

Welcome to KAPRB Junior Basketball!



Welcome to the Kennett Area Park and Recreation Board (KAPRB) Junior Basketball Program! This program is available for boys and girls from 3rd to 8th grade. This is a recreational league with teams specifically designed to be competitive with one another, balancing experienced and inexperienced players throughout all teams.

The mission of KAPRB is to offer quality recreational programs for families to enjoy, and to improve, develop, and renovate park facilities.

Positive Sportsmanship

One of the most important aspects of KAPRB sports programs is the emphasis on positive sportsmanship. Please support us in instilling an understanding in our athletes that it is important to treat everyone with respect. This includes teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, and fans. They are representing themselves as a player, their teammates, KAPRB, and our community.

Please talk to your children about the use of social media. Any postings regarding any aspect of KAPRB programs must be positive. There should not be any negative postings, comments, or 'likes' regarding rude or unsportsmanlike comments on social media.

KAPRB Coaches are volunteers and give 100% to making your family's participation in this program a fantastic experience. They are empowered to handle unsportsmanlike conduct as they deem fit – whether it is dismissing from practice, benching, or having players apologize. We strongly believe KAPRB youth programs serve as a foundation for helping young people develop and grow and we want to provide guidance and demonstrate positive examples. KAPRB programs are designed for players to have fun, learn about and love sports, experience and enjoy being part of a team, and most of all, **practice being kind to one another.**

Coaches

KAPRB Coaches are volunteers who give up their time to plan practices and game strategies, encourage the athletes on their teams to learn, grow, make new friendships, and build positive memories of learning about and playing basketball. Please support your child's coach in any way possible. They are parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, and uncles and all have jobs or attend school. They are spending their free time investing in the youth in our community. Please remember to contribute positively to the team and thank them for all they do as youth sports coaches.

Practices and Games

Practices are once a week starting the week after Thanksgiving and games begin the first weekend in January. All practices and games take place at Kennett Consolidated School District Schools. The schools kindly allow KAPRB to hold activities at their schools and ask that we abide by school rules when attending events.

Kennett High School 100 E South St, Kennett Square, PA 19348	Kennett Middle School 195 Sunny Dell Rd, Landenberg, PA 19350
Bancroft Elementary 181 Bancroft Rd, Kennett Square, PA 19348	Greenwood Elementary 420 Greenwood Rd, Kennett Square, PA 19348
Mary D. Lang Kindergarten Center 409 Center St, Kennett Square, PA 19348	New Garden Elementary 265 New Garden Rd, Toughkenamon, PA 19374

Inclement Weather

If the Kennett Consolidated School District is closed, KAPRB activities are cancelled. Though not always possible, every attempt will be made to reschedule practice. Please visit <https://www.kcsd.org/> for information on school closings.

League Divisions

The KAPRB Jr. Basketball League is organized into 5 Divisions. In Division 1 is boys in 3rd and 4th grade; Division 2 is boys in 5th and 6th grade; Division 3 is boys in 7th and 8th grade; Division 4 is girls in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade; and Division 5 is girls in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade.

Uniforms

The KAPRB Jr. Basketball League is supported by local business who donate funds to assist with costs such as insurance, gym space, janitorial and other fees, as well as team t-shirts. Please be sure your child wears their KAPRB team shirt to ALL games.

Equipment

For practice, please be sure your child has a water bottle, a basketball, and wears sneakers. Basketballs for Divisions 1, 4, and 5 are size 28.5. Basketballs for Divisions 2 and 3 are 29.5. If your child wears glasses, please be sure they wear appropriate sports eyewear. Basketballs are provided for Saturday games.

Referees

All referees for KAPRB Jr. Basketball are PIAA certified referees (<http://www.piaa.org>). Most of these officials have been working with KAPRB basketball programs for many years and know the rules of the league. We respect your opinions and feedback. If you have a concern or complaint regarding the officials, please wait 24 hours then contact your coach. He or she will reach out to KAPRB to seek a resolution. Please do not confront an official during or immediately after a game.

KAPRB JR. BASKETBALL LEAGUE RULES ARE BELOW

PLEASE READ!



KENNETT AREA PARK AND RECREATION 2019 JR BASKETBALL PROGRAM RULES

Welcome to the KAPRB Junior Basketball program. As a coach or player, you will be participating in one of the KAPRB's most popular sports - basketball. This program is provided for your fun, learning and enjoyment. Your cooperation, good sportsmanship, and communication are important in making this a successful season.

1. Registration

A player must be officially registered with KAPRB JR Basketball and be on a team roster to play in any game. A player will not be allowed to play in the league unless they have registered at www.bluedemonssports.org, agreed to all waivers, and paid in full.

Registration is non-refundable after the start of the first practice session.

2. Conduct

All persons directly or indirectly involved in the program are expected to act in an appropriate manner. Occurrences of negative behavior will be monitored closely and will not be tolerated. The following rules will govern poor conduct situations:

A. Unreasonable harassment of an opponent's player, a referee or spectator will draw a technical foul. Two technical fouls on a coach, player or fan, due to conduct will result in an automatic ejection of that person from the court. A third technical on a team, be it either on a coach, player or fan, for conduct, will result in the automatic suspension of the game and the forfeiture of the game to the opposing team.

B. Any coach or player ejected from a game due to two technical fouls concerning conduct will be suspended from playing for the next scheduled game whether it is the regular season or playoffs.

C. If a player is ejected from two games because of poor conduct, that player shall automatically be ejected from the program for the remainder of the season and playoffs. Under no circumstances will a refund or partial refund be given.

D. No coach, manager, player or spectator shall:

- Threaten an official
- Lay a hand upon, shove or strike an official
- Be guilty of objectionable demonstrations of dissent at an official's decision or gym manager decision

Any coach, manager or player guilty of any of the above mentioned violations will be subject to suspension by the Program Directors

E. ANY COACH, PLAYER OR PARENT REMOVED FROM A GAME MUST LEAVE THE COURT AND GYM IMMEDIATELY.

F. Players must wear the official team jersey for the game. Player's shirts must be tucked in at all times. No jewelry, of any kind, may be worn by any player. Players may not cut uniform sleeves or alter the uniform shirts in any way.

G. The Program Directors are responsible for the final decision in all matters.

3. Scorekeeper & Timekeeper

For weeks 2 through 8 of the regular season, each team must provide one volunteer who will either be a scorekeeper or timekeeper for each game.

4. Playing Rules

A. Regulation Time: There will be four 8-minute quarters. The first and third quarter clock will run except for the last minute of play whereas the clock will stop for all whistles by the official. The second and fourth quarter clock will run except for the last two minute of play whereas the clock will stop for all whistles by the official.

B. Overtime: If the score is tied at the end of regulation, one 3-minute overtime period will be played. Each team will be awarded one 20-second time out. The overtime will begin with a jump ball. The clock will not stop until the last minute of overtime whereas the clock will stop for all whistles by the official. No remaining time-outs will carry over into overtime.

C. Double Overtime: If the score is tied after the first overtime, a double overtime period will be played. No time outs are allowed. The double overtime will begin with a jump ball. **THE FIRST TEAM TO SCORE WINS.**

D. Time Outs: Each team is allowed two time-outs per half. Unused time-outs from the first half cannot be used for the second half. Unused time-outs from the second half cannot be used for overtime.

E. Halftime: There will be a 5 minute halftime, unless the game has been delayed and the officials and/or League Representative rules that the game must start sooner.

F. Jump Balls: In all jump ball situations other than the start of the game and each overtime period, the teams will alternate taking the ball out-of-bounds for a throw-in.

G. Defense: Zone defenses are allowed for Divisions 2, 3 & 5. **Divisions 1 & 4 will play man to man defense only for the entire game.**

H. Pressing: Full court pressing will be allowed for Divisions 3 & 5 from start to finish of a game. If a team is ahead by 10 or more points, no pressing is allowed. Pressing is allowed for Division 1, 2 & 4 in the fourth quarter by either team but once a team is ahead by 10, they may not press.

I. Playing Time: All players are required to play a minimum of half the game. You may substitute a player at any time during the game yet the player must participate in at least 50% of the game. No player plays more than 75% of the game unless there are less than 6 players. Coaches should plan the game substitutions before game day so that all players are given fair amounts of play time.

J. Scoring: KAPRB has adopted sportsmanship guidelines to help avoid “running up the score” and to help control games involving teams of unequal skills or competitive levels. **As a coach, it is your responsibility not to run up the score on an opposing team.** Take steps to avoid running up the score by holding back on fast breaks, no 3-point shots and do not defend the team that is down until they reach the top of the key.

5. Fouls

A. Common Fouls: On all common fouls, the offended team will be awarded the ball out-of- bounds at the spot nearest to where the foul occurred.

B. Flagrant Fouls: Flagrant fouls will result in immediate ejection of the player who committed the foul.

C. Shooting Fouls: When a player is fouled in the act of shooting, the player is awarded two shots unless the initial shot is scored whereby the player is awarded one shot. On the 7th team foul in a half, the opposing team shoots 1 and 1. On the 10th team foul in each half, the opposing team shoots 2 shots. The player shooting the foul shot and any players standing behind that player outside the three point line may not move forward until the ball hits the rim. Other players may proceed into the key for a rebound once the ball is released by the player shooting the foul shot.

D. Technical Fouls: All technical fouls are two shots with the following possession to the shooting team. When a player receives a technical foul, the player receives a foul along with a team foul.

E. Player Fouls: A player is removed from the game when he/she commits their 5th foul. If a player receives his/her 5th team foul and there are no additional players to come off the bench, the player may stay in the game under the following conditions:

- a. The player, who fouled out, will receive a double technical with each additional foul the player commits.
- b. The opposing team will shoot two technical foul shots.
- c. The opposing team will retain possession of the ball.
- d. If the player receives two additional fouls after their 5th foul, the player is permanently removed for the rest of the game.

6. Game Rules

A. Each team should start each game with five players. If a team does not have five players to start a game, and only has 4 players, the opposing team will play the game with four players. If a team shows up with 3 or fewer players for a game, they will take a forfeit.

B. No individuals from the stands or players from another team can substitute for a team.

C. If a team only has three players to start a game, the game is a forfeit with a loss to the team without enough players to start the game.

D. Players must check in at the scoring/time table to substitute into a game.

E. Coaches are to stay in the area of their respective benches during the games.

F. There can only be 2 coaches on the bench during a game and only 1 is permitted to be standing. No additional coaches, parents, practice coaches are allowed to sit on the bench during a game.

G. Three point field goals are allowed **in Division 3 and 5 only** as long as the gym the game is being played in has the 3 point line clearly marked.

H. Game ball for Division 2 & 3 will be the standard (29.5) official ball size.

I. Game ball for Division 1, 4 & 5 will be 28.5.

J. Division 1 & 4 will utilize a 9 foot height for the basketball hoop unless the game is being played in a gym with a 10 foot non-movable basket.

7. Miscellaneous

A. Parents are responsible for the supervision of their other children during games. SPECTATORS MUST REMAIN IN THE GYMS AT ALL TIMES. ABSOLUTELY NO ROAMING THE CORRIDORS OF ANY OF THE SCHOOLS IS ALLOWED. THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

B. Keep your benches clean after all games and discard all water bottles.

C. DO NOT BRING BASKETBALLS TO THE GYMS ON GAME DAYS.

D. PLAYERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ALTER, CUT OR CHANGE THE LOOK OF THE OFFICIAL TEAM SHIRTS. IF A PLAYER ALTERS THE TEAM SHIRT, HE/SHE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO PAY FOR THE REPLACEMENT COST OF THE SHIRT.

Sports Code of Conduct

For Parents, Coaches, Guardians and Players

Youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children. Therefore, it is essential for parents, coaches, spectators and officials to encourage youth athletes and embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Furthermore, parents, guardians, family members, coaches, spectators and officials involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect and self-control.

The KAPRB Sports Code of Conduct has been developed for the purpose of encouraging and requiring trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness and good citizenship for all individuals involved in KAPRB Programs.

For you and your child to participate in KAPRB programs, you and your child must read and agree with the KAPRB Sports Code of Conduct Rules. If you choose not to complete registration thereby agreeing to this document, your child can not participate in KAPRB programs.

As a **PLAYER**, I understand and must abide by the following rules:

1. Respect the game, play fairly and follow its rules and regulations.
2. Show respect for authority to the officials of the game and of the league.
3. Demonstrate good sportsmanship before, during and after games.
4. Help parents and fans understand the league philosophy so they can watch and enjoy the game.
5. Be courteous to opposing teams and treat all players and coaches with respect.
6. Be modest when successful and be gracious in defeat.
7. Respect the privilege of the use of public facilities.
8. Refrain from the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol and abusive language.
9. Negative tweets, or any use of social media to negatively impact or describe the league or the players will be grounds for suspension from the league.

As a **PARENT/GUARDIAN**, I understand and must abide by the following rules:

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, fans and officials at games and practices.
2. I will place the well being of my child before a personal desire to win.
3. I will encourage my child to play by the rules and respect the rights of other players, coaches, fans and officials.
4. I will not engage in the use of profanity or any other kind of offensive language.
5. I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player participant, official or any other attendee.
6. Respect the privilege of the use of public facilities.
7. Refrain from the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol and abusive language.

As a **COACH or VOLUNTEER**, I understand and must abide by the following rules:

1. I will remember that I am a youth coach, and that the game is for the children, not adults.
2. I will place the emotional, mental, and physical well-being of all participants ahead of my personal desire to win.
3. I understand that my approval to coach is based upon the results of my background screening.

4. I will remember to treat each player as an individual, remembering that each child develops (emotionally and physically) at his/her own rate.
5. I will attend the seasonal coaches meeting for each sport that I am coaching.
6. I will not publicly question or criticize an official's judgment and will encourage parents and players to do the same.
7. I promise to review and practice the necessary first aid principles needed to treat injuries of participants in my care.
8. I will use appropriate coaching techniques and organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
9. I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
10. I understand that the use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs are prohibited at all youth sports events. I will not attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
11. I will ensure that I am knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to all my players.
12. I will abide by the established policies, rules and regulations, putting first the safety and well being of all who participate.
13. I will not use social media or any other means of communication in a negative manner regarding anyone, including but not limited to players, parents, other coaches, the or league.

As a Kennett Area Park & Recreation Board Volunteer, I acknowledge and agree to the established Sports Code of Conduct, and understand that volunteering is a privilege and not a right. I understand that the KAPRB Board of Directors has the right to remove a volunteer if any behavior or conduct is deemed inappropriate. A violation of the Code of Conduct shall be just cause for my removal as a volunteer.