

WEST CENTRAL LEAGUE

Overview: *The West Central League (hereinafter referred to as "the League") is a league developed and operated by the Warrensburg Parks & Recreation Department, for the purpose of assisting surrounding communities who may wish to participate in our league. The Warrensburg Parks & Recreation Department will oversee the establishment of league policies, rules, regulations, scheduling, and disciplinary matters. The Warrensburg Parks & Recreation Department reserves the right to amend, remove, or adjust any rules and policies. There will be a Annual General Meeting once a year to address pertinent league policies. Participation in one sport does not require participation in all sports offered by the league. The league is being called the West Central League because the West Central Region of Missouri includes Johnson County and several other surrounding counties in this area.*



West Central League By-Laws

Membership

- **Recreation Division Eligibility:** Membership in the Recreation Division of the West Central League is open to representatives of cities or communities within 50 miles who meet the following criteria:
 - **Cannot be an individual team or teams that have an opportunity to play through their local municipality but choose not to do so.**
 - **Representation:** Each representative must be designated by their respective city or community.
 - **Team Requirement:** Representatives seeking to participate in the Recreation Division of the League must demonstrate the ability to field a minimum of 2 full teams in the designated sport(s).
 - **Blind Drawing:** The selection of teams within the Recreation Division will be determined through a blind drawing process, overseen by the League administration.
 - **Roster Submission:** Representatives must submit an initial roster for all participating teams by league start.
 - **Roster Changes:** Representatives must notify the League administrator of any roster additions within 48 hours of the player joining the team. Any new players must meet eligibility requirements.
 - **# of Coaches per Team:** Any team cannot exceed “approximately” 40 percent of the team members that are on the field/court to be selected, and this rule will follow the same process for any other sport that may be added in the future.
 - **Background Checks:** Representatives are responsible for ensuring that all coaches and assistant coaches submit and pass a background check.

- **Competitive Division Eligibility (FULL TEAM):** Membership in the Competitive Division of the West Central League is open to representatives of cities or communities within 50 miles who meet the following criteria:
 - **Representation:** Each Representative must be fully responsible for all obligations required of teams participating in the League.
 - **Team Requirement:** Open to representatives demonstrating the ability to field competitive teams meeting criteria set by the League.
 - **Roster Submission:** Representatives must submit an initial roster for all participating teams by league start.
 - **Roster Changes:** Representatives must notify the League administrator of any roster additions within 48 hours of the player joining the team. Any new players must meet eligibility requirements.
 - **Background Checks:** Representatives are responsible for ensuring that all coaches and assistant coaches submit and pass a background check.

- **Monitoring:** The selection process will be closely monitored to ensure fairness and compliance with league standards.

- **Acceptance:** Membership into the League is contingent upon approval by the Warrensburg Parks & Recreation Supervisor of Sports. A West Central League Application is required for approval. The application is available on the WPR Website, TeamSideline, and available upon request.
- **Privileges:** Upon acceptance into the League, members are entitled to participate in league-sanctioned activities, events, and competitions as per the rules and regulations set forth in the constitution and by-laws.
- **Termination of Membership:** Membership in the League may be terminated under circumstances including but not limited to:
 - Violation of League rules and regulations.
 - Failure to fulfill obligations as a League member.
 - Any actions deemed detrimental to the League's integrity and objectives.

Recreation Division Roster Requirements

Sport League	Age Group	Min. # of players	Max. # of players	Max. # of coaches	Max. # of automatics
Youth Basketball	1 st -2 nd Grade	5	10	2	2
Youth Basketball	3 rd -4 th Grade	7	10	2	2
Youth Basketball	5 th -6 th Grade	7	10	2	2
Youth Baseball	1 st -2 nd Grade	9	14	4	4
Youth Baseball	3 rd -4 th Grade	9	14	4	4
Youth Baseball	5 th -6 th Grade	9	14	4	4
Youth Softball	1 st -2 nd Grade	9	14	4	4
Youth Softball	3 rd -4 th Grade	9	14	4	4
Youth Softball	5 th -6 th Grade	9	14	4	4
NFL Flag Football	1 st -2 nd Grade	5	10	2	2
NFL Flag Football	3 rd -4 th Grade	7	12	2	2
NFL Flag Football	5 th -6 th Grade	7	12	2	2
Youth Soccer	1 st -2 nd Grade	5	8	4	4
Youth Soccer	3 rd -4 th Grade	7	10	4	4
Youth Soccer	5 th -6 th Grade	7	10	4	4

Competitive Division Roster Requirements

Sport League	Age Group	Min. # of players	Max. # of players
Youth Basketball	5 th -6 th Grade	7	12
Youth Baseball	5 th -6 th Grade	9	15
Youth Baseball	7 th -9 th Grade	9	15
Youth Softball	5 th -6 th Grade	9	15
Youth Softball	7 th -9 th Grade	9	15
NFL Flag Football	5 th -6 th Grade	7	15
NFL Flag Football	7 th -8 th Grade	7	15
Youth Soccer	5 th -6 th Grade	7	12
Youth Soccer	7 th -8 th Grade	7	12

League Rules

- League Rules for each sport will be posted on:
 - WPR Website - <https://www.warrensburg-mo.com/160/Parks-Recreation>
 - Team Sideline - <https://www.teamsideline.com/sites/warrensburg/home>
- League Rules are available upon request to West Central Administration
- League Rules will be provided to all coaches and team representatives prior to practices starting.

League Meetings

- There will be an Annual General Meeting each December for the purpose of providing league representatives with an opportunity to take part in the decision-making process of the league.
- The West Central League Administration encourages representatives to voice their opinions, ask questions, bring discrepancies related to League rules, and contribute to discussions on important matters affecting the League.
- There will be a League Meeting held each Spring, Summer, Winter, and Fall for sport scheduling.

Practice Requirements

- **No practice should be held without a coach that has submitted a background check present.**
- **Recreation Division**
 - Teams participating in the League are not permitted to begin practicing until a month and a half before the season starts.
 - Teams participating in the League are expected to practice no more than twice a week before the start of the season, and no more than once a week after the start of the season.

Uniforms Requirements

- All teams participating in the League are required to wear the standard uniform components of the sport being played (I.e. all soccer players must wear shin guards, tall socks that cover the shin guards, cleats, no jewelry, matching shirts/jerseys, and goalies must wear a contrasting color to their own team).
- Team Representatives are responsible for coordinating uniforms for their team(s).
- Umpires/Referees for all participating towns must be wearing an identifiable uniform.

Weather Cancellation Policy

- All teams should have a procedure in place for informing players, parents, and their community of practice and game cancellations.
- Team Representatives are responsible for communication game cancellations to West Central League Administration.

- Team Representatives are responsible for monitoring weather conditions. Aim to make the decision early enough to prevent participants from traveling unnecessarily.
- If adverse weather conditions are forecasted, provide an update on plans to West Central League Administration at least 3 hours before the scheduled game time.
 - If the plan is trying to play a game whenever we are unsure if the game needs to be cancelled, then communication needs to be maintained with West Central League Administration until the game day is over.

Rescheduling

- There will be an attempt to reschedule all canceled games. Canceled games will be rescheduled for the end of the season.
- The desire to reschedule a canceled game should be communicated to West Central League Administration. Administration will then coordinate between the two parties to reschedule the game.

Hosting Town Responsibilities / Scorekeeping

- Teams/towns participating in the League may provide facilities/fields for hosting games, but it is not required.
- The team/town that is hosting the game is responsible for providing adequate facilities, referees, emergency plans, etc.
- The hosting team/town is responsible for having a dedicated scorekeeper for all games.
 - Representatives are responsible for submitting scores to West Central League Administration the day after the next business day after the games take place.
 - West Central League will update their TeamSideline with scores and standings.