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MICHIGAN CITY RECREATION COMMITTEE

JEREMY KIENITZ	-	RECREATION DIRECTOR
DAN MESSINA	-	BASKETBALL DIRECTOR
CHUCK HAMPTON	-	SUPERVISOR
DAVE GREER	-	SUPERVISOR
BRIAN STUDTMAN	-	OFFICIAL/SUPERVISOR

- RESPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS WILL FILL MANAGER & PLAYER REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COMMITTEE.

In essence, all team managers are considered as a manager representative to the committee. The team manager also may choose a player representative from his team to participate with the committee as well when a team is invited to a committee meeting.

CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY
DEPARTMENT of PARKS AND RECREATION

The *Michigan City Parks & Recreation Department* strives to create and provide the community with recreational opportunities and competition in a family oriented atmosphere. Please have fun and enjoy, but also exercise good sportsmanship and common sense! The enthusiasm, spirit and attitude of our participants are paramount to the program's success.

I. MICHIGAN CITY PARKS & RECREATION ADULT BASKETBALL PROGRAM

2008-2009 basketball fees are for a 12 game regular season and a single elimination post-season tournament. The M.C. Parks & Recreation Department reserve the right to alter the format for any reason including scheduling reasons, facility conflicts with the Michigan City Area School System, and/or any unforeseen circumstances that may arise. Games may be added or deleted depending on needs and circumstances.

2008-2009 ADULT BASKETBALL FEES

Cost per team is \$525.00. Money and rosters must be turned in together. Checks are payable to: *Michigan City Parks & Recreation*. The deadline to submit complete entries and payment to the Parks Department Lakefront Office is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 24, 2008. **NO TEAM WILL BE SCHEDULED WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT OF LEAGUE FEE.** The leagues will be filled on a first serve basis.

ROSTERS / WAIVERS

ALL TEAMS MUST HAVE A DESIGNATED MANAGER, CO-MANAGER, and a third team representative on the roster. We must be able to contact someone from the team about pertinent league information throughout the course of the season. Be sure to list a manager and co-manager on the entry roster, including a home phone number and work phone number if possible. If the manager is unable to be reached, the co-manager will be tried next, and so on.)

The mandatory manager meeting will be Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 6 p.m. in the lower level of the Parks Lakefront Office. A complete set of rules and schedules will be distributed at the manager meeting.

- ❖ All rosters must include complete addresses (street, city, state and zip code) and signatures of each team member before they are eligible to play.
- A. Additions to rosters are allowed until the halfway point of the season. **THE LEAGUE DIRECTOR MUST APPROVE ALL ADDITIONS.** The league director will specifically designate the ending date for add-ons. The recreation and/or league director reserve the right to allow an add-on to a roster after the deadline date. (Allowing a late add-on will be extremely rare and unusual!)
- B. **A \$10.00 add on fee will be charged to a player adding on to a roster after November 30th.**
- C. **Any player(s) not included on a team's official roster form will be considered an ineligible/illegal player and will cause said team to forfeit all games the ineligible/illegal player(s) participated in. Parks staff will actively attempt to prevent ineligible/illegal participation in league and tourney play.**
- D. Sponsor awards will be presented for 1st and 2nd place finishes for regular season and tournament. First place LEAGUE and TOURNAMENT winners ONLY will earn individual awards.

II. GENERAL PROGRAM RULES & GUIDELINES

- A. A participant may appeal a decision by the Recreation Director, or by the Recreation Committee, which results in suspension of his or her participation, either permanently or for not less than the remainder of the year, by filing within thirty (30) days of the date of the suspension, a written appeal stating briefly the date, nature and duration of the suspension, and the reasons for the objections to the suspension, to be filed with the Michigan City Park and Recreation Board which shall consider the appeal under applicable Indiana laws and regulations as soon as possible
- B. **ANY PERSON WHO HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO HAVE ASSAULTED AN OFFICIAL, REFEREE, AND/OR DIRECTOR/SUPERVISOR IS NOT ELLIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY MICHIGAN CITY PARKS & RECREATION LEAGUE AND/OR PROGRAM.**
- C. **TEAM MANAGERS WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE INDIVIDUALS ON THEIR TEAM AND THE TEAM'S ROSTER. IT IS THE MANAGER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO INFORM THE INDIVIDUALS ON THEIR TEAM OF ALL RULES AND LEAGUE INFORMATION.**(Reproducing and distributing these rules to each team member is strongly recommended.)
- D. The team manager, in part, will be held accountable for individual behavior by his team members. **Team managers are to set conduct parameters, and managers will be held to an extended standard when unsportsmanlike situations and rule violations are addressed.**
- E. **Inclement weather situations: Managers should provide their players with the phone number 873-1406 ext. 374. A recorded message will announce when games have been canceled. If there is no cancellation message, assume games are on as scheduled.**
- F. Managers should always check at the score tables for league information. Information and correspondence designated for your team will always be posted or available at the score table, as will the standings.
- G. **Age requirement is 18 years of age to be eligible to participate in said adult program.** Anyone under age 18 is an ineligible participant and will cause all games said ineligible player participated in to be ruled a forfeit. **When age verification is necessary, the team manager and/or individual participant MUST bare such burden to provide proper and legal documentation pertaining to age.**
- H. A player may play for only one (1) basketball team. More specifically, under no circumstance can a player play for two (2) different teams just because the divisions - "A" and "B", for example - are different. If a person enters a game for a particular team, this is the **ONLY** team the person may play for the rest of the season - **NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE! EXCEPTION: SLOW BREAK LEAGUE**
- I. The Parks & Recreation Department will not tolerate acts of vocal harassment or physical violence. Any person or team that does not conduct itself in a civil manner towards program officials, directors, and fellow participants will be suspended from Parks and Recreation activities.
- J. Teams that cannot control their individual players, coaches and spectators, or that are collectively unruly and disorderly, will be excluded from future Parks and Recreation activities.
- K. Any person(s) whose actions or language are considered contrary to Park Department policy and expectations will be subject to expulsion from all Parks and Recreation Department activities.
- L. An official, director, and/or supervisor may eject player(s) or spectator(s) whenever a situation warrants such action. The official, director, and/or supervisor may also forfeit any game(s) whenever such action is deemed necessary.
- M. Any player suspended from Parks & Recreation activities is considered an ineligible player; and will cause forfeiture of all games a suspended player participated in.
- N. Do not bring any firearms or weapons of any kind, and/or alcoholic beverages or drugs of any kind onto school property. This includes school parking lots. No tobacco products are allowed inside school facilities. Although we have many fine tavern sponsors, please partake at their establishments following your games - **NOT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY!**

EFFECT:

ANY TEAM FOUND WITH FIREARMS OR WEAPONS OF ANY KIND, AND/OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR DRUGS OF ANY KIND ON SCHOOL PROPERTY WILL BE DISMISSED FROM THE PROGRAM FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON - INCLUDING TOURNAMENTS. **NO REFUND WILL BE ISSUED.**

- O. No smoking inside any school facility! No refreshments will be allowed in gymnasiums. There are school rules against such activities. Do not do it. Once again, if it is a problem, your team will be asked to leave and will forfeit.
- P. **School holidays and/or cancellations do not necessarily mean basketball will be canceled.**
- Q. **All children must be in the sight and control of their parents.** Children are not to be in other parts of the school - they must be in the gym sitting down and watching. If children are found away from their parents or guardians in other parts of the school; or if children are not in a proximity of the court you are playing on, we will be forced to ask your team to leave the facility, and/or issue a forfeit.

*Please use common sense while on school property. If a situation occurs where the previous rules pertaining to school facilities are ignored, individuals and/or teams will be terminated from the program with no recourse - **NO REFUND WILL BE GRANTED.***

*The Parks Department has been allowed the privilege to use the finest basketball facilities available in Michigan City for our program. Therefore, in an effort to secure the continued use of the school gyms, these important rules and preventative measures have been deemed necessary. **The continued usage of school facilities depends on your cooperation.***

III. RULES FOR BASKETBALL

The basketball program will concentrate on strict enforcement of all rules concerning sportsmanlike behavior (and language). All Michigan City Area School facility usage guidelines will be enforced as well. Please understand all rules and guidelines are in place to assure continued usage of school gymnasiums; and to secure a family oriented and recreational class atmosphere.

LEAGUE

The league will be divided into an appropriate number of divisions according to the total number of teams involved, as well as team skill and competitive level. The recreation and/or league director exclusively determine the division each team entry will play in. Division *REQUESTS* are asked for on the entry form to allow the team manager to suggest the division he feels his team should be placed based on skill and competitive level. League and tournament games will be played on Sunday mornings and afternoons.

❖ **The league is TENTATIVELY set to begin on Sunday, November 4th.**

LEAGUE AND TOURNEY PLAY - I.H.S.A.A. Basketball Rules including modifications set forth for local purposes will govern the leagues.

- A. Twenty (20) minute halves will be played.
 - Clock will stop on every whistle with one minute left in the first half and three minutes left in the second half.
 - Half time will be three minutes.
- B. TECHNICAL FOULS : (1) Flagrant (2) Intentional (3) Unsportsmanlike
 - Each will carry its' own weight in accordance with I.H.S.A.A. rules.
 - The first Technical called will be documented in scorebook.
 - Your second Technical will result in your ejection from the game...other than administrative.
- C. FORFEIT RULE: A \$50.00 FORFEIT FEE WILL BE CHARGED TO ANY TEAM THAT FORFEITS A SCHEDULED GAME FOR THE THIRD TIME. SAID TEAM MUST PAY THE FEE TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATING IN LEAGUE AND/OR TOURNEY PLAY.

EFFECT:

- THE FORFEIT FEE MUST BE PAID BEFORE SAID TEAMS NEXT SCHEDULED GAME. FAILURE TO MAKE PAYMENT OF THE FORFEIT FEE BEFORE THE NEXT SCHEDULED GAME WILL RESULT IN TERMINATION OF SAID TEAMS ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE THROUGH THE REMAINDER OF THE REGULAR SEASON AND POST-SEASON TOURNAMENT PLAY. NO REFUND OF LEAGUE FEE WILL BE GRANTED FOR REFUSAL TO PAY THE FORFEIT FEE.
- THE FORFEIT RULE WILL INCLUDE GAME(S) CALLED BY AN OFFICIAL FOR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT.
- D. The Recreation and/or League Director may assemble the *M.C. Recreation Committee* to resolve disputes, conflicts, and/or rule interpretations. The committee will be assembled only when deemed necessary by the Recreation or League director. A decision made by the Recreation Committee or the Recreation Director will stand as rendered and there shall be no further appeal of the issue within the Recreation Department.
- E. No "A" caliber basketball players will be allowed to play in Michigan City Parks lowest offered division. Teams in the lowest division may not have more than two (2) "B" caliber basketball players play in a game on a given Sunday. Individual player classification will be determined and designated by the league director.
- F. Teams are allowed to begin a game with only four (4)-uniformed members - who have signed the roster - ready to play ball at the scheduled game time. Extensions MAY be made upon the approval of the league director in rare and unusual circumstances.
- G. Matching uniform tops with numbers are REQUIRED. Teams may forfeit games as per discretion of the league director if it does not have a minimum of numbered T-shirts by a reasonable point in time into the season.
- H. **The game clock will stop each half during:**
 - a) Shooting free throws
 - b) Time-outs
 - c) Referee's request
- I. The clock will also stop on all dead balls (officials whistle) during the final one (1) minute of the first half; the final three (3) minutes of the second half; and all overtime periods. The clock is stopped when the whistle blows and does not start again until the ball is put into play.
- J. All overtime periods are three (3) minutes. Each team is awarded one (1) additional time-out.
- K. **Each team will be awarded one (1) time-out each half with one (1) floater. The floater time-out can be used in either the first half, second half or overtime period. At no time will a team be allowed to carry over their time-outs. If you do not use your first half time-out, you are not allowed to use it in the second half.**
- L. Scorekeepers must have names and numbers of starting players no later than five minutes before game time.
- N. Regular season division ties will be decided by:
 - First Place
 - (a) - Record against each other
 - (b) - Play-off game
 - Second Place
 - (a) - Record against each other
 - (b) - Point differential
 - (c) - Total points for season
 - (d) - Play-off

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

NO TOLERANCE FOR FIGHTING

- THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION **WILL NOT TOLERATE FIGHTING OF ANY KIND.** ANY SITUATION INVOLVING PHYSICAL CONTACT OR FIGHTING WILL BE ADDRESSED IMMEDIATELY AND ACTED UPON APPROPRIATELY BY THE GAME OFFICIALS, LEAGUE DIRECTORS AND PARK SUPERVISORS. THE GAME MAY SIMPLY BE CALLED AND THE OFFENDING TEAM(S) WILL BE EJECTED FROM THE FACILITY.
- **UNSPORTSMANLIKE ACTS, TECHNICALS, AND FLAGRANT FOULS WILL BE DOCUMENTED EVERY SUNDAY AT THE SCORERS TABLE. THE PARKS ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF WILL EVALUATE EACH SITUATION AND SANCTIONS WILL BE RENDERED IN ACCORDANCE TO PARKS AND IHSAA STANDARDS AND POLICY. THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION WILL ENFORCE AND CONCENTRATE ON THE FOLLOWING IHSAA RULE:**

Page 24, Rule 8 - CONDUCT, CHARACTER, and DISCIPLINE C-8-3: Any contestant or coach ejected for an unsportsmanlike act SHALL BE SUSPENDED FROM THE NEXT CONTEST (scheduled Parks Basketball game), in addition to any other penalties assessed.

THE BOTTOM LINE IS TO AVOID PUTTING ONESELF IN SUCH A SITUATION AND CONTROL YOURSELF, AND THERE WILL BE NO PROBLEMS AND/OR ADDITIONAL SUSPENSIONS!

- Harassment, baiting and/or taunting, or "*trash-talking*" between participants **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AT ALL!**

Contrary to what some participants think, taunting, baiting or "*trash-talking*" has no place in the game of basketball - THIS APPROACH DOES NOT PROVIDE A STRATEGICAL ADVANTAGE - IT ONLY STARTS TROUBLE! This behavior will not be tolerated, and is an area we will concentrate on. If there is a problem, said player(s) or team(s) will be removed from the adult basketball program with no refund of fees.

No officials, directors, participants, or fans should have to listen to any verbal abuse from anyone. This includes loud outbursts of foul language regardless of any situation or self-perceived justification from ANYONE! Some participants enjoy bringing children and family to the gym to watch the games. Children and family members do not need to see and hear grown men acting like uncontrollable idiots in our adult recreational league! We want to create a family oriented atmosphere to be enjoyed by all!

VERY IMPORTANT...The manager or a team captain **ONLY** must do any questioning of calls made by the officials. Participants are not at liberty to question and critique officials, and are subject to ejection for doing so. Questions or concerns directed to officials should be done only by the team manager or captain, and should be done only in an adult and sportsmanlike manner.

THIS IS PARK & RECREATION BASKETBALL - N O T T H E N B A !!!

All participants and spectators should approach the game as recommended by the IHSAA:

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF SPORTSMANSHIP

1. Show respect for the opponent at all times.
2. Show respect for the officials.
3. Know, understand and appreciate the rules of the contest.
4. **MAINTAIN SELF-CONTROL AT ALL TIMES!**
5. Recognize and appreciate skill in performance regardless of team affiliation.

A Well-Played Contest Will Be Enjoyed By All Only if Each Of Us Assumes Our Responsibilities.

AS A PLAYER, YOU ARE EXPECTED TO:

1. Play, have fun, and enjoy the game. **THE GAME IS FOR YOU!**
2. Demonstrate Sportsmanship toward your opponents, and treat them with respect.
3. **EXERCISE SELF-CONTROL AT ALL TIMES**, accepting decisions and abiding by them.
4. Respect the judgment of the officials and their interpretations of the rules.
5. **Regarding clarification of a ruling, communicate with the game officials through your captain only.**
6. Accept victory with humility and defeat with grace. Be neither boastful nor bitter.

If you have any questions call **Jeremy** Kienitz, Recreation Director at the Park Office 9:00 a.m. thru 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday - **873-1506**.

PLEASE TAKE ADEQUATE TIME TO STRETCH AND WARM-UP BEFORE PLAYING.
PHYSICAL FITNESS, AN EFFECTIVE APPROACH TO NUTRITION, AND PREVENTIVE
MAINTENANCE
WILL HELP PREVENT INJURY!

PLEASE BE GOOD SPORTS AND ENJOY THE GAME OF BASKETBALL!!!

**CITY of MICHIGAN CITY, DEPARTMENT of PARKS AND RECREATION
2008-2009 ADULT BASKETBALL ENTRY APPLICATION and ROSTER**

TEAM NAME _____ DATE: _____

MANAGER NAME _____ PHONE# _____ / _____
HOME PHONE WORK PHONE

EMAIL _____

MANAGER'S ADDRESS _____
(PLEASE INCLUDE CITY, STATE and ZIP CODE)

CO-MANAGER NAME _____ PHONE# _____ / _____
HOME PHONE WORK PHONE

ADDITIONAL TEAM REPRESENTATIVE WE CAN CONTACT _____ PHONE# _____ / _____
NAME HOME PHONE WORK PHONE

DIVISION (CIRCLE 1st CHOICE) \$525

REQUEST : A B C

REQUEST 2nd CHOICE _____

- NOTE: THESE ARE ONLY REQUESTS. TEAMS ARE NOT GUARANTEED DIVISION REQUESTS

DID YOUR TEAM PARTICIPATE IN M.C. LEAGUE LAST YEAR? YES / NO

IF SO, WHAT WAS TEAM NAME AND WHICH LEAGUE:

_____ TEAM NAME DIVISION

IF REQUESTING A DIFFERENT DIVISION FROM LAST YEAR, EXPLAIN WHY:

**CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY
DEPARTMENT of PARKS & RECREATION - SPORTS APPLICATION AND WAIVER**

I request that I be permitted to participate in a Michigan City Parks & Recreation Department sports program, league, and/or tournament. I understand my failure to follow all rules imposed by the M.C. Parks & Recreation Department, including all rules imposed by any and all governing bodies and/or sanctions, will be cause for my dismissal from the program, league, and/or tournament. I also understand that there is an element of risk with regard to personal injury involved in my participation in any sporting activity.

Having read the above, and after careful consideration, I hereby voluntarily assume all risks inherent in my participation in a M. C. Parks & Recreation program, league, and/or tournament. I further agree that I will indemnify and hold harmless the City of Michigan City, its Park Board and Department of Parks & Recreation, the Michigan City Area Schools, the I.H.S.A.A., and all personnel connected therewith, from all liability from any claim that arises out of my participation in said program, league, and/or tournament.

TEAM NAME: _____ **MGR. NAME** _____



DIVISION REQUESTED: (PLEASE CHECK) A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____

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*** NO MORE THAN TWELVE (12) MEMBERS PER TEAM ***

ALL TEAM MEMBERS MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE AND SIGN ROSTER/WAIVER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY. ALL TEAM MEMBERS MUST PROVIDE A COMPLETE HOME ADDRESS INCLUDING CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE.