



KROC
MS GULF COAST

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PARENT'S PACKET

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LEAGUE REGULATIONS

SAFETY:

Safety is the number one priority for all participants of Krocs Elite. In a concerted effort with our employees, athletic staff, coaches and referees; it is each participant's responsibility to ensure that any hazards to safety are identified, reduced or eliminated before an accident occurs. By abiding by the rules and regulations of the Salvation Army Kroc Center, National High School Federation rules and common sense, we can ensure we have a safe season.

PARTICIPANTS:

- Krocs Elite coaches reserve the right of selecting players through tryouts and recruitment
- Middle school and High school basketball team members are highly encouraged to participate in our tryouts
- Players must be a resident of Mississippi
- Players must have a 2.5 GPA
- All participants must have parental authorization (this authorization for players is identified on the registration form)
- Players must be in the grade of the team they are trying out for
 - Exception: Player qualifies for an Age Exemption
- Players with *exceptional athletic* ability who clearly dominate their Division may move up with the Athletic Coordinator's approval
 - This will require the player tryout with the age group they are moving up to
 - The player may play on 2 teams; in their grade and up in grade
 - The player would have to pay their full tuition and pay the cost of another uniform
- Reserve players are part of the team
 - Parents will be notified and given the option of becoming a reserve player
 - Reserves count against the teams total 15 players
 - Reserves are talented players that need to be developed more
 - Reserves receive everything an active player receives
 - Reserves participate in everything with their team *except* tournaments; does not participate in tournaments and has no expectation of playing in games, if player attends tournaments
 - Reserves do not pay the tournament registration fee unless they are attending and or are elevated to active status
 - Reserves maybe elevated to active status by their head coach

TEAMS

The Krocs Elitee will do its best to have both a boys and girls teams per division. Teams are formed based on having a qualified coach and talent. Girls may play on boys team in grades 2nd-6th Grade.

- 5th Grade/11U
- 6th Grade/12U
- 7th Grade/13U
- 8th Grade/14U
- 9th Grade/15U
- 10th Grade/16U
- 11th Grade/17U
- 12th Grade/18U

REGISTRATION:

- Registration is reserved for players that make their team by tryouts or recruitment
- Registration dates will be advertised during tryouts
- Tuition Costs \$250 per player
 - a \$100 dollars deposit (non refundable) will be due at time of registration
 - Krocs Elite will fundraise the remainder
- Tuition Covers:2 uniforms
 - 1 Shooting Shirt
 - 1 Bag
 - YBOA Membership
 - Kroc Center Practice Fee
 - Entry Fee into 3 tournaments

SELECTION OF PLAYERS

- Established teams are welcomed to the Kroc Elites
- Tryouts will be held for players
 - Recruiting may continue after tryouts
- There will be no less than (10), and no more than fifteen (15) players on a team
 - Reserve players may be selected to developed them

PARENTS GUIDELINES:

- Model sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect for all participants at all times, including teammates, coaches, players, opposing players, officials and parents
- Be humble in victory and courteous in defeat
- Make no demonstrable protests about officiating during games
- Arrange for appropriate, timely transportation for their child to/from practices and games
- Ensure that coaches are notified in the event that their daughter/son will be late or absent from a practice or a game
- Provide positive support and encouragement for their teams and opposing players
- Assist coaches and the league as needed, including volunteering support as scorekeeper, timekeeper, team parent, concession stand or other volunteer positions
- Ensures spectators, parents, and fans remain outside the confines of the basketball court and are seated in the designated bleachers
 - There will be no standing permitted around the court during games
- Ensure outside foods or drinks are not brought into any gyms during games
- Ensures balls are not brought from home during practices and games
- Responsible for their child's uniform and any replacements costs
- Ensures children and accompanying adults are in their best behavior during games and practices
- Ensures all trash is discarded prior to exiting the gym
- Assist the facility with the control of spectators
 - Ensures young children are under parental control
 - Ensures there is NO RUNNING and PLAYING in the areas surrounding the court
- No Profane Language, Unsportsmanlike Conduct or Trash Talking will be tolerated
 - If a spectator/parent violates this rule, the coach of the team they are supporting will receive a technical foul
 - A second offense will result in a second technical foul for the coach and ejection from that game
 - The spectator/parent will then be removed from the gym and the Local police notified
 - The Sports Staff reserves the right to adjust this penalty on a case by case basis

PARENTS RESPONSIBILITIES: Coaches may solicit help from the parents to be assistant coaches, team parents, bookkeepers, operate the game clock, and or to perform other jobs that may come up during the season. Through our collective efforts and your assistance with the above-mentioned tasks we will have smooth transitions during games and a successful season.

BOOKKEEPERS AND CLOCK OPERATORS:

When tournaments do not have designated book keepers and clock operators, parents may be asked to perform these duties. Each team is required to have at least two parents ready to perform bookkeeping or clock operator prior to each game. If there is a volunteer that does not know how to perform these duties, instructions will be provided.

- If no volunteers are present to perform these tasks:
 - Coaches will be asked to provide their assistant coaches to conduct these duties.
- Instruction on how to keep the books and run the clock will be given prior to the first game
 - Date and time to-be-determined
- ✓ Both will be positioned at the scorer's table
- ✓ These personnel are a neutral entity and are not to be cheering from this position

SPECTATORS:

Spectators are expected to show courtesy to all the players of all the teams as though each player was their own child. Our basketball program is designed solely for the kids to have fun, learn basketball fundamentals and exercise good sportsmanship. Spectator interference with these objectives will not be tolerated and offenders will be asked to leave and/or offspring removed from the game in which they are playing.

There will be times when the team you are rooting for will receive what you may deem a bad break or official's "Call" (this is part of the game), while you may be highly upset this is not the end of the world or the last game of the universe. Five days or five minutes from the time this happens the "kids" will not remember what transpired and will be too busy playing with each other to care. This is the example we wish to follow and teach.

PLAYERS GUIDELINES:

- Model sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect for all participants at all times, including teammates, coaches, opposing players, officials and parents
- Be humble in victory and courteous in defeat
- Make no demonstrable protests about officiating during the game
- Shake hands with opposing coaches, players and referees at the conclusion of each game
- Attend all games and practices; notify the coach in the event you will be absent or late for a game or practice
- Follow the directions of the coaches, realizing that the coaches are volunteering their time to help make this league possible
- Any player storming off the bench or playing area during a game will be ejected for the remainder of the game
 - The player may be ineligible to play in the next league game
 - The Sports Staff reserves the right to enforce this penalty on a case by case basis
- Maintain a 2.5 GPA in school
- Any player who's grades fall below a 2.5 Grade Point Average ("C+" Average) GPA, who is suspended, or expelled from school during the course of the season, will immediately be banned from participating in any of the Krocs Elite activities, including, but not limited to, practices and games
 - The player will be banned from participation with Krocs Elite until his/her GPA reaches a 2.5 ("C+" Average)
 - The player will be banned from participation with Krocs Elite until he/she is able to return to school
 - The Athletics Coordinator reserves the right to overrule on a case by case basis
- Any player who is charged and or convicted of an unlawful offense, excluding minor traffic offenses, during the course of the season, will immediately be banned from participating in any of the Krocs Elite activities, including, but not limited to, practices and games
 - They will be permanently banned from future participation in The Krocs Elite from that point forward
 - The Krocs Elite Sports Staff reserves the right to overrule on a case by case basis
- No Profane Language, Unsportsmanlike Conduct or Trash Talking will be tolerated
 - If a player violates this rule, he/she will receive a Technical Foul
 - A second offense will result in a second Technical Foul and an ejection from that game
 - The player will then be ineligible to play in the next league game
 - The Sports Staff reserves the right to adjust this penalty on a case by case basis. If the coach cannot discipline a player, the Sports Staff may invoke a suspension

REFEREES

Referees will be contracted and properly uniformed by tournament directors.

CONDUCT

All league representatives are required to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects credit upon them self and The Salvation Army Kroc Center, Krocs Elite.

- All participants of the Krocs Elite (players, coaches, parents and or spectators) will be expected to adhere to our regulations and standards during the season
 - Failure to do so may result in expulsion of your child from the league (with no refund) and potential criminal charges from the local police
 - The Sports Staff reserves the right to change or adjust these rules and its consequences as deemed necessary on a case by case basis
- The Krocs Elite prohibits any coach, parents and or officials from knowingly requiring or allowing a player to play while having a serious injury or knowingly creating unsafe play situations
- No Profane Language, Unsportsmanlike Conduct or Trash Talking will be tolerated
- Fighting **will not** be tolerated during the course of practice or game play, an on the court scuffle will be handled with the foul and technical foul system
 - Once punches are thrown, player ejections are mandatory
 - The player will then be ineligible to play in the next two league games
 - Fights occurring outside of game situations will result in the local police being notified and could result in expulsion from the league
- No alcohol, drugs or drug paraphernalia in the gym or on the property. **Zero Tolerance!!!**
 - ANY and ALL persons involved with this type of activity will be permanently banned from the The Krocs Elite
 - The local police will be called in to correct the problem
 - Tobacco use by league officials, coaches, parents, fans and game officials on The Salvation Army Kroc Center property is strictly prohibited
 - Tobacco use by underage persons (players/fans) will not be tolerated
 - The local police will be called in to correct the problem
- There will be NO RUNNING and PLAYING in the common areas and the areas surrounding the court
 - This policy will be strictly enforced in the hall/common areas and gym

DISCIPLINE:

The Sports Staff reserves the right to discipline any player, or coach who does not conduct himself/herself in the proper manner by giving the players the best possible leadership, or anyone who violates any rule/regulation set forth by these bylaws and/or high school basketball rules.

- The Sports Staff shall use the following guidelines for disciplinary action. The Sports Staff reserves the right to change or adjust these rules and its consequences as deemed necessary on a case by case basis
 - First offense: The coach or player shall receive a written warning
 - Second offense: The coach or player will be suspended from their current position
 - The Sports Staff will then have to hold a meeting and approve the reinstatement of that person
 - All teams that are associated, as a part of the Krocs Elite will abide by these rules and regulations at any location during the season

FUNDRAISING

We will fundraise to help offset the cost for all players.

- Fundraising ideas are always welcomed
- Coaches and Team Moms in conjunction with the Athletic Coordinator will determine what funder raisers Krocs Elite will perform
- Krocs Elite will perform fundraising as a club to build character and comradery away from basketball
 - All players are required to attend at their scheduled time
 - Players who do not attend fundraisers will not receive any money towards their tuition and will have to pay out of pocket the tuition fee in its entirety
 - Individual teams may fundraise only after all club fundraising is complete

DONATIONS

Donations may be accepted, before accepting a donations please contact the Athletics Coordinator

- Donations from businesses seeking advertisement must donate towards whole club

DRESS CODE

Every head coach, player and spectator must wear proper clothing while attending league games and practices. Any violation of the dress code may result in the removal of the person from the gym.

- Hats: All hats must either be removed or worn properly
 - For baseball caps the bill must be worn in the forward position
 - Any use or display of “Bandanas” on a person’s body is strictly prohibited
- Shirts: Shirts must be worn that cover the upper torso properly
 - The males will wear shirts that cover their chest
 - The females will wear shirts/blouses that do not expose an excessive amount of skin
- Pants: The waist band of the pants must rest at the waist line of the individual that is wearing them
 - Pants that fall below the waist line, exposing under garments, are not permitted
 - Pants with holes that expose personal parts are not permitted
- Shoes/Boots:
 - All players must athletic shoes and have their straps properly fastened or shoes tied
 - Players who wear slides or flip flops to the court must change into their athletic shoes before beginning any athletic activity on the basketball court floor

PRACTICE/GAME GEAR

- Uniforms: Coaches and Players are required to wear the Krocs Elite issued uniforms to their game.
 - All players will be issued:
 - 2 uniforms
 - Light Colored Home Uniform
 - Dark Colored Away Uniform
 - Shooting Shirt
 - Bags if fundraising permits
 - Available for purchase if Krocs Elite do not raise enough money
 - Players with incomplete uniforms at games will be ineligible to play
 - Parents are responsible for the maintenance and replacement cost of uniforms items
 - All Coaches will be issued
 - Team shirts
 - Head coaches will wear long pants or shorts (khaki) to games
 - Balls 2 warm up and 1 game ball in ball bag

- Balls must be returned at the end of the season
 - Team Binder for player verification
 - **Team Binders** must be returned at the end of the season
- If you are interested in purchasing a Fan Pride Shirt t-shirt please see your head coach.
 - T-shirts costs is \$8 (YS-XL), add \$2 for each additional size above XL.
 - This is not a fundraiser, Krocs Elites do not make any profit from this sale
 - Glasses worn by players must be equipped with shatterproof lenses and a safety band
 - Hard casts or any type of jewelry are not permitted during games or practices
 - Hats or bandanas are not allowed during practices or games
 - Players with long hair that impedes their vision while playing must have a device such as a headband or similar hair devices to preclude the player from injuries
 - All uniforms shirts must be tucked in during the game
 - T-shirts worn under the uniform should be part of the uniform color scheme and the team should be uniformed
 - Example: If a team's uniform is purple with yellow letters; t-shirts worn under uniforms shall be yellow or purple
The team coach must make this decision
 - The entire team must be uniformed
 - Players that wear a t-shirt under their uniform that does not match their teams color scheme or is opposite of their team's selected color may be asked to remove their t-shirt
 - All jewelry must be removed before practices and games

FACILITY RESPONSIBILITIES

Please assist with maintaining all facilities clean, and damage free for continued sports programs.

- Care of the equipment and facilities by each team member, parent and guests is expected.
- Damage caused by misuse or abuse becomes the family of the child that was determined to be at fault responsibility
- Each team, parent and guests are expected to maintain facilities clean, please discard your trash after the consumption of drinks and or snacks
- Admission will be the same at all games (only coaches, players, and children under 12 enter free)
- Discard your trash and police spectator areas and player benches prior to departing each game
- All Player, Parent and Spectator rules and guidelines apply at home and away gyms
- Stay in the gym areas and do not go into or allow children to venture into unauthorized rooms, hallways and rooms

TOURNAMENTS

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During our season we will participate in tournaments across several states.

- Local Traveling Proximity will be any destination within 2.5 hours drive from Biloxi
- Distance Traveling Proximity will be any destination that exceeds a 2.5 hour drive from Biloxi

ADMISSIONS

- League Presidents and League Directors will be allowed free admissions to all games (this does not include their families)
- Active head coaches will be allowed free admissions to all games where they are scheduled to play
- Active players will be allowed free admissions to all games where they are scheduled to play
- Admission will **Admission:** Below are the average admission costs for tournaments (per person for spectators):
 - Weekend Passes: \$20
 - Daily Passes \$15.00
- Coaches (2) and players enter free.
- No one may leave the facility and be re-admitted without paying, except in case of an emergency

BALLS

Each coach will be issued 2 warm up balls and 1 game ball

COVERAGE

Each youth sports facility and sports league must carry insurance that covers participants

- Additional coverage is provided by your registration to YBOA

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE

Each tournament cost each team between \$200-\$400.

- After all fundraising monies are exhausted, tournament fees will be divided evenly amongst each team
- Fees must be turned in 1 week (7 days) prior to scheduled tournament
 - Failure to pay tournament fees in time will cost our Krocs Elite any discounts and or
 - Tournament directors may not accept our teams

SUPERVISION

Each facility and league has a director and or league president who presides over their facility and league. While they are primarily in charge of their facility/league we are only guests at their facility and are members of Kroc Center Krocs Elite. While visiting these facilities coaches along with parents are in charge of our players.

- Coaches and Parents share the responsibility of supervising our players
 - Coaches will have primary supervision of our team
 - Coaches will supervise players once they assume responsibility of their players during warmups until they release the players to their parents after their game (to include players that carpooled)
 - Parents will supervise their players prior to the game and after the game (once the coach releases players back to their parents)
 - This includes players that carpooled
 - Coaches will ensure our team's spectators abide by our rules and guidelines at all times
 - Safety concerns that you cannot correct, please report to your coach or facility staff
 - Coaches will work with the host league director, president or facility staff to correct any safety concerns and resolve any issues or concerns
 - Injuries and emergencies will be evaluated by coaches and facility staff (if needed)
 - Please allow the evaluation process to happen to minimize panic to the all parties involved
 - After accessing the injury parents will be called upon to provide them with their evaluation and recommendation
 - If a player carpooled, coaches or team parent will contact the parents immediately to notify them of injury, recommendation and next step
 - Coaches report any problems that occurred to the Athletics Coordinator who will in turn contact the host league's director or president and work to resolve any issues before or for future games
 - Contact the Athletics Coordinator Immediately
 - Unresolved safety concern identified prior to the game
 - Injuries to our player (s)
 - Any Emergency
 - Prior to the game, if issue identified may affect the outcome of the game
 - Contact the Athletics Coordinator after the game or next day
- Report any issue that came up

FOOD

Parents will be responsible for their children meals at tournaments

- Please ensure your child has a packed lunch/snacks or enough money to cover meals at tournaments if carpooling.

TRANSPORTATION

Parents will be responsible for transporting their players to and from practices and games.

- Showtime to games is 30 mins prior to game scheduled time
- If at all possible, carpooling is encouraged to minimize gas costs and ensure all players have a ride to games
- If your child does not have transportation to a tournament please speak with your team mom or coach
 - Coaches may ask for parents to assist in carpooling team members.

LODGING

- The Salvation Army Kroc Center *does not authorize* any overnight stays as a club
- Parents may elect to stay overnight with their own children and may do so at their own risk
- If a parent takes responsibility for someone else's child they must have written consent and will do so at their own risk and will assume all responsibilities for this child (see your coach for the affidavit form).
 - Any legal and or medical matters that may arise will be resolved by both families involved and The Salvation Army Kroc Center will not be held liable for anything regarding overnight stays

PARTICIPATION

There may be times your player does not play in a games (s) during tournaments.

- Participation in games is not guaranteed
- Participation is earned in practices and not at tournaments
- Travel ball is very competitive

- Each player will gain valuable experience by playing consistently versus heightened competition during practices and games

CHEATING

Cheating will not be tolerated. Coaches caught cheating may be removed from coaching.

- Each team will play in the division they signed up for regardless of age
- Adding unregistered players is not permitted to your teams is not permitted

LEAGUE RULES

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Krocs Elites will participate in many tournaments across the United States; the National High School Federation rules will apply at every tournament with modifications made by each tournament director in order to save time and keep games on schedule.

- Krocs Elites will primarily follow the direction of their membership to YBOA and its scheduled tournaments
- Krocs Elites will participate in many other tournaments governed by other affiliations but not limited to the following and adapt to their rules:
 - AAU, CYBL, EYBL, Jr. NBA, Panhandle Basketball etc...