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Nation Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF) rules will be in effect for all league and games played on the City of McAllen facilities with the following local exceptions:

RULE 1. LEAGUES

SECTION 1. AFFILIATION

The McAllen Parks and Recreation Department adopts the current **Men's and Women's Basketball Rules and Interpretations** set forth by the National Collegiate Athletic Association as the standard for the **McAllen Parks and Recreation Department Adult Local Rules and Regulations**.

SECTION 2. LEAGUES

The City may offer the following categories for league play:

A. MEN

1. 35 and over
2. Major/Open
3. 6 foot and under
4. Church
5. Industrial

B. WOMEN

Classification of each league is determined by the City, according to the caliber of the teams registered for a particular night. The City, at the discretion of the Superintendent of Athletics, **may move a team or teams into another league before the end of the first round of play**. The City's placement of teams within a league is final. Any withdrawal by a team due to its placement is **non-refundable**.

SECTION 3. SCHEDULE

Each league will consist of the following:

- A. Minimum of six (6) teams.
- B. Double round-robin format (ten [10] scheduled games).
- C. Schedule changes or cancellations will be rescheduled at the discretion of the McAllen Parks and Recreation Department.
- D. Canceled games will be rescheduled on the discretion of the McAllen Parks and Recreation Department and in the order in which cancellations occurred during the two-week period following the end of the regularly scheduled league season. Games not made up within this time period, will not be played and not considered in determining a team's final standings. Ties will be broken, by determining the tying teams' performance against the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams in their league. A tie remaining after this comparison will be broken by a coin toss.

SECTION 4. REGISTRATION

To be eligible to play in a McAllen Parks and Recreation Basketball league, teams must submit a preliminary roster and \$275.00 no later than each season's designated deadline to:

MCALLEN PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICE

1000 SOUTH WARE ROAD

MCALLEN, TX

OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. MONDAY-FRIDAY

SECTION 5. AWARDS

The first (1st), second (2nd) and third (3rd) place teams in league play will receive an award. In the case of a tie, the team that has a better record against the other will be awarded the trophy.

- A. If both teams have a win against the other, a play-off game will be scheduled.
- B. If more than two teams are tied for a trophy, a draw will determine the seeding for a play-off.
- C. A coin flip will determine the home team in a play-off game.

SECTION 6. MEETINGS

A league meeting, with team managers, the Head Referee, Program Coordinator and the Superintendent of Athletics, will be held before the start of the first league of each season and as needed.

RULE 2. THE GAME

SECTION 1. TEAM DESIGNATION

The home team will be designated on the schedule. If the schedule does not dictate which team is home, the first team listed on the schedule will be designated the home team.

SECTION 2. TIME LIMIT

A. An official game clock shall consist of two (2) twenty minute halves with a running clock the first eighteen (18) minutes of the second half.

1. The clock will not stop for free throws in the first half.
2. An NCAA regulation clock will be used the last two (2) minutes of the second half.
3. A regulation clock will stop for all whistles the last two (2) minutes of the second half and out of bounds or dead ball fouls including overtime.

B. A five (5) minute half time will be observed.

C. Each team will be allowed four (4) one minute time-outs. Two (2) in the first half and two (2) in the 2nd half. If a timeout is called the last two (2) minutes of the second half the team may advance to half court.

D. Each overtime will consist of a four (4) minute period with the clock stopping at one (1) minute for all whistles. The last (1) minute of the (4) minute overtime can advance to half court. Each team will be given one (1) extra time-out.

SECTION 3. GAMES

Games will be played on the designated night and location. Double headers may be scheduled. GAME TIME IS FOREIT TIME (see Rule 8, Section 1).

SECTION 4. PRE-GAME

A. All teams shall be prepared to take the court fifteen (15) minutes prior to their scheduled game time. Line-up cards must be submitted to the *scorekeeper*.

B. The line-up card must show the player's last name, his/her first name, and jersey number. NICKNAMES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

C. The manager must sign the line-up card and ensure that it is properly filled out and legible.

SECTION 5. SCORING

A. A point ahead rule of twenty (20) points will be used in all adult basketball games.

1. If a team is up by twenty (20) points in the last two minutes of the game, the clock will continue to run until the team behind gets back inside the twenty (20) point mark.

2. Like the rest of the game, the clock can be stopped by a time-out.

B. A shot clock will not be in effect.

C. The three (3) point field goal rule will be in effect for all adult basketball games. Distance will conform to the current NCAA specifications.

SECTION 6. TECHNICAL FOULS

First technical foul is “free”; after the players second one, the player is out of the game and **must leave** the facility. Player has **one minute** to leave the facility. Failure to comply will result in forfeit of players’ team. Player is also suspended one week from date of incident. A player’s third ejection during the current league will result in expulsion from the league.

RULE 3. TEAM ELIGIBILITY

SECTION 1. OFFICAL SPOKESPERSON

Managers are the official spokesperson for their team and are solely responsible for the eligibility of their team and players. An assistant manager may conduct the duties of the manger in his/her absence. Both must be listed on the official roster.

SECTION 2. ROSTERS

A. Rosters must be submitted, in complete form, by respective season deadline, as set by the McAllen Parks and Recreation Department. Any team not complying with the deadline may be excluded from that season’s play and a portion of the registration fee refunded. The McAllen Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to extend the registration deadline of any league so as to benefit the program.

B. Teams sponsored by a church or first responders (fire, police, nurse, doctors, border patrol) in which all players are members, may exceed the twelve (12) player limit with prior notification and approval. These players must be certified as legitimate members by the sponsor and approved by the McAllen Parks and Recreation Department.

SECTION 4. ROSTER CHANGES

Roster changes will be limited to the first three (3) games of league play. After the end of the third game, no changes can be made to a team’s roster.

A. Only managers may make roster changes.

B. New players and transfer players may be added to the roster by signing the official roster.

- C. New players will be eligible to play immediately after signing the official roster.
- D. Transfer players must wait eight (8) calendar days after being officially released by their former team to be eligible to play on a new team.
- E. Players may drop themselves from their team after notifying their team's manager.
- F. Player may transfer to another team within the McAllen Parks and Recreation Basketball program after notifying their team's manager.

SECTION 5. INDIVIDUAL LIMITS

An individual may only appear on one team roster per league night. Any duplication may result in suspension of player in question and forfeiture of offending team's games in which he/she participated.

RULE 4. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

SECTION 1. ROSTERS

Players must provide all requested information on the official roster, along with their signature, to be eligible to play each season. (Players will NOT be added after the third week of play).

SECTION 2. AGE

Players must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older as of the first day of league play to be able to play in the adult league.

A. Personal I.D. must be submitted if requested by league official and should be "on the bench" during the games.

B. Players must be at least thirty-five (35) years of age or older as of the first day of league play to be able to play in the 35 and Over league.

SECTION 3. NEW PLAYERS

New players are individuals who are not currently on a team in the current basketball season. New players are eligible to play immediately after being placed on a roster.

SECTION 4. TRANSFER PLAYERS

Transfer players are individuals who are currently on a team but, are transferring to another team with in the Basketball program and within the three-week window.

SECTION 5. PLAYING ON SEVERAL TEAMS

A. Players may be eligible to play in more than one league during the season but, they will be limited to playing in one league per day/night. Players discovered to be playing on more than one league a night (league hopping) will be suspended from league play (See Rule 7, Section 3).

B. A player may play in more than one league a day/night, providing that the leagues being played are in different categories.

C. Any league administrator and/or official shall bring league hopping to the attention of the scorekeeper or coordinator of the program.

SECTION 6. PLAYER STANDING

Players must be in good standing with the McAllen Parks and Recreation Athletic Suspension Review Board and the TAAF Suspension Review Board.

A. Players, playing under an assumed name, are considered to be ineligible. (See Rule 7, Section 3).

B. Any player, who has been suspended from league play, for any reason, and who has not yet been reinstated, shall be considered an ineligible player.

RULE 5. EQUIPMENT

SECTION 1. UNIFORM

All players on a team shall wear uniforms alike in color, trim and style. All uniforms and protective equipment should be worn properly.

A. Headbands are optional for players. Players are not required to wear headgear or matching headgear, however, if worn, all headgear must be worn properly. Handkerchiefs do not qualify as headbands and cannot be worn around the head or neck. Hats, caps and visors are not allowed as headgear.

B. Players on each team must wear jerseys that are identical in the base color of the jersey and must have six (6) inch numbers on the back and four (4) inch numbers on the front (**Front numbers are optional**).

1. Number must be either one or two digits with each digit being "five" (5) or less.
2. Digits (numbers) larger than five (5) will not be allowed.
3. Numbers must be permanently affixed to the jersey, not taped or pinned to the jersey.
4. Numbers that are handwritten in pencil, marker or any type of ink pen will not be allowed.

C. All players' shorts may be either long or short in style and present a neatly hemmed appearance. No player may wear ragged, frayed or slit-legged shorts.

D. All players must wear shoes. Shoes shall be manufactured as “court” or “cross training” shoes to be acceptable.

E. Plaster, fiberglass or other hard substances, in their final form, shall not be worn during the game.

F. Players shall not wear jewelry, including watches, during the game. Players must remove jewelry immediately when asked by the umpire. If the player fails to remove the jewelry, he/she will be ejected from the game.

1. Wedding bands, which may be difficult to remove, will be allowed at the umpire’s discretion.

2. Medical alert bracelets or necklaces must be taped to the body.

SECTION 2. GAME BALL

The McAllen Parks and Recreation Department will supply two game balls for each game.

A. The referee is the sole judge as to the serviceability of the basketballs.

B. The ball must have a diameter of 29.5 inches (28.5 inches for Women) when properly inflated and have a cover made of leather, composite or synthetic leather.

SECTION 3. OTHER EQUIPMENT

All other equipment will be considered as prescribed in the current **Men’s and Women’s Basketball Rules and Interpretations** as set forth by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

SECTION 4. ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement of equipment rules are subject to a protest at the time the equipment in question enters the game. Rulings by the Referee are final.

RULE 6. FACILITY RULES

SECTION 1. WARM-UP

Warm-up within the community center is limited to the time between games and before the first game.

SECTION 2. INTOXICATING BEVERAGES

Intoxicating beverages are not allowed within the community centers or in the parking lot during any athletic activity sponsored by the McAllen Parks and Recreation Department. (City Ordinance 1979-29 Article I. Chapter 21, Section 21-4).

SECTION 3. TAILGATE PARTIES

Tailgate parties will be limited to the surrounding park area and picnic facilities.

SECTION 4. PETS

Pets are not allowed within the community centers. Legitimate seeing Eye Dogs will be allowed by special exception. (City Ordinance 1992-61, Article I. Chapter 21, Section 21-4).

SECTION 5. GLASS CONTAINERS

Glass containers are not allowed in the community centers.

SECTION 6. SMOKING

Smoking is not permitted inside any building that belongs to the City of McAllen.

SECTION 7. TRASH

Containers are provided for trash. Please help keep the area clean.

SECTION 8. CHILDREN

Children are not allowed on the court or in the players' bench area.

RULE 7. CONDUCT

SECTION 1. RESPONSIBILITY

Managers are the official spokesman for their team and shall be responsible and held accountable for the actions of their team members and fans. Assistant managers may conduct the duties of the manager in his/her absence.

SECTION 2. VULGARITIES

Vulgar language, obscene gestures or physical aggression toward other players, spectators, league or game officials, will result in ejection and a minimum suspension of one (1) game to a maximum of life suspension from any athletic program sponsored by the McAllen Parks and Recreation Department.

SECTION 3. FRAUD

Any player, coach, or manager who has been determined to have committed fraud (this includes, but is not limited to a player using an assumed name, falsifying rosters, employment and residential records or league hopping) will be suspended for a minimum of one (1) year to a maximum of three (3) years of participation in any athletic program sponsored by the McAllen Parks and Recreation Department.

SECTION 4. ASSAULT

Any assault or threat directed toward a league or game official shall result in suspension of five (5) years to life from further participation in any athletic program sponsored by the McAllen Parks and Recreation

Department. The Parks and Recreation Department will report all suspensions to the T.A.A.F. Suspension Committee.

SECTION 5. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

Any player ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct before, during or after the game being played will be automatically suspended for eight (8) calendar days from playing in any athletic program sponsored by the McAllen Parks and Recreation Department.

SECTION 6. BENCH CONDUCT

Coaches, players, substitutes, or other bench personnel shall not be outside the player area except when the rule allows or justified by the umpire. **One warning, then player will be ejected.**

SECTION 7. ABUSE OF PROPERTY

Any abuse, defacing of game equipment or Parks property will result in automatic ejection from the game and reviewed for further suspension of play from any athletic program sponsored by the McAllen Parks and Recreation Department.

SECTION 8. DUE PROCESS

All suspensions are subject to review by the Director of Parks and Recreation or his/her designee.

A. Ejections will be considered **final**.

B. A Suspension Review Board will be set to hear any review of a suspension s deemed necessary for due process. The Suspension Review Board will consist of the following:

1. McAllen Parks and Recreation Head Referee.
2. A member of the McAllen Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
3. Deputy Director of the McAllen Parks and Recreation Department.

C. Notice of suspension is made immediately by the Referee issuing an ejection.

1. Administrative Suspension- Suspension required by Rule 7, Section 5 of this document. Length of suspension will be for eight (8) calendar days or immediate reinstatement after next scheduled league game, whichever is longer. The Director of Parks and Recreation or his/her designee will review the suspension.

2. Section 2-3, 6 Suspensions- Suspension required by Rule 7, Section 2-3 and 6 of this document. Length of suspension will be one (1) game to life suspension from further league play as recommended for review by the Head Official of the game situation. The McAllen Parks and Recreation Director or his/her designee will review the suspension and a recommendation of suspension will be issued to the Suspension Review Board for final recommendation after a hearing. One hearing date will be set and a notice, in writing, by certified mail, to the player in question, will be provided no less than ten (10) calendar days prior to the hearing date. Notice of final suspension decision will be made in writing, to the player in question within three (3) days following the hearing.

3. Section 4 Suspension- Suspension required by Rule 7, Section 4 of this document. Length of suspension will be five (5) years to life suspension from further participation in any athletic program sponsored by the McAllen Parks and Recreation Department. Review will be made by the McAllen Parks and Recreation Director or his/her designee and recommendation of suspension will be issued to the Suspension Review Board and City Attorney or his/her designee for final recommendation after a hearing. One hearing date will be set and a notice, in writing, by certified mail, to the player in question, will be provided no less than ten (10) calendar days prior to the hearing date. Notice of final suspension decision will be made in writing, to the player in question within three (3) days following the hearing.

D. A suspended player has five (5) business days to make an appeal. Appeals of final suspensions may be made in writing to the Director of Parks and Recreation.

RULE 8. FORFEITS

SECTION 1. GAME TIME

Game time is forfeit time. All teams shall be prepared to take the court fifteen (15) minutes prior to scheduled game time. **EXCEPTION:** If a team is not prepared to take the court at the time of the first scheduled game of the day/night, the opposing team manager may, through the head referee, grant a five (5) minute allowance to the short-handed team. Should both teams not be prepared, the head referee will start the game clock at the prescribed game time, but will grant both teams five (5) minutes. If at the end of this time, neither team is prepared to take the court, a double forfeit will be declared.

SECTION 2. EXPULSION

Teams with three (3) forfeits will be expelled from the league. No refunds will be made.

SECTION 3. EJECTION

A player(s) who has been ejected from a game and has been requested to leave the facility by a referee **has one (1) minute in which to leave the premises.** Failure to comply will result in a forfeit for his/her team.

SECTION 4. ACCOUNTABILITY

Managers are held accountable for the actions of their team members and fans. Failure to control either or both may result in a forfeit by the offending team.

SECTION 5. INELIGIBILITY

Use of ineligible players will result in a forfeit (see Rule 4. Player Eligibility)

SECTION 6. FALSE IDENTITY

Any player suspected of playing under an assumed name or being under age must provide his/her identity to the satisfaction of the head referee (Example: Drivers License with picture). Failure to prove identity to the head referee will result in a forfeit.

SECTION 7. LINE-UP

A minimum of four (4) players must be able to take the court at the start of the basketball game. If for any reason the team is minimized to three (3) players, the game will result in a forfeit.

Exception: If a player is injured during the game and no one is on the bench, a team may finish the game with 4 players. If the team drops below four (4) players, the game will be forfeited.

If you start the game with four (4) players, your team will have until the end of the first half for the fifth player to enter the game. If the fifth player arrives after the first half, he/she can only be used as a substitute.

Players must play a minimum of four (4) regular season games in order to be eligible for post-season. Any player not playing in the minimum games will be ineligible for post-season is final and not subject to protest.

RULE 9. PROTESTS

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All protests must be submitted to the McAllen Parks and Recreation Department in writing, containing the following information:

- A. The date, time and place of the game.
- B. The names of the referees.
- C. The rule and section of the official rule(s) and/or local rule(s) under protest.
- D. All information, essential facts, details and conditions pertinent to the decision of protest.

- E. The written protest must be accompanied with \$25.00. Protests found to be false will forfeit the \$25.00 fee. The protest fee will be returned if the protest is found valid. Protest may be submitted to:

BY CERTIFIED MAIL
City of McAllen
Parks and Recreation Department
P.O. Box 220
McAllen, TX 78505

Or (in person) to:
City of McAllen
McAllen Parks and Recreation Office
1000 S. Ware Rd.
McAllen, TX
Office Hours: 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

SECTION 2. NOTIFICATION

The manager or acting manager shall immediately notify the head referee that the game will continue to play under protest. A protest may be withdrawn at any time. All written protests must be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Office within two (2) business days of notice to the head referee of the game in question.

- A. Protest of eligibility on game starters must be made by the end of the first (1st) period.
- B. Protest of eligibility on substitutes must be made during the period in which they entered the game.

SECTION 3. JUDGEMENT

Protests will not be considered valid if they are based solely on a decision involving the accuracy of judgment on the part of the referee.

SECTION 4. RULES

Protests that shall be considered concern matters of the following type:

- A. Misinterpretation of a playing rule.
- B. Illegal player
- C. Ineligible player

SECTION 5. ELIGIBILITY

Protest concerning player ineligibility may be filed in the following cases:

- A. Player not on the official roster submitted to the McAllen Parks and Recreation Office.
- B. Player who has been suspended and has not been reinstated.

SECTION 6. REVIEW

Protest will be reviewed by one of the following:

- A. The Superintendent of Athletics
- B. The Director of the McAllen Parks and Recreation Department.

RULE 10. ADOPTION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

SECTION 1. ADOPTION

The adoption of the **McAllen Parks and Recreation Local Adult Basketball Rules and Regulations** will be as recommended by the Director of Parks and Recreation and approved by the McAllen Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

SECTION 2. EDITORIAL CHANGES

Editorial changes, as prescribed by the current **Men's and Women's Basketball Rules and Interpretations** (NCAA) and the **Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Sports Rules** will be made periodically as applicable to this document.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENTS

Participants of the McAllen Parks and Recreation Adult Basketball League may submit amendments and rule changes as follows:

- A. Participants may sponsor an amendment of new rule if he/she has participated in the program at least the previous year before adoption of new Rules and Regulations.
- B. Participants must be a bonafide resident or full-time employee in McAllen to sponsor an amendment or new rule.
- C. Any proposed amendment or new rule must be submitted, in writing, by the first Monday in November, to the McAllen Parks and Recreation Office, with the following information:
 - 1. Name of sponsor
 - 2. Home address and business address of sponsor
 - 3. Indicate the current rule to be amended.
 - 4. State proposed amendment or new rule.
 - 5. State purpose of the proposed amendment or new rule.

- D. Proposed amendments or new rules will be addressed by a Rules Review Board, consisting of a McAllen Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Member, The McAllen Parks and Recreation League Head Referee, Two (2) McAllen Parks and Recreation League player representatives, and the Superintendent of Athletics. A public hearing of the proposed amendments and new rules will be held on the first Tuesday of December. Recommendations of the Rules Review Board will be submitted to the Director of Parks and Recreation for recommendation and approval by the McAllen Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

SECTION 4. DISTRIBUTION

Distribution of local McAllen **Parks and Recreation Department Adult Basketball Rules and Regulations** will be made to all team managers prior to league play. Every manager, player, and official shall read and understand these rules and regulations and strive, through cooperation and self-application, to maintain conduct within its provisions, for the mutual benefit of everyone concerned with the McAllen Parks and Recreation Department Adult Basketball Leagues.