

Basketball/Volleyball Coaches Meeting

Wednesday, December 18

- **Contact Info & Communications**

- Steve Fellhauer, Recreation Supervisor-Sports
 - Email: sfellhauer@cityofnovi.org -Phone: (248) 735-5646
- Christina Alex – Head Site Supervisor
- Mike Ross – Basketball/Volleyball Referee Assignor
- Communication:
 - **Check email often.** This will be the main communication tool.
 - **Weather Hotline: 248-347-0473**
 - If you have any doubt practices or games are a go, call the hotline.
 - The hotline will be updated if there are any cancellations.
 - It will be updated by 4:30pm for any midweek practices or games.

- **Coaching Paperwork:** [Volunteer Application](#), [Code of Conduct](#), & [Concussion Training](#)

- **Points of Emphasis**

- Sportsmanship, teamwork, skill development, safety, and fun.
 - This goes farther than what we teach the kids in practice.
 - How we talk to officials, how we talk to parents, how we talk to other coaches, how we talk to staff. There is no reason any of us should get so mad at a youth basketball league. Please be courteous to everyone.
- Requests: The max roster is 10. We have made some exceptions when it involves needing a coach or special circumstance. Therefore, if you are asked by another parent if their child can be on your team, please respectfully send them to our office.
- Fundamentals, fundamentals, fundamentals, fundamentals, fundamentals, fundamentals!

- **Gyms – Novi Community Schools**

- If schools are cancelled, practices are not necessarily cancelled. Please check the weather hotline and do not call the main office.
- No food or beverages (other than water) are allowed in the gyms.
- Equipment – We suggest players bring their own. Will have a small amount on-site.
- Site supervisors will be at the practices and games. They will set up the gyms, direct people, handle an emergency, etc.
 - **Coaches, parents, siblings should NOT lower/raise basketball hoops, or volleyball nets. That will be done by the site supervisor.**
- We are guests at the schools
 - Treat school property with respect
 - No dribbling or volleying balls in the hallways, climbing on the bleachers, etc.
- You will not be allowed to enter the schools until 6pm if you have an early practice. Please stress to your parents to not show up until that time because we cannot get in.
- **Parking:**
 - Do not park in handicap areas unless you have the proper identification
 - Do not block pathways

- **Practices: (Click here for schedule)**

- Practice schedule is online. Link is in the line above and **CHECK IT EACH WEEK!**
- Night/time could change based on gym availability.
- There are some nights where we do not have the school you normally practice, and in some situations there might not be practice that night. Novi Parks will attempt to reschedule if the amount of times you do not practice equals three. Some nights have two due to various activities.
- Drills – If you need drills or this is your first time coaching, please contact our department and we have drills you can use.
- There are nights where you might be sharing a half court. We like to avoid these situations, but sometimes they are unavoidable due to the space we are given.
- If your team is not going to practice on a night, please inform our office ASAP.

- **Referees/Scorekeepers – Mike Ross (Assignor)**
 - Referees are assigned to games. A rep from each team will be used to score keep.
 - At no time is a coach/parent to go onto the court to address the referee.
 - Arguing with referees will **NOT** be tolerated. **If a coach is ejected from a game, the coach will be suspended for one game and subject to review by Novi Parks.**
 - Issues with referees? Please contact Steve Fellhauer the following Monday.
- **Uniforms**
 - A roster with sizes that people ordered will be with the jerseys when they arrive.
 - Once jerseys are in and sorted, you will be notified. The goal is to have them done before the first game, and we ask that someone come and pick them up from the Parks office.
- **Rosters & Schedules**
 - Rosters will be sent out via email on Thursday, December 19 (created based on requests and space limitations)
 - Schedules
 - Practices begin the week of January 6.
 - Games begin Saturday, January 18
 - Game schedules will be available by your first practice.
 - Could be double-headers in some cases.
- **Basketball Rules**
 - Please review your age-group rules.
 - Especially when you can press
 - Refs may need RESPECTFUL reminders because they are refereeing multiple grades in the same day.
 - Borrowing Players - When you can and cannot do it
 - Large lead considerations
 - Limit full court passes.
 - Have the team make 4-5 passes before they shoot.
 - Utilize players who need work handling the ball and have them bring it up floor.
 - **If you are up 25, start your defense from the top of the key and not at half court.**
- **Volleyball Rules**
 - **Grade 1-4:** 6 ft.
 - **Grade 5-8:** 6 ft. 6 in.
 - Grades 3-6: Volley-Lite volleyballs
 - Grades 7-8 Official volleyballs
 - Service lines
 - **Grades 1-4:** 20 ft.
 - **Grades 5-8:** 25 ft.
 - Grades 3-6 - 60-minute game time limit
 - Service Error Forgiveness:
 - **Grade 1-4:** the server gets 1 replay on their 1st attempt. If they get the serve over on the 1st attempt, no replays will be given.
 - **Grade 5-6:** the server will be allowed one forgiven service error each rotation, only on the first attempt of the first game each week.
*****Can be altered by the judgment of coaches and official**
 - Each server will be allowed a maximum of 5 points per service rotation.
 - **Grade 1-4:** the serving team will rotate and the opposing team will take service.
 - **Grade 5-6:** the serving team will then rotate and the same team will continue serving.
 - To ensure equal participation, all players will “rotate in”. This order must remain constant unless another player becomes available or a player retires. Insertion of the players “rotating in” can occur at the following positions:
 - Left front position
 - Serving position
 - A position agreed upon by the coach and official
- **Questions**