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RULES
&
REGULATIONS

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(A.) LEAGUE OVERVIEW

A001. INTENT:

These rules and regulation are for participants of The Salvation Army Kroc Center's Krocs Elite. These rules and regulations must be adhered to and upheld without prejudice to provide the Sports Staff a strong foundation on which to continue to grow and build the youth basketball program for the community.

A002. MISSION STATEMENT:

The Krocs Elite mission is to further develop elite youth basketball players through the challenge of elevated competition and provide each player with life-long tools such as: Discipline, Teamwork, Hard-work, Pride and Dedication

A003. GOALS:

The Krocs Elite goals are to provide an organized elite basketball program, where we can afford our players better opportunities in schools, as well as in life. We will not only focus on developing better athletes, but also better citizens through structure and discipline; ultimately strengthening our communities.

(B.) SPORTS STAFF

B001. Athletics Coordinator

- Reports to the Director of Operations
- Oversees the entire league's operations
- The appeal authority for any league disputes
- May be a head coach or assistant coach
- Budgets and purchases equipment needed to operate the league
- Places orders to repairs or discards damaged equipment
- Responsible for the ordering and receiving of all equipment and uniforms
- Responsible for contract and payment of league officials
- Responsible for ensuring league advertisement is complete
- Reviews and approves all agendas for upcoming season
- Reviews and approves amendments to league rules and regulations
- Responsible for supervising the Krocs Elite operations, its coaches and ensuring that all rules and regulations are adhered to, to include issuing discipline when necessary
- Schedules the basketball court for practices
- Develops the tournament schedule
- Registers teams for tournaments
- Develops the business plan by October 1st for the next season
- Ensures each team has a coach
- Creates and maintains team rosters
- Responsible for the compilation of all rosters for each team and submits them to coaches
- Approves exceptional athlete's advancement to older age division
- Maintains all registration forms; submits team rosters to head coach
- Recommends new equipment orders to the Director of Operations
- Provides estimate of equipment needed and plan for equipment to the Director of Operations by October 1st
- Presents cost estimate to the Director of Operations for any purchases
- Responsible for the maintenance, distribution, and collection of all uniforms and equipment
- Responsible for the organization of:
 - Registrations
 - Tryouts
 - Coaches meetings and clinics
 - Parents meetings

B002. Athletic Attendant

- Oversees each athletic program during their shift
- Issues equipment to coaches as needed
- Handles any gym disputes of scheduling during practices
- Enforces gym rules, parents and coaches COE during games and practices
- Reports to the Athletics Coordinator
- May be a head coach or assistant coach

- Stores all equipment at the end of the season
- Recommends new equipment orders to the Athletics Coordinator
- Provides complete inventory of useable equipment to the Athletics Coordinator

(C.) LEAGUE OPERATIONS

C001. AMENDMENTS TO RULES & REGULATIONS

Rules will vary from tournament to tournament. Since the Krocs Elite are affiliated with Youth Basketball of America (YBOA) our organization will follow all eligibility requirements and mainly follow YBOA rules. Krocs Elite will attend AAU and other affiliated tournaments and adapt to their modifications. Most tournaments follow high school rules, with the exception of modifications that help keep tournaments on schedule. Any regulations may be altered, amended, or repealed and new rules and regulations may be revised annually.

C002. COMPLAINTS

Any complaint by coaches, parents, players, or any others should be addressed in the following “Three Step Appeals System” order:

- Head Coach of player/parent will review problem
 - Talk to your Head Coach. Your Head Coach should listen and try to resolve any complaint.
- Athletic Attendant
 - If the person is not satisfied, they should submit their complaint and recommended solution to the Athletic Attendant in writing.
 - *All complaints must be in writing and to the Athletic Attendant within forty-eight (48) hours.*
 - *Failure to promptly report complaints could be reason for the complaint not to be heard.*
- Athletic Coordinator
 - Once a complaint is received, and if the Athletic Attendant *cannot* resolve it, then the Athletic Attendant will request a special meeting with the Athletics Coordinator to address the complaint
 - In regards to all matters; the Athletics Coordinator decision will be final
- Tournament Directors
 - Prior to each tournament coaches and parents are responsible for reading the rules that govern that tournament. Each tournament will have an avenue to review game disputes or protests. However, protests cost a fee (fees differ tournament to tournament).
 - Protests
 - Players eligibility
 - A Referee Call
 - Pool Play Standings

C003. ATHLETIC PROGRAMS STAFF RATIO

Attendants will supervise and oversee each programs operation during their shift in conjunction with the Athletic Coordinator or Manager on Duty (when the Athletic Coordinator is not available).

- The Athletic Coordinator will attend the tournaments
- Extended staff i.e. Coaches (head coach/assistant coach) will directly supervise the players of each program
- Ratio 3 staff to 30 players. Example: A basketball game has 2 teams (30 total players); 1 athletic attendant/coordinator and 2 coaches will supervise the event

(D.) LEAGUE REGULATIONS

D001. 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.

D002. 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

0D003. 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

D004. 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
 - Full Tuition Covers:
 - 2 uniforms
 - 1 Shooting Shirt
 - 1 Bag
 - YBOA Membership
 - Kroc Center Practice Fee
 - Entry Fee into 3 tournaments

D005. 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

D006. COACHES GUIDELINES:

- **Must be 18 + years to Coach**
- **Must be a Very Experience Coach**
- **Complete The Salvation Army Volunteer Package & Coaches Resume Worksheet**
- **Pass The Salvation Army Kroc Center Background Check**
- **Complete The Salvation Army Safe From Harm Training**
- Know and play by the letter and the spirit of the rules
- Demonstrate exemplary sportsmanship and decorum at all times
- Coaches will create and maintain a safe environment conducive to learning for the players placed in their charge

- A coach understands the challenge of every practice and game is to overcome failures and turning them into eventual victories
- A coach knows that victory in and itself is not the ultimate goal, but rather teaching players how to achieve victory, be graceful in victory, and not be satisfied with that victory
- A coach understands that without discipline, true success cannot be achieved, therefore we will attempt to administer discipline appropriate for the situation requiring it
 - Further we understand discipline is a process involving instruction, correction and reproof (being the final step)
- The coach and their teams must wear the uniform provided during games
- The coach will provide balanced direction and feedback to players during practices as well as before, during and after games
- The coach encourages and reinforces positives whenever possible
- The coach will constructively point out mistakes and provide opportunities for improvement
- With respect to questions around officiating - in a calm, non-confrontational demeanor, seek out officials before or after the start of a quarter to ask about interpretation of a rule or to seek clarification of an official's specific call or non-call
- The coach or assistant coach must enter or verify team rosters in the official scorebook prior to the start of each game
- The coach will ensure gym floors are kept clear, except for warm-up of current teams, between quarters and halves
- Coaches and players must remain in the area of their "bench" while the game is in progress
- Coaches are responsible for clearing their benches of trash and debris immediately following practice and games
- Coaches are respectful to other coaches by ending their practices by their designated times and by ensuring their team vacates the play area immediately following all practices and games
- Protests of games should be avoided; Unavoidable protests must be done prior to the game or immediately when the action occurs. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE GAME**
 - Ensure you have reviewed the tournament rules and have unwavering proof
 - Immediately notify the Athletics Coordinator and Tournament Director of intent
 - Have the Protests fee available
 - Protests involving judgment calls by the referees will not be recognized
- Any person harassing an official, player or coach or otherwise behaving in a disruptive manner must be asked to stop by the coach
 - If the coach is unsuccessful, the offending person will be asked to stop by the "ranking league official" in the gym or referee
 - If these requests fail the offending person will be asked to leave the gym and the immediate premises
 - If everything else fails, as a last resort, the game will be stopped and the team associated with the offending person will lose by reason of forfeit
 - The local police will be contacted to defuse the matter
- Each coach is responsible for using his/her best effort to control their spectators (players, assistant coaches, & parents). If spectators start harassing referees during the game, the coach is responsible for controlling the situation
- If a coach mistreats any player or steadily harasses the referees, the Sports Staff will take disciplinary action against the coach. The Sports Staff will call a special meeting and the coach can be relieved of his/her coaching duties. The action depends upon the circumstances
- Coaches will not teach the use of sports to punish opponents through physical contact
- Any coach who does not contact a player or players for a scheduled game (to gain an advantage), will be suspended until they appear before the Sports Staff to explain their actions and could be removed or have their team forfeit all games played
- Any coach who knowingly violates a league rule is subject to a disciplinary action of the Sports Staff and may be removed
- The League reserves the right to interpret and modify these rules as needed to ensure the desired philosophy and playing experience is achieved
- No Profane Language, Unsportsmanlike Conduct or Trash Talking will be tolerated.
 - If a coach 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
 - Should any coach be ejected from a game, he/she will be suspended from the league for the next game
 - Once ejected, the person may not coach nor be on the playing court
 - The coach must leave the court area; outside the gym/recreation door
 - 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 without calling a meeting
- The Kroc Center reserves the right to interpret and modify these rules as needed to ensure the desired philosophy and playing experience is achieved
- Only 3 coaches allowed on the bench
- Coaches must also be uniformed or easily identifiable by one of the following manners (only 3 per team):
 - League issued Coaches Shirts or Polos
 - Matching pants or shirts

D007. 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

D007.2. 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.

D007.3. BOOKKEEPERS AND CLOCK OPERATORS:

When leagues 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

D007.4. 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.

D008. 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

D009. REFEREES

Referees will be contracted and properly uniformed by tournament directors.

D010. 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

D011. 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

D012. 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

D013. DONATIONS

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

- Donations from businesses seeking advertisement must donate towards whole club

D014. 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

D015. 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

D016. 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

(E) TOURNAMENTS

E001. TOURNAMENTS

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

E002. 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

E003: BALLS

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

- Local games are considered

E004: COVERAGE

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

- Additional coverage is provided by your registration to YBOA

E005: 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

E006: 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

E007: 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.

E008: 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.

E009: 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

E010: 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

E011: 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

(F) LEAGUE RULES

F1.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1.1 Eligibility Requirements: All teams and players must be current members of YBOA in order to participate in any YBOA sanctioned event
- 1.1.2 Proof of age is required and must be made available at any time, for every player, at all YBOA sanctioned events. Players must possess an original or legible copy of their birth certificate for verification.
- 1.1.3 Proof of grade is required and must be made available at any time, for every player, at all YBOA sanctioned events. Players must possess an original or legible copy of their report card that includes the player's name, school name, address, & phone number, current grade, and current school year.
- 1.2 YBOA is grade-based with age parameters and limitations determined by birth date
 - See YBOA Grade Level Table

NOTE: If a player exceeds an age limit for any grade level, that player must play at the next highest grade level in which their age meets the requirement.

AGE EXCEPTIONS TO PLAY DOWN A GRADE LEVEL A player may qualify to play down a grade level if he/she has been advanced a grade due to academic excellence or parental preference. See Age Exemption To Play Down A Grade Level Table

- 1.3 Home School Eligibility:
Home School player's age and grade will be determined as follows:
 - 1.3.1 Grade may only be determined for Home School students who have registered with the State Department of Education and belong to an accredited home school organization. For verification of grade, the student must provide an original letter or legible copy from the accredited organization (on organization stationary) stating the grade level in which he/she is enrolled. This letter must be approved by the YBOA State or Area Director from the state the player is registered or YBOA National Headquarters.
 - 1.3.2 Eligibility for Home School participants without proper grade verification will be determined by age and birth date only. **These players are not eligible to be categorized by grade or grade exception.**
- 1.4 Acceptable Forms of Age Verification:
 - Original or copy of birth record from the state, country, or municipal Bureau of Vital Statistics at the place of birth
 - Current and valid Passport.
 - Copy of the delayed registration of birth if the athlete's birth was not recorded on his or her day of birth; issued by the same governing bodies.
 - Consular Service Form FS240 (Report of Birth) issued by the U.S. Department of State.
 - Immigration and Naturalization Forms I-151 and I-25 and Form 43 R311-7 issued by the U.S. Department of Justice.
 - Valid state-issued Driver's License.
 - Valid state-issued Identification Card.
- 1.5 Acceptable Form of Grade Verification:
 - Original or legible copy of report card that includes the player's name, school name, school address and/or phone number, current grade, and current school year.
 - Original or legible copy of participant's current-year progress report that includes the player's name, school name and address and/or phone number, current grade, and current school year.
- 1.6 Residency: A player must participate with a team registered in the state of his legal residency with the following exceptions:
 - 1.6.1 A player enrolled at an educational institution located outside of his legal residence may elect to treat the state in which the school is located as his state of residency.
 - 1.6.2 A player who is subject to a written joint custody arrangement may elect to treat the state of either custodian as his state of residency. The state in which the player participates in their first sanctioned YBOA event will be considered their official state of residency for the remainder of the season (September 1 – August 31).
 - 1.6.3 A player who meets all YBOA eligibility guidelines may attach to a team from any state with a common border of the player's legal residency. See YBOA Rule 2.2 for bordering state player roster limits.
- 1.7 Multiple Team Participation:
 - 1.7.1 A player is not allowed to participate on two different teams within the same grade level.
 - 1.7.2 A player who meets all eligibility guidelines may only participate in up to two different grade levels within the same tournament provided both teams belong to the same organization, and have an identical team name. However, a player may not participate in a semi-final or championship game unless he/she participated in at least one game with each team prior to the semi-final or championship game unless it is the player's first game of the tournament.

- 1.7.3 A player who meets all eligibility rules and participates on more than one team during the same tournament may only play a maximum of six games within any two-day span of that tournament.
- 1.7.4 A player that meets all eligibility requirements and participates in two different grade levels must be officially listed on both rosters by YBOA.
- 1.7.5 A player is not allowed to play or participate in two or more games at the same time.
- 1.8 Credentials and Eligibility Review: The State/Area Director or designated Host organization is responsible for reviewing the credentials of players and teams to verify membership and eligibility qualifications.
- 1.9 Eligibility Disqualification: All coaches and team administrators are responsible for ensuring their team meets eligibility requirements for participation in YBOA-sanctioned events. Eligibility disqualifications will be governed as follows:
 - 1.9.1 If a player is found to be ineligible prior to the start of a sanctioned event, the player will be expelled from the event and the team will continue.
 - 1.9.2 If a player is found to be ineligible after an event has started, the player will be expelled from the event and the team will forfeit all games in which the ineligible player entered a game or was entered on the official game score sheet. The team may continue to participate, if applicable, without the expelled player.
 - 1.9.3 If a coach is found to have prior knowledge of ineligible player(s), the team will forfeit all games in which the ineligible player entered a game or was entered on the official game score sheet. The coach will be immediately expelled from the tournament and is subject to additional sanctions and/or disciplinary action.
- 1.10 Team Attachment: A YBOA registered player who meets all eligibility guidelines becomes officially attached to a team when he/she competes with that team for the first time in any YBOA sanctioned event held during the current annual season from September 1st – August 31st .
- 1.11 Player Transfer: A YBOA registered and attached player may transfer to another team under any of the following guidelines:
 - 1.11.1 If the player is on a team that is part of a multi-team organization, he/she must have an official YBOA Player Release Form signed by the releasing Organization Director and gaining Head Coach or Organization Director. If the player is on a single team not part of a multi-team organization, he/she must have an official YBOA Player Release Form signed by the releasing Head Coach or Organization Director and gaining Head Coach or Organization Director. Released and/or transferred players still count against your original roster total. A YBOA Player Release Form may be downloaded at yboa.org.
 - 1.11.2 The player has not competed in any YBOA sanctioned events for a period of sixty (60) days.
 - 1.11.3 If the transfer is for the purpose of competing with a team which has qualified for the National Championship and whose attached team is not eligible or has not qualified for the YBOA National Championship within all eligibility guidelines.
 - 1.11.4 If the transfer is due to events outside the control of the player and serves the best interest of the player as determined by the State/Area Director assigned to the state in which the player is registered and the transfer has been approved by a committee at the YBOA National Headquarters.
 - 1.11.5 Once a player transfers from a team, he/she may not return to that team or roster for the remainder of the current season (September 1 – August 31).
- 1.12 Boys Team Restriction: Boys must only play on a boys' team.
- 1.13 Girls Team Restriction and Exception: Girls must play on a girls' team with the following exceptions:
 - 1.13.1 A girl may play on a boys' team in grade-levels 2nd, 3rd, 4th , 5th and 6th .
 - 1.13.2 There is a limit of three (3) girl's players on a boy's roster for eligible grade levels.
- 1.14 Unanswered Eligibility Questions: Any unanswered questions pertaining to the eligibility of a player or team shall be directed to the YBOA National Director for review.

F2.0 ROSTERS

- 2.1 Team Roster Limit: Team rosters are limited to fifteen (15) active players per team.
- 2.2 Bordering States Limit: A team may have a maximum of three (3) out-of-state players on their official roster from bordering states. See YBOA Rule 1.6.3 for residency restrictions.
- 2.3 Bordering Country Limit: A team outside of the continental United States may have a maximum of three (3) players on their official roster who reside outside of their country or state and must meet all other eligibility requirements.
- 2.4 Roster Change Restriction: No changes are allowed to a roster during a tournament after a team has begun play of its first game within that tournament. Page 9 of 15 Revised: September 3, 2019
- 2.5 Roster Change Procedures:
 - 2.5.1 Rosters can be managed at yboa.org (including creating, editing, deleting, etc.) by creating a User Profile and YBOA Team Membership Account. Players may be deleted and/or deactivated from a roster. However, once a roster has reached the 15 maximum player limit, a team will be charged an administrative fee for every new player added to their official roster. In addition, a team will be charged an administrative fee each time a player is deactivated and reactivated on their roster.

- 2.5.2 Players added to a roster via a transfer must meet all eligibility standards of that grade/division as well as the transfer requirements listed in YBOA Rules 1.11 – 1.11.5. Transferred players still count against a team’s original roster total.
- 2.5.3 A team’s official State Championship Roster is considered final and official for competition in the YBOA National Championship except as outlined in YBOA Rules 7.3 – 7.3.7. Contact your State or Area Director for additional rules governing State Championship rosters.

F3.0 GAME LOGISTICS

- 3.1 Governing Body of Rules & By-Laws: All YBOA-sanctioned tournaments will be governed under 2018/2019 National Federation of High School (NFHS) rules along with 2018/2019 YBOA Rules and Regulations.
- 3.2 Length of Games: Length of games will be played under the following guidelines: 2 nd, 3rd Grade 6-minute quarters 4 th, 5 th, 6th Grade 7-minute quarters 7 th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grade 8-minute quarters
- 3.3 Length of Overtime: Length of overtime period will be played under the following guidelines: 2 nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th Grade 3 minutes 7 th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grade 3 minutes
- 3.4 Length of Half-time: Length of half-time will be a minimum of three (3) minutes and up to (10) minutes.
- 3.5 Length of Pre-Game Warm-Up: Minimum pre-game warm-up is five (5) minutes.
- 3.6 Boys Basketball Specifications: Basketball specifications for boys games are as follows: Boys 2 nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th Grade 28.5” (official women’s size) Boys 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grade 29.5” (official men’s size)
- 3.7 Girls Basketball Specification: Ball specification for all girls’ divisions is 28.5” (official women’s size).
- 3.8 Basket Height Specification: All grade levels will use regulation 10-foot height baskets.
- 3.9 Running Clock Rule: At the time a winning team gains a lead of thirty (30) or more points during the second half of a game, the clock will not be stopped (except for a time out, technical foul, injury, or emergency – clock starts when ball is legally touched after dead ball is in-bounded) until the trailing team brings the point difference to twenty (20) points or less. Page 10 of 15 Revised: September 3, 2019
- 3.10 No-Press Rule: The following rules are established for full-court press:
 - 3.10.1 At the time a 2 nd, 3rd, or 4th grade winning team gains a lead of twenty (20) or more points during the second half of a game, they must play defense behind the half-court line. A first offense will result in a Warning. A second or subsequent offense will result in a 2-shot Administrative Technical Foul.
 - 3.10.2 At the time a 5 th, 6th 7 th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th grade winning team gains a lead of thirty (30) or more points during the second half of a game, they must play defense behind the half-court line. A team’s first offense will result in a Warning. Any team’s second or subsequent offense will result in a 2- shot Administrative Technical Foul.
- 3.11 Pool Play Tiebreaker Order: Ties after completion of pool-play games will follow the tie-breaker order listed below:
 - 3.11.1 Tiebreakers in which two (2) teams are tied, head-to-head competition between the teams will determine the winner.
 - 3.11.2 Tiebreakers in which more than two (2) teams are tied, a point differential system will be applied. The point differential of the teams involved in the tie is totaled. Teams are then ranked according to the sum of the point differential with the highest number placing first, the second highest placing second, etc. Teams will receive a maximum of +15 points for a win and a maximum of -15 points for a loss (including forfeits).
 - 3.11.3 If two (2) teams are still tied after the application of (3.11.2), the tie will revert back to (3.11.1).
 - 3.11.4 If more than two (2) teams are still tied after the application of (3.11.2), the point differentials of the teams not involved in the tie are added, and the results recalculated.
 - 3.11.5 If two (2) teams remain tied after the application of (3.11.4), the tie will revert back to (3.11.1).
 - 3.11.6 If more than two teams remain tied after the application of (3.11.4), then a total defensive point system will be used. If two teams are still tied, they would revert to the first tiebreaker system. Example: Team A is 2-1 with wins of 56-32 & 64-45 and a loss of 56-64. Total defensive points determined are 141. Repeat the same procedure for the remaining two teams. The team with the lowest points allowed will determine the teams’ order of placement. If two (2) teams remain tied after defensive points are calculated, revert back to (3.11.1).
- 3.12 Uniforms: All teams must adhere to the following uniform guidelines:
 - 3.12.1 All teams must have either reversible jerseys (one light color side and one dark color side) or two sets of jerseys (light set and dark set).
 - 3.12.2 The home team in each game will wear light-colored jerseys. The visitor team in each game will wear dark-colored jerseys.
 - 3.12.3 Jerseys must have permanent numbers on both front and back of jersey.
 - 3.12.4 International rules will apply to numbers; any number from “00” to “99” is permissible.
 - 3.12.5 Numbers are required on both sides of the jersey. Numbers must be at least two (2) inches on front of jersey and at least four (4) inches on back of the jersey.
 - 3.12.6 Sleeveless undershirts may be worn if they match the dominant color of the jersey.

F4.0 CONDUCT

- 4.1 Participant Conduct: The conduct of players and coaches should be above reproach both on and off the court. Any misbehavior or misconduct, on or off the court, will be subject to individual and/or team disqualification from an event as well as suspension or expulsion from participation in future YBOA events.
- 4.2 Coaches Responsibility: Each coach will be responsible for all members of his/her team before, during and after games, including all parents and spectators representing their team.
- 4.3 Coaches Restriction: No person may coach for any team competing in an event for which he/she is the Tournament Director.
- 4.4 Team Designee: Each team will designate an individual as the contact person in the event of any problems or concerns.
 - 4.4.1 Any damage to lodging, restaurant, property and/or playing facility by anyone associated with his/her team is the responsibility of the team designee.
- 4.5 Unsportsmanlike Disqualification: A team and/or player is subject to immediate disqualification from a tournament/event for any conduct deemed inappropriate, unacceptable, unsafe and/or abusive by the tournament staff. This includes but is not limited to defacing and/or destruction of lodging, restaurant or game site property, trashing team bench area, fighting, unsportsmanlike play and/or conduct, or ineligible players. Any disqualification is the sole decision of the tournament officials.
 - 4.5.1 An ejection of any player, coach, parent, or spectator will result in a minimum of a one game suspension from the team's next scheduled game in the same tournament and up to dismissal from the event. During the suspension, the person is not allowed within sight or sound of the playing area as determined by the referee or tournament officials.
 - 4.5.2 A second ejection within the same event will result in suspension from the tournament. No refunds will be issued in the event of disqualification. During the suspension, the person is not allowed within sight or sound of the playing area as determined by the referee or tournament officials.

F5.0 QUALIFYING PROCEDURES

- 5.1 Invitational Tournaments: Invitational Tournaments are non-qualifying events that have been approved and sanctioned by the YBOA National Headquarters. YBOA has found that keeping these tournaments on an individual-type basis helps to ensure the quality of the teams participating. In states where the Qualifying Tournaments are large, Invitational Tournaments can be used to help seed the competition for the Qualifying Tournament.
- 5.2 State Qualifying Tournaments: State Qualifying Tournaments are events that have been approved and sanctioned by the YBOA National Headquarters for the purpose of qualifying a team for an area's YBOA State Championship.
- 5.3 State Championship Tournament: Qualifying for the YBOA National Championship Tournament varies by state. Please contact your State/Area Director for more information. Each team may only qualify for the YBOA National Championship through one YBOA State Championship Tournament. Only teams that reside in the state of their YBOA State Championship are eligible to qualify for the YBOA National Tournament except as outlined in YBOA Rule 5.4.
- 5.4 Cross-State Qualifying: Qualifying for the YBOA National Championship from a YBOA State Championship Tournament other than a team's registered state requires written approval. These requests are only considered in unique circumstances or situations in which extreme distances to participate are not reasonable in comparison to a team's geographical location. Contact the YBOA National Headquarters for additional information.
- 5.5 Super National Qualifier: A tournament held in a specific region of the country with the purpose of qualifying teams for the YBOA National Championship. Teams that earn a bid to the National Championship in these events must still participate in their respective State Tournament (if their state has a qualifying tournament) to qualify for the National Championship. There are no boundary or border restrictions for teams participating in a Regional/Super Regional Championship Tournament.
- 5.6 National Championship: The YBOA National Championship Tournament is for teams that have qualified through their own YBOA State or YBOA Super National Qualifier or who have received an approved At-Large Bid. Teams that have qualified for participation through a YBOA Super National Qualifier must still participate in their respective YBOA State Championship (if their state has a YBOA State Championship) to qualify for the YBOA National Championship.
- 5.7 Automatic Bids: 1 st - 6 th place teams in the YBOA National Championship (if applicable) and 1 st – 4 th place teams in the YBOA American Championship (if applicable) earn an automatic bid to the YBOA National Championship the following year at the next highest grade level. However, teams earning automatic bids must still meet State qualifying requirements including participation in their respective YBOA State Championship.
- 5.8 At-Large Bids: If a state does not have a YBOA Qualifying Tournament or a team failed to qualify through their YBOA State Championship, they may request an At-Large Bid. A team that participated, yet failed to qualify through their YBOA State Championship must request and have approval from their State/Area Director, who will forward the request to the YBOA National Headquarters. All At-Large Bid teams must receive approval from the YBOA National Headquarters.
- 5.9 National Championship Grade Levels: A team is only allowed to participate in the YBOA National Championship in the grade level for which they qualified in their respective State Championship. Please contact your State/Area Director for more information. Teams from an area without a State Championship will be seeded at the discretion of the YBOA National Headquarters based on team results, history, geographical location, and other factors.

F6.0 QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

- 6.1 Entry Fees: Entry fees are established as follows:
 - 6.1.1 YBOA Invitational: Contact your YBOA State/Area Director.
 - 6.1.2 YBOA State Qualifier: Contact your YBOA State/Area Director.
 - 6.1.3 YBOA State Championship: Contact your YBOA State/Area Director.
 - 6.1.4 YBOA Super National Qualifier: Contact YBOA National Headquarters.
 - 6.1.5 YBOA National Championship: Contact YBOA National Headquarters.
- 6.2 Equipment Items: Equipment such as basketballs, drinks, towels, etc., may or may not be acceptable at game sites. Check with the tournament host regarding acceptable and restricted items for each facility. YBOA and/or the game sites are not responsible for any items lost or stolen during any games, so be certain to use proper security precautions.
- 6.3 Bench Decorum: Only eligible players plus a maximum of three (3) officially YBOA registered non-athletes (this includes any coach, statistician, ball boys/girls, and/or another staff) may sit on the team's bench.
 - 6.3.1 Violation of this rule will result in one warning.
 - 6.3.2 The team will then have 1 minute to clear the bench of anyone not listed on the official roster.
 - 6.3.3 If the team fails to comply with YBOA Rule 6.3.2, the violator(s) will be ejected.
 - 6.3.4 Team statisticians and/or scorekeepers are not permitted to sit at or behind the official scorer's table.
- 6.4 Protests: Official protests must meet all of the following guidelines:
 - 6.4.1 Upon alleged infraction, protest must be communicated immediately to the official scorer's table by the head coach (or assistant coach if the head coach has been ejected).
 - 6.4.2 Upon completion of the game, protest must immediately be communicated to the Site Director by the head coach.
 - 6.4.3 A written or typed protest must be delivered in person to the Tournament Director/Assistant Tournament Director or Tournament Headquarters within two hours of completion of game. Email or faxed copies will not be accepted.
 - 6.4.4 A \$100.00 (cash) fee must accompany the written/typed protest and be delivered to the Tournament Director/Assistant Tournament Director or Tournament Headquarters within two hours of completion of the game.
 - 6.4.5 Protests pertaining to an official's judgment call will not be considered. Protests in which a potential rule or player eligibility infraction has occurred may be considered if the infraction had a direct impact on the outcome of the game and falls within the guidelines of the correctable error rules.
 - 6.4.6 A committee will consider all protests and make every attempt to provide a ruling prior to the team's next scheduled game.
 - 6.4.7 Successful protests will result in refund of the \$100.00 protest fee.
 - 6.4.8 Unsuccessful protests will result in forfeiture of the \$100.00 protest fee.
- 6.5 Awards: Awards are guaranteed to include minimum first and second place.

F7.0 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

- 7.1 National Championship Registration: Registration for the YBOA National Championship is completed through an electronic invitation link emailed to all qualified teams. Payment can be made by Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover only. No cash, checks, or money orders are accepted.
- 7.2 Official Scoresheets: Each team will be provided typed copies of their score sheets to present to the official scorer prior to each game.
- 7.3 Adding Players to National Championship Roster: All players listed on a team's official YBOA roster at their YBOA State Championship Tournament are considered final and may not be changed. Players may be added to a YBOA National Championship roster from another qualified team for the purpose of participating in the YBOA National Championship must meet the following requirements:
 - 7.3.1 Every player must have met all eligibility guidelines and played in a YBOA-sanctioned event during the current YBOA season between September 1st and prior to the roster addition deadline established by the YBOA National Headquarters for the YBOA National Championship.
 - 7.3.2 If the YBOA State Championship roster has twelve (12) players or less, then a maximum of three (3) players may be added to the YBOA National Championship roster provided the player(s) meet all eligibility guidelines as well as the requirements of YBOA Rule 7.3.1.
 - 7.3.3 If the YBOA State Championship roster has thirteen (13) players, then a maximum of two (2) players may be added to the YBOA National Championship roster provided the player(s) meet all eligibility guidelines as well as the requirements of YBOA Rule 7.3.1.
 - 7.3.4 If the YBOA State Championship roster has fourteen (14) players, then a maximum of (1) player may be added to the YBOA National Championship roster provided the player(s) meet all eligibility guidelines as well as the requirements of YBOA Rule 7.3.1.
 - 7.3.5 If the YBOA State Championship Roster has fifteen (15) players, no players may be added to the roster.
 - 7.3.6 A player is not allowed to participate on two different teams within the same grade level.
 - 7.3.7 A player is not allowed to play in more than one game at the same time.

- 7.4 Emergency Forms of Age or Grade Verification: At the discretion of the National Tournament Director or designated representative, he/she may accept an official state or school letter or document indicating the players current age or grade. The address, contact name, and phone number of the school and forwarding official must also be included on the document to verify the validity of information and documentation.
- 7.5 National Championship Player Certification Requirement: Any player not present on Registration Day during the assigned and/or posted times will be required to become certified before he/she is allowed to participate in a game. The player is considered ineligible until certified by the YBOA National Tournament Director, Assistant Tournament Director, or designated YBOA Representative. This certification will take place at the YBOA National Championship Tournament Headquarters or designated location determined by the YBOA National Tournament Director.
- 7.6 National Championship Pairings: Pairings will be completed by the YBOA National Headquarters prior to play and will be posted on the YBOA website prior to the tournament. Seeding is first determined by the order of a state's finish in the previous year's YBOA National Championship followed by current-year's State Championship Results and At-Large Bid team history and results.
- 7.7 National Championship Grade Levels: A team is only allowed to participate in the YBOA National Championship in the grade level for which they qualified in their respective YBOA State Championship. Please contact your State/Area Director for more information. Teams from an area without a State Championship will be categorized at the discretion of the YBOA National Headquarters based on team results, history, geographical location, and other defining factors.
- 7.8 Bench Personnel Attire: Bench personnel are considered any officially registered YBOA person who sits on the official home or away bench and therefore subject to the following guidelines:
 - 7.8.1 All bench personnel must wear long pants or dress shorts, collared or mock shirt, and dress or athletic shoes. T-shirt style shirts are allowed provided they are silk screened or embroidered with the team or organization name or logo. Basketball shorts and/or "cut off" shorts, warm-ups, nonteam t-shirts of any type, hats, jeans, sandals, slides and flip flops are not permitted. Any hooded garment or headgear is not permitted.
 - 7.8.2 Each violation to the bench personnel attire rule will result in a two-shot technical foul (administrative, not charged to the coach). This rule applies to all personnel who sit on the bench.
- 7.9 Bench Credentials: All bench personnel must visibly wear an appropriate bench pass/credential at all times to be allowed on the bench during games.
- 7.10 Forfeits: Forfeits will governed by the following two rules:
 - 7.10.1 A team that forfeits more than one pool play game is automatically disqualified from the National Championship Tournament unless approved by the National Tournament Director due to unique, extenuating circumstances.
 - 7.10.2 A team that forfeits their final scheduled bracket play game will official place in the tournament, team awards, and are subject to further sanctions.
- 7.11 Official YBOA Basketball: All divisions will play with a YBOA-approved Wilson composite leather basketball.
- 7.12 Officials: All officials are certified and registered with their respective state official's association. Officials will be supplied by the tournament administrators.
- 7.13 Facilities: All games will be played on regulation courts. Locker rooms may not be available for team use. Teams should come to each game dressed in uniforms.
- 7.14 Lodging: YBOA has reserved and negotiated special lodging rates for all YBOA teams and their fans.
- 7.15 Transportation: All teams are responsible for their own transportation to and from each game site. YBOA has contracted with rental car agencies for discounted car and van rental rates. For more information on these discounted rates, visit the official YBOA website at yboa.org. If you wish to rent a car or van, please contact the rental companies direct.
- 7.16 Equipment Items: Equipment such as tape, towels, etc., will be acceptable in the gyms and are to be furnished by the participants. YBOA and/or the game sites are not responsible for any items lost or stolen during any games, so be certain to use proper security precautions.
- 7.17 Video Taping & Photography: All teams must adhere to the following video and photography guidelines.
 - 7.17.1 Photo cameras will be allowed in all gym facilities provided they do not distract participants, officials, and staff or inhibit the operation or execution of games. Use of flash photography is not permitted during games.
 - 7.17.2 Video cameras will be permitted in all facilities provided they do not distract participants, officials, and staff or inhibit the operation or execution of games.
 - 7.17.3 YBOA staff reserves the right to deny use of any camera, video, or related piece of equipment for any reason.



COACHES' CODE OF ETHICS FORM

I hereby pledge to live up to my responsibilities as a member of The Salvation Army Kroc Center Kroc's Elite Coach by reading and initialing each statement and signing the Coaches' Code of Ethics Pledge below:

- _____ 1. I hereby pledge to live up to the coach's code of ethics and follow the rules provided.
- _____ 2. I will place the emotional and physical wellbeing of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- _____ 3. I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- _____ 4. I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- _____ 5. I will provide equal play opportunity for all youth regardless of race, creed, sex economic status or ability.
- _____ 6. I promise to review and practice basic first aid principals needed to treat injuries of my players.
- _____ 7. I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- _____ 8. I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- _____ 9. I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- _____ 10. I will be knowledgeable in the rules of the games that I coach and I will teach these rules to my players.
- _____ 11. I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for all of the skills that I teach.
- _____ 12. I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.
- _____ 13. I will be considerate of other teams and immediately following games; clear the bench, pick up and discard any trash.
- _____ 14. I will lead by example and ensure my team and I demonstrate good sportsmanship by shaking hands with my opponents rather if my team wins or loses.
- _____ 15. I have attended the coaches meeting and was provided with league rules and league information.

COACH: _____ / _____
Print Name & Sign Date



KROC's PARENTS' CODE OF ETHICS FORM

I hereby pledge to support The Salvation Army KROC's Youth Travel Basketball Club by initialing each statement and signing the Parents Code of Ethics Pledge below:

- _____ 1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or other youth sport events.
- _____ 2. I will place the emotional and physical wellbeing of my child ahead of any personal desire to win.
- _____ 3. I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- _____ 4. I will provide support for coaches and officials working with my child to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all.
- _____ 5. I will demand a drug, alcohol and tobacco free sports environment for my child and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all youth sports events.
- _____ 6. I will remember that the game is for children and not for adults.
- _____ 7. I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- _____ 8. I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect, regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- _____ 9. I will help my child enjoy the youth sports experience within my personal constraints by being a respectful fan, providing transportation or whatever I am capable of doing.
- _____ 10. I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and that the coach upholds KROC'S Code of Ethics.
- _____ 11. I understand that success of KROC's Elite rest upon its many unpaid volunteers. If called upon, I will volunteer my services to support the club (when feasible).
- _____ 12. I understand that the KROC's Elite is a competitive youth basketball club, there are no participation rules; my child is not guaranteed to play in any games.
- _____ 13. I will refrain from coaching my child from the sidelines during games and or practices, and instead I will respect and support the coach by coaching my child at home.
- _____ 14. I understand that my child is required to attend and support all club activities to include fund-raisers. This will build teamwork, character and camaraderie.
- _____ 15. I understand that I must attend the KROC's Elite parents meeting.

PARENT or LEGAL

GUARDIAN: _____ / _____

Print Name & Sign

Date

YBOA GRADE LEVELS

September 1 – August 31

All players must meet the grade-level or age-exception criteria and present a copy their birth certificate and current-year report card for verification.

Report cards must include the player's name, school name, current grade, and current school year.

GRADE LEVEL

2nd Grade

A player must be in the 2nd grade or under as of October 1, 2019 and cannot turn 10 prior to September 1, 2020

3rd Grade

A player must be in the 3rd grade or under as of October 1, 2019 and cannot turn 11 prior to September 1, 2020

4th Grade

A player must be in the 4th grade or under as of October 1(current school year) and cannot turn 12 prior to September 1

5th Grade

A player must be in the 5th grade or under as of October 1 (current school year) and cannot turn 13 prior to September 1

6th Grade

A player must be in the 6th grade or under as of October 1 (current school year) and cannot turn 14 prior to September 1

7th Grade

A player must be in the 7th grade or under as of October 1(current school year) and cannot turn 15 prior to September 1

8th Grade

A player must be in the 8th grade or under as of October 1(current school year) and cannot turn 16 prior to September 1

9th Grade

A player must be in the 9th grade or under as of October 1(current school year) and cannot turn 17 prior to September 1

10th Grade

A player must be in the 10th grade or under as of October 1(current school year) and cannot turn 18 prior to September 1

11th Grade

A player must be in the 11th grade or under as of October 1 (current school year) and cannot turn 19 prior to September 1

12th Grade

A player must be in the 12th grade or under as of October 1(current school year) and cannot turn 20 prior to September 1

NOTE: *If a player exceeds and age limit for any grade level, that player must play at the next highest grade level in which their age meets the requirement.*

AGE EXCEPTIONS TO PLAY DOWN A GRADE LEVEL

<u><i>Grade as of October 1, 2019</i></u>	<u><i>Requested Grade</i></u>	<u><i>Birthdate Requirement</i></u>
<i>3rd Grade</i>	<i>2nd Grade</i>	<i>Born on or after September 1, 2011</i>
<i>4th Grade</i>	<i>3rd Grade</i>	<i>Born on or after September 1, 2010</i>
<i>5th Grade</i>	<i>4th Grade</i>	<i>Born on or after September 1, 2009</i>
<i>6th Grade</i>	<i>5th Grade</i>	<i>Born on or after September 1, 2008</i>
<i>7th Grade</i>	<i>6th Grade</i>	<i>Born on or after September 1, 2007</i>
<i>8th Grade</i>	<i>7th Grade</i>	<i>Born on or after September 1, 2006</i>
<i>9th Grade</i>	<i>8th Grade</i>	<i>Born on or after September 1, 2005</i>
<i>10th Grade</i>	<i>9th Grade</i>	<i>Born on or after September 1, 2004</i>
<i>11th Grade</i>	<i>10th Grade</i>	<i>Born on or after September 1, 2003</i>
<i>12th Grade</i>	<i>11th Grade</i>	<i>Born on or after September 1, 2002</i>