



**COLUMBUS PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
**ADULT BASKETBALL RULES**

**SECTION 1 - REGISTRATION AND ROSTERS:**

- Registration is taken at Nexus Park in person or by phone or email (parks@columbus.in.gov) using MasterCard or Visa. No registration will be accepted after the registration deadline.
- To register, a team roster must be submitted at the time of registration. Teams must sign a minimum of six (6) players to their roster and a maximum of fifteen (15). Changes may be made to the roster up to the third game. All names must have complete addresses, phone number and email address.
- All fees must be turned in at the time of registration.

**SECTION 2 – ELIGIBILITY:**

- Participants in the Columbus Parks and Recreation Adult Basketball Leagues must be seniors in high school or older. Special circumstances must be cleared through the Parks and Recreation Department. High school athletes should check with their coaches for any IHSAA rules on eligibility.
- Players may participate on only one team per night.
- Teams discovered playing with ineligible players not listed on their roster must forfeit all games played up to that point, whether the ineligible players played in previous games or not.
- Upon request by a supervisor, players must furnish adequate I.D. to verify rosters. Lack of I.D. may result in player's ineligibility until furnished.

**SECTION 3 - THE GAME:**

- The season will consist of 6 games followed by a single elimination tournament.
- Teams may play with no less than 5 players.
- The warm up and practice period will be 10 minutes prior to the scheduled game time. All games will start on the hour or immediately following the previous game. If a team does not have 5 or more players ready to play 10 minutes after the scheduled game time, the game will result in a forfeit.
- Each game will consist of two 20 minute halves with a running clock except for the last two minutes of each half.
- Each team will have two timeouts they can use in either half.

- A player fouls out of the game when he or she is called for the 5<sup>th</sup> foul. That player must be subbed out of the game and cannot return.
- Sportsmanship is expected at all times between players, fans & referees. If a player is assessed a technical foul they will be required to sit out the rest of that game and the following game. If a player is assessed a second technical foul (in the same season) they will be suspended for the rest of that particular season's games.
- During the regular season overtime will follow a sudden death rule. This means the first team to score wins the game. This rule will change during the single elimination tournament.

#### **SECTION 4 – END OF SEASON SINGLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT:**

- Tournament seeding will be determined by win/loss record. All teams will qualify for the end-of-season tournament.
- Tournament games will follow the same rules as the regular season, except for the overtime rule. Overtime will be played as a 5-minute quarter in the end of season tournament. Both teams will be allowed 1 timeout during the overtime period.