

**FALLS CHURCH RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT
223 LITTLE FALLS STREET, FALLS CHURCH, VA 22046**

2023 MENS FALL BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Please fill out the link below to register.

[Fall Men's Basketball Registration](#)

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. There will be three divisions of men's play during the Fall Season.
 - Players competing in the Open "A", "B", and "C" divisions must be eighteen years of age or older by September 1, 2023.
2. **The deadline for entering a team into the league is August 20, 2023.**
3. The league is limited to 30 teams. Registration is on a first come, first-served basis.
4. **A franchise fee of \$850.00 will be charged and must be paid by August 20, 2023.**
5. **A team roster must be turned in prior to the second game of the season. The roster should include all players' names, addresses, and telephone numbers.**
6. **No player may be added to the roster after the second game of the season.** All roster changes must be in writing.
7. No current high school or college players are eligible.
8. **Players may participate on only one team under the jurisdiction of the Falls Church Recreation & Parks Dept. Any request to play on a 2nd team in a different division must receive permission from the Rec & Parks Department.**
9. Teams must supply jerseys, and all jerseys on any one team must be the same color and properly (no tape) numbered. .
10. **League play will begin early September and will run until mid-November. Games will be played at 6:15/7:30/8:45pm and there will be weeks with multiple games per week.**
11. Teams may play with 4 players, but must have 5 players at the start of the 2nd half. A ten (10) minute grace period from the regularly scheduled starting time shall be permitted for a team to assemble the required number of players in the first game of each day. A team cannot use the grace period to wait until a certain player arrives. No other games will have a grace period.
12. If both teams fail to field a team, both teams will be charged with a loss.
13. Teams forfeiting two (2) games will be eliminated from tournament contention. No refunds will be given.
14. There will be division tournaments at the end of the regular season for roughly the top 50% of teams in each division. **Only players who have played in a minimum of 3 regular season games will be permitted to play in post-season tournaments. (The regular season includes the 10 game season only and does not include any playoff games.)**
15. The Recreation & Parks Department reserves the right to place teams as staff sees appropriate. Staff will contact any team being placed in a division other than its stated preference prior to completion of schedules.
16. **For further information call Jimmy Ruby at (703) 248-5027.**

PLAYING RULES

1. Games will be played according to High School Federation rules except where amended.
2. Teams will be allowed (2) full and (2) :30 sec time-outs per game.
3. In an overtime game the first two overtime periods will be 3 minutes in length. The third overtime will be sudden death. This rule does not apply for playoffs.
4. The three point shot will be used on all courts with a three-point line.
5. Team jerseys on any one team must be the same color and properly (no tape) numbered. (All teams need to have proper jerseys by the second game.) It is the discretion of the scorekeeper/timer (in consultation with the officials) whether or not a given team has acceptable jerseys.
6. Teams may start a game with 4 players but must have 5 by the start of the second half.
7. NO jewelry allowed, including wedding bands.

CONDUCT REGULATIONS

Coaches, managers, players shall not:

1. At any time lay a hand upon or shove an official, facility supervisor or scorekeeper. **Penalty:** suspension from all sport activities sponsored by the Falls Church Recreation and Parks Department for a period of two years.
2. At any time dispute an official's decision or make an abusive verbal attack upon any official, facility supervisor, scorekeeper, player or spectator. **Penalty:** Warning by official and/or ejection from the game. If ejected, the person is suspended from the next game his/her team plays.
3. At any time be found guilty of gross misconduct. **Penalty:** Will be suspended for the remainder of the season and no refund on the fees will be given.
4. At any time refuse to abide by an official's decision. **Penalty:** Ejection from game and suspension from the league until his/her case has been reviewed. Probationary reinstatement is possible.
5. Any coach, manager or player who is ejected from the game is automatically suspended from the next game his/her team plays. A second offense by the same person will result in additional disciplinary action as directed by the league. This rule is not subject to protest or review.
6. Any coach, manager or player who is placed on probationary status and is reported again for violating the "Code of Conduct" or league rules will be given a minimum penalty of suspension for the remainder of the season.
7. Teams are responsible for the conduct of their spectators. Failure to attempt to control disruptive spectators may result in forfeiture to the opposing team.
8. Smoking is prohibited at all school/public grounds (indoors and outdoors)
9. No food or beverages (except water) are allowed in the gyms. Please no Gatorade!