

MONTGOMERY COUNTY RECREATION DEPARTMENT
SPRING BREAK HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
April 7th – April 9th, 2015



Dear Recreation Specialists:

Please make yourself and your coaches aware of the following rules of participation for the Spring Break Basketball Tournament. We are happy to have the support of the Department to implement this program this year. Let's have fun, fair and friendly competition. Remember that we do this for the youth!

Tournament Committee: **Lori Tyler-Ellis (Supervisor – Youth Development, High School Development)**
Miles Magbie (Youth Development, Watkins Mills HS RecZone)
Jordan Henson (Community Centers - Lawton CRC)
James Lee (Community Centers – Wisconsin Place CRC)
Ronald Martin (Community Centers – Scotland NRC)
Alex Taylor (Community Centers – Bauer CRC)

- 1) **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:** Participants 19 and under who attend high school in Montgomery County are eligible. Participants who do not attend school in Montgomery County but have established Montgomery County residency are eligible to play but cannot be over the age of 18. If a question of eligibility arises, a player may be requested to show identification. Maximum of 12 players per team and **teams must have at least 5 players to begin play!** Players must be committed and available to play the entire duration of the tournament.
- 2) **GAME RULES:** High school rules apply, with the following exceptions: There will be **two 14-minute halves** with a 3 minute break at halftime. Games are played with a running clock. The clock starts on the release during foul shots unless the foul occurs within the last two minutes of a half. Automatic “and one” penalties in effect until the last two minutes of each half. The **clock stops** on every whistle in the **last 2 minutes** of each half, and all foul shots are taken. Each team will have 3 Full Time-outs and 2 30-second time-outs per half. **There is absolutely NO DUNKING ALLOWED!! A TECHNICAL FOUL will be assessed if a player dunks the ball.** The tournament is **double-elimination, except for the championship game!** If the game goes into overtime, we will add 3 minutes of game time and allot each team 2 30-second time-outs.
- 3) **ATTITUDE / SPORTSMANSHIP:** All players, coaches and spectators are **EXPECTED** to display respect to officials, other players, other coaches, spectators, and staff. Coaches are expected to set an example for their players by displaying a good attitude and sportsmanship. Coaches and players may be ejected or suspended from a game or the entire tournament. Disciplinary actions are at the discretion of the officials and/or committee members. **Players that embody commendable sportsmanship can be nominated for a Sportsmanship Award which will be awarded after the tournament championship.**
- 4) **REGISTRATION:** Teams from Community Centers and RecZones must notify their tournament committee representative of their **intent to participate** by **March 26, 2015**. Individual registration forms along with official team **rosters** are **due** to the tournament committee by **March 30, 2015**. Players CANNOT be added to the roster at a later date and are only permitted to play for one team. We will attempt to distribute the tournament schedule on Thursday, April 2nd so that players and personnel will have the information before the holiday weekend.
- 5) **JERSEYS:** Players **MUST** wear the jerseys provided in order to participate in the games. Alteration of the jerseys is **NOT** permitted, with the exception of removing the sleeves.
- 6) **TRANSPORTATION:** Recreation Specialists are responsible for their team's transportation. The RecZones will have busing from their sites and will be available to pick up a team from an adjacent community center. However, coaches must travel with their team. Teams are expected to **arrive 30 minutes before** the start of their first game.
- 7) Any questions, comments or concerns should be expressed to the tournament committee members listed above.