. If another player is lost, the game will continue at the discretion of the Officials and Supervisor.
3. If a player or coach is ejected he/she must leave the property within (2) minutes. It will be the coach's responsibility to handle his/her players. **If you're unable to do so**, please inform the Gym Supervisor so that the next step can be taken in having the person removed.
4. Officials will call forfeits. Forfeits will run two (2) ten minutes halves or 45 minutes, to allow time for the staff to prepare for the next game.

### **UNIFORMS:**

1. It is **MANDATORY** that all players wear jerseys or T-shirt of the same solid color. Each **jersey or T-shirt may** have 4" numerals on the front and 6" numerals on the back. There **MUST** be a number on the back. These numbers must be no wider than 3/4" and of a single color in contrast to the jersey or t-shirt color.
2. Players on the same team will **NOT** wear identical numbers.
3. No shorts with pockets. **NO** exceptions.
4. **Each team must have uniforms first day of play**. Including T-shirt and Jerseys with numbers. No written or taped numbers. **No exceptions**.
5. **No Jewelry, beads or do rags will be allowed during play**.

### **GAME REGULATIONS:**

1. **LHSAA rules** will govern play, **except as Modified by SPAR**.
2. It is the responsibility of the team representative to give the line-up to the scorekeeper no later than ten **(10)** minutes prior to scheduled game time. Failure to do so will result in a technical foul.
3. Teams will play two (2) **20** minute halves. Each **overtime** period will be three **(3)** minutes. Three **(3)** minutes on the clock for half-time.
4. The clock will stop only for time outs during the **first eighteen (18) minutes of each half**. The clock will stop in accordance with **National Federation Rules the last two (2) minutes of each half**.
5. Each team is permitted four (4) time outs **per game**.
6. The three (3) point shot will be in effect.
7. 1 and 1 will be shot **ON** the **7th personal foul of each half**.
8. Two (2) shots will be awarded **ON** the **10th and subsequent foul of each half**.
9. There will be **NO DUNKING** **during pre-game warm-ups**, however dunking will be allowed during the game. No "hanging on the rim"
10. Throw in - last 2 minutes of game after a made basket, a team can receive the ball at half court, **after a timeout is called**.

## **PROTEST PROCEDURES:**

1. If a game is being protested, the representative must tell the referee who will, in turn, notify the scorekeeper that the game is being played under protest. A formal letter of protest accompanied by a **\$25.00 fee** must be submitted to the SPAR Athletic Office no later than 4:30 p.m. the day following the game (4:30 p.m. Monday for Friday or weekend games protest needs to be submitted in writing the next business day Monday by 4:30). If the protest is upheld, the \$25.00 will be refunded.
  - (a) A judgment decision or rule interpretation cannot be protested, only the eligibility of a player.
  - (b) Any player found to have illegally played during the course of the season will have every game that he/she participated in forfeited.

## **APPEAL PROCEDURES:**

1. Players, coaches and spectators may appeal any suspension or disciplinary action taken as a result of improper behavior. Additionally, the representative may appeal any decision based on an authorized protest.
2. There are four levels in the appeal process which must be followed in sequence:
  - a. First Level: Meet with SPAR Superintendent of Athletics and the Adult Sports Administrator.
  - b. Second Level: Meet with SPAR Assistant Director.
  - c. Third Level: Meet with SPAR Director.
  - d. Final Appeal: Meet with SPAR Council.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

1. It is the responsibility of the team's representative to appoint a coach acceptable to SPAR. If a change of representative is made during the season, the SPAR Athletic Office must be notified as soon as possible. The new representative must acquaint himself with SPAR rules. The SPAR Athletic Office will coordinate with representative on all matters pertaining to postponements, rescheduling, player eligibility, etc.
2. A player or coach ejected from any game for any reason will be immediately suspended from the team **until he/she meets or talks with the SPAR Adult Sports Administrator**. Following this meeting, the suspension may be lifted or extended depending on the circumstances surrounding the ejection. (Forfeits rule)
3. Any player or coach ejected for fighting during or after the game will be suspended from play until he meets with the **SPAR Adult Sports Coordinator**. The entry fee will **NOT** be refunded. (See rule 2)
4. Any player receiving two (2) flagrant technical fouls during the entire season will be disqualified for the remainder of the season. Depending on the circumstances the player maybe suspended from participating in all SPAR Sports.

5. Any coach or player who curses, pushes, hits, spits on, or otherwise abuses **ANY SPAR OFFICIAL (including game officials)**, or other coach or player will be suspended indefinitely from coaching or playing in any SPAR Athletic Program **until he/she meets with the SPAR Adult Sports**
6. Any player, manager or coach found to have been drinking will be barred from SPAR play for the remainder of the season. **DRINKING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE GYM OR ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.**
7. Any player, coach or fan that is a constant source of unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspended immediately.
8. Trophies will be awarded for first and second place in the Fall Season and First only in the Summer Division. In case of a tie, trophies will be awarded to both teams. First and Second for Playoffs  
EXAMPLE: If there is a tie for first place, two (2) first place trophies and no second place trophy will be awarded. If there is a clear first place finisher and two or more teams tied for second place, one first place trophy and a second place trophy for each team tied for second will be awarded.
9. League standings will be updated weekly and posted on the SPAR Athletic Web page [www.myspar.org](http://www.myspar.org)

#### **HIV/Hepatitis B - Bleeding Rule**

**Any player who is bleeding from the nose, mouth, or open wound will be governed by the injured player rule.**

**Any player with an excessive amount of blood on his uniform will be removed from the game until the uniform has been changed. A player cannot re-enter the game until permission is granted by the referee. This player can re-enter the game with a non-uniform jersey or t-shirt. The player will be given a number by the officials if there is no number on the jersey or t-shirt for the remainder of the game. This will be recorded on the score sheet.**



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