

Mason Jr. Pro Policies and Procedures

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Mason Jr. Pro will follow the rules set for by the Tri-County Youth Sports Association.

Our Mission Statement:

The Mason Junior Pro Basketball program is committed to providing a safe, competitive environment for boys and girls in the Mason School District and to teach basketball fundamentals to best prepare them for competition at the middle school level and beyond.

Evaluations:

Purpose-

The purpose of these policies and procedures is to establish a uniform process for the evaluation proceedings of the Mason Jr. Pro program. The Mason Jr. Pro program also wants to provide a fair and just opportunity for each player to demonstrate his/her ability. These policies are also set to promote the integrity of the selection process.

Application-

The evaluation committee will be comprised of board members with at least one member being the chair. The rules and procedures can be amended with board approval to facilitate the tryout objective as stated above.

Eligibility to participate at evaluations-

In order to be eligible to participate in the Mason Jr. Pro basketball program, participants must attend Mason Public Schools or be approved by the Mason Jr. Pro board. They must have completed the registration and waiver form at the time of the evaluation process. Participants are eligible to play at their grade level or higher. **All participants are strongly encouraged to attend both sessions for accurate evaluations**, but a minimum one-session attendance is acceptable in order to be considered for a team. 7th and 8th grade evaluations will be only one session.

Evaluation dates and times-

Board approved April 2010

The dates and scheduled times for evaluations will be determined each season by the Mason Jr. Pro board, with the support of and coordination of the evaluation committee.

Medical exception-

If a valid medical reason prevents a player from participating in the evaluation sessions, the coach must obtain permission from the evaluation committee and board approval before such player can be added to a team.

Evaluation session organization and structure-

The board will create a generic evaluation plan that will be available to coaches for reference (if needed). Only evaluators and coaches who have been designated by the board for the season in question and for the particular grade and gender may be on the court during the evaluation sessions. In the event of a coaches/evaluators absence, the board will pick a replacement evaluator if needed.

Evaluation evaluators-

Evaluators will rate participants at the evaluation sessions. Evaluators will have knowledge of basketball and the necessary core skills. There will be a minimum of 2 evaluators on the court during tryouts. Evaluators must be able to fairly and justly evaluate each particular session being unbiased in their assessment. It is an evaluator's responsibility to bring to the attention of board members any potential conflicts that may exist. If a conflict does exist, the evaluator must remove them self from evaluating the session in question and may be reassigned for another session where such conflict does not exist.

Evaluations criteria-

The evaluation sessions are intended to allow for head coaches and evaluators to assess and evaluate players' skills and ability as they perform drills and scrimmages during the sessions. Established assessment criteria provide for the evaluation of each player in 4 major skill areas of shooting, dribbling, passing and rebounding/defense.

Parents and family members observation of evaluations-

Parents and family members are encouraged to view the evaluation sessions. However, no parent or family member will be allowed on the courts during the evaluation sessions. Observations must occur off to the side of the court. Parents or family members who refuse to follow this policy and refuse to

leave the court when asked may threaten the eligibility of their son or daughter for the selection on a team.

Team size:

All teams will have a minimum number of 8 players. In accordance with the Tri-County League, teams will be assigned as an “A” American Division team or “B” National Division team. An A team will always be the team to be filled first unless the board determines that the make up of a team would best help players to play in the “B” division.

Player selection:

(Grades 5th-8th)

The head coach is responsible for selecting those players who will play on the team. The final player ranking as determined by the evaluators will be used by the respective assigned head coaches in selection of players to respective teams. Evaluations will be kept confidential and destroyed after team selections. The board must approve all team rosters.

(Trainer program -3rd/4th grades) -Draft selection process

The evaluation process is just to determine each participant’s skill level. All participants registered will be drafted to a team. The head coach is responsible for selecting those players who will play on the team. Tri-County doesn’t require communities to rank their teams. 3rd/4th graders will be combined to form teams. Head coaches are allowed to pick their own child. Head coaches are allowed to request one participant as a protected pick for their team. There will be no special reservations given for extended family not used as a protected pick (nieces, nephew, cousins, etc.) Siblings that are playing in this age group only will automatically be drafted together. The team that these players are drafted to will sit out one round for each additional player added to its roster. (i.e.twins/triplets) Trades can be made after the draft has concluded. Both head coaches must agree on trades. The board must approve all team rosters.

How players are informed:

Head coaches will contact players the day within a week after the final session of evaluations. A board member will contact players that have not been placed on a team. Coaches will collect the \$100 fee from players by October 1st.

Selection of coaches:

Coaches will be selected based upon a sign up process. Preference will be given to those coaches who have previous experience with the program as well as coaching experience at various levels. The board will make final approval of all coaches. Each head coach is allowed up to 2 assistant coaches on their roster.

Coaches Code of Conduct:

As basketball coaches in Mason, it is important to portray a positive attitude toward players, parents, and officials. We set examples for the kids by our actions, and although we may not agree with an officials call during the course of the game, it is imperative that our demeanor remain professional at all times, and that we represent our community in a positive way.

If a coach is ejected from a game, a one-game suspension will be imposed. The assistant coach will step in to coach the following game in place of the suspended coach. If there is no designated assistant coach, a parent will fill in for that game.

Practices for only Mason Jr. Pro participants:

Due to liability, all practices set aside for players are only for registered participants for the Mason Jr. Pro program. Coaches need to be sure not to allow “extra” players to assist on the court during practices.

Playing time at various levels:

Trainer program- make playing time as fair as possible (exception would be if player isn't attending practice or out sick for some time)

5th grade - players should be playing about 2 minutes each quarter (exception would be if player isn't attending practice or out sick for some time)

6th-8th grade-players should be playing at least 3 minutes a half. (exception would be if player isn't attending practice or out sick for some time)

Evaluation dates for 2010/2011 season:

These evaluations will be held at the Mason High School field house. Parents need to plan on arriving 30 minutes prior to the session to register their child. Registration and waiver forms must be completed and turned in prior to evaluation. These are available on line and will be available at each session. Participants will be given a number during the evaluation. (Need to keep the same number at each session.)