2019-2020 WINTER JUNIOR BASKETBALL PROGRAM
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q. When and where does registration begin?
A. Registration will begin on Saturday, September 7th, 2019 at 8 a.m. At that time, you may register ONLINE at www.cityofpsl.com or at any of our facilities: Civic Center, Community Center or Minsky Gym.

PLEASE NOTE: This specific registration date is on a first come, first served basis, as some of the divisions may reach their maximum capacity. Please have the entire registration packet completed when registering.

Q: What is the cost for a player to participate?
A: $78 per child. If there are multiple siblings signing up within the program, there will be a sibling discount of $5 per child, or $73 per each subsequent child.

Q: What are the age divisions?
A: Players are placed in divisions by age. The cutoff date for birthdays for the 2019-2020 Winter Season will be November 2nd, 2019.
Dribbler Division: Ages 8-9
Lower Division: Ages 10-11
Middle Division: Ages 12-14
Upper Division: Ages 15-17

Q: What happens if a Division reaches its maximum capacity?
A: Once a division reaches its capacity, the enrollee will be placed on a Wait List. The Wait List is filled on a first come, first served basis, meaning the first enrollee placed on the list will be in the #1 spot to be contacted.

Wait List Procedure: If a position becomes available, a League Representative within the JRBB Program will offer the next enrollee a position on a team. If that enrollee does not respond by registering with full payment within two days, the next enrollee on the Wait List will be contacted.

Q: When and where is the Player Evaluation?
A: Player evaluations will take place at Minsky Gym on Saturday, October 5th, time TBA. Evaluations will take place in the following order (times will be determined after enrollment numbers are finalized.)
Dribbler Division (Boys): time TBA
Dribbler Division (Girls): time TBA
Lower Division (Boys): time TBA
Lower Division (Girls): time TBA
Middle Division (Boys): time TBA
Middle Division (Girls): time TBA
Upper Division (Boys): time TBA
Upper Division (Girls): time TBA

***PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY TO CHECK IN***
Q: When do participants play?
A: Games will begin November 2nd and continue into February.

Q: Where will the games and practices take place?
A: All games and practices will be played at Minsky Gym, Civic Center, or a School Site.

Q: How are teams selected?
A: Participants will be evaluated by Volunteer Coaches and Staff and drafted onto teams. Players might not return to the same team each year. However, the same coach may draft them again. Any player who does not attend the Evaluation will be placed on a team via blind draw.

Q: What about uniforms?
A: All players will get jerseys depicting their individual teams. The players will keep their jerseys and will be responsible to have them for all games or teams will receive a “uniform technical” at the start of the game. Jerseys cannot be altered (i.e., sleeves cut off.)
***Jerseys run small, so if you are unsure of the exact size we recommend that you order a size larger than your child would normally wear***

Q: How many players are in Upper Boys?
A: The maximum number of players in a division will be 80 unless other divisions have not reached their capacity (i.e., should a division not reach its capacity, teams may be added to other divisions)

Q: How are practices scheduled?
A: During the season there will be a limited number of practice times at Minsky Gym, the Civic Center and School Sites. All teams will be guaranteed 1 indoor practice at Minsky Gym, the Civic Center or a School Site. Volunteer Coaches will schedule all practices through Minsky Gym Staff.

Q: Are photographs taken of the teams and individuals?
A: The program does have a contracted photographer who takes pictures of the teams and individuals during the season.

Q: Is there an All-Star Game?
A: There are no All-Star Games in any division of the City of Port St. Lucie Parks & Recreation Department’s Junior Basketball Program.

Q: Are there playoffs?
A: There will be a single elimination playoff tournament at the end of the regular season.

Q: Will awards be given out at the end of the season?
A: Participants will receive medals at the end of the season. The top 2 teams will receive trophies instead of medals.

Q: Do we conduct background checks on coaches?
A: All coaches and assistant coaches undergo a Level 2 background screening that includes FBI fingerprinting, which is in accordance with Florida Statute 349.4572. Also, all coaches and assistant coaches must attend a mandatory Kids at Hope Training seminar and complete the NYSCA Basketball Coaches Certification. For info on how to become a Volunteer Coach please contact Minsky Gym.

Q: How do we monitor parental behavior?
A: We expect all parents and participants to act responsibly and to show good sportsmanship before, during, and after all games. We also require parents to sign a “Parent’s Code of Ethics,” which must be
submitted at the time of registration. This Code of Ethics outlines the pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for the children participating in youth sports. Parents who violate the “Parent’s Code of Ethics” may be subject to disciplinary measures (see league rules).

Q. Who should we contact for more information?
A. Recreation Supervisor: CJ Keester – ckeester@cityofpsl.com or (772) 871-5084

Q. Can I sponsor a team?
A. For more information regarding team sponsorship, contact CJ Keester at ckeester@cityofpsl.com or (772) 871-5084.