



**NEWTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
WOMEN'S TWILIGHT LEAGUE
WINTER BASKETBALL 2007 – 2008**



RULES AND REGULATIONS

ARTICLE I - PURPOSE

The purpose of the Newton Women's Twilight Winter Basketball League is to provide recreation and foster good sportsmanship.

ARTICLE II - RULES

All games will be governed by the official IAABO Basketball Rules.

EXCEPTIONS:

- . Games will consist of two halves of 20 minutes, running time.
- . The final two minutes of each half will be stop time.
- . There will be no use of the 30-second clock.
- . Teams will be allowed two (2) time outs per half and one (1) additional time out in each overtime period. Time outs will not carry over.
- . Overtime periods will be 5 minutes in length (3 minutes running time and 2 minutes stop time).

ARTICLE III - REQUIREMENTS

1. All participants must be 18 years of age and older by the first League game.
2. A participant may be in the league if they are a freshman in college as of September 2007 but have not reached the age of 18.
3. Participants who do not reside in Newton are eligible to participate. In the event that the number of teams wishing to enter the league is too large for effective league play, preference will be given to returning teams and teams comprised of Newton residents.

Any team who has an illegal player must forfeit all games in which that player has participated, or was entered in the official score book. It is the responsibility of the player who is questioned on her eligibility to prove to the League Director that she is eligible.

ARTICLE IV - REGISTRATION FEE

The registration fee for the 2007 - 2008 Winter Season will be \$575.00 per team. Please make checks payable to the NEWTON WOMEN'S TWILIGHT LEAGUE. Money collected will be used for game supplies, facilities, and official's fees. Full payment must be made when filing the first roster, due on October 12, 2007. Teams failing to submit the league fees by this date will be subject to forfeits until such time as the fees are paid. In the event that there are fewer than 6 teams that register for the league, the league will not run and payments will be returned to the team.

ARTICLE V - ROSTER SHEETS

Each team is allowed a roster of 15 players who must comply with Article III. One copy of your roster must be submitted to the League Director at the Newton Parks and Recreation Department office by October 12, 2007. Final roster changes must be made by December 12, 2007. Any changes on your roster sheets between October 12 and December 12 must have the approval of the League Director before the player is eligible. The Newton Parks and Recreation Department shall have final approval of all roster sheets submitted, and may prohibit from League play any individual who may be detrimental to the program. **ALL ROSTER CHANGES MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING.**

ARTICLE VI - UNIFORMS

All players in the game must be properly dressed. This means teams MUST have a standard colored jersey (number on back), basketball sneakers and shorts. Teams are responsible for supplying their own team shirts. It will be the team manager's responsibility to enforce the uniform code of the league. Evidence that a team is properly uniformed must be shown at the time of filing the first roster.

ARTICLE VII - LEAGUE PLAY

League games will begin on Wednesday November 7, 2007. Games will be played at Day Middle School and Pelligrini Park (formerly Hawthorn Park) throughout the season on Wednesday evenings. Teams will either play at Day or Pelligrini Park depending on their schedule. Game times will be 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00 P.M. In the event of inclement weather, managers and coaches may call the Parks and Recreation Department after 4:00 P.M. at (617) 796-1529 to see if the games have been rescheduled.

ARTICLE VIII - FORFEITS

At the start of every game, a team must be ready to play with **five** players. If a team does not have five players, they will be given a maximum of ten (10) minutes in which to get five players before the game is declared a forfeit. **The ten minutes is a "courtesy" given one team by its opponent. If one team is not ready at game time, the opposing team may have the game declared a forfeit by the officials at that time, or may choose to extend the 10-minute courtesy to its opponent. If a team is not ready to play after the allotted ten minute "courtesy" period, that team must forfeit the game.** Any team forfeiting more than two (2) games during the season will automatically be dropped from the League at the time of their third forfeit. In the event that a team forfeits out of the League the remaining teams will be given a win for any competition against that team, regardless of the initial outcome of the game. **EXCEPTION: IF A TEAM HAD FORFEITED THE GAME AGAINST THE TEAM NOW OUT OF THE LEAGUE, THE RESULT OF THE GAME WILL REMAIN A FORFEIT.**

ARTICLE IX - STANDINGS

For determining League Standings, 3 points will be given for a win; 1 point for a loss; 0 points for a forfeit.

ARTICLE X - PLAYOFFS AND FINALS

To be eligible for the playoffs, a player must have played in or dressed for at least half of her team's games. **The top eight teams will make the playoffs.** In the event of a tie for first through eighth place in the playoffs, the first determining factor will be comparative record. If it is still undecided, a flip of the coin will determine position. Playoff games will start at 7:30 and 8:30 pm.

ARTICLE XI - PROTESTS

Any protest must be filed in writing and be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Department office on the day following the game, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. A \$25.00 protest fee must accompany the written protest in order for it to be reviewed. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned. If the protest is not upheld, the protest fee will be forfeited. **Managers must notify referees, opposing managers, scorer and timers at the time of the infraction that the game is being played under protest. PROTESTS SHALL BE ON BASKETBALL RULE INTERPRETATIONS ONLY!**

An impartial board consisting of the Coordinator of Girls and Women's Sports for the Parks and Recreation Department, the League Director and the Assigning Official (if he or she is not involved in the protest) will read and settle all protests within one week from the date received. In the event that the Assigning Official is involved in the protest, the Newton Men's Twilight Basketball League Assigning Official will be the third individual involved in resolving the protest.

ARTICLE XII – CONDUCT

1. Managers and players shall conduct themselves at all times with good sportsmanship. This League is to promote Women's Sports. The manager/coach is responsible for his/her player's conduct both on and off the court. The use of profanity and unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated, and the officials will be instructed to eject from the game or area any player, coach, manager or spectator guilty of these offenses. The ejected person will not return to the scene of the game on this occasion.
2. **Penalty for ejection from the game** will result in the following:
 - A. **FIRST OFFENSE** - suspension from the two (2) League games. If the offense occurs during the game, the result is ejection from that game, plus her team's next scheduled game. If the ejection occurs after the game, penalty is suspension from her teams next two (2) scheduled games.
 - B. **SECOND OFFENSE** - suspension from the Women's Winter Basketball League for one (1) full year from the date of the second offense. This does not include suspension from other Recreation Department leagues.
3. **ANY COACH, MANAGER OR PLAYER PUSHING OR HITTING A REFEREE, LEAGUE OFFICIAL (including scorer or timer) OTHER COACH OR MANAGER, OR FLAGRANTLY ASSAULTING ANOTHER PLAYER WILL BE IMMEDIATELY SUSPENDED FROM ALL NEWTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT SPONSORED LEAGUES FOR ONE (1) FULL YEAR FROM THE DATE OF THE INFRACTION.**
4. **Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages** - the ordinance prohibiting the drinking of alcoholic beverages on Recreation and School Department property will be strictly enforced. **PENALTY FOR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY AN INDIVIDUAL PLAYER, COACH, MANAGER OR A TEAM, AT THE SITE OF A GAME, BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER THE GAME SHALL RESULT IN THE IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF THE ENTIRE TEAM FROM FURTHER PARTICIPATION IN THE LEAGUE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON.**
Reentry status for the following year will be as a new team.

MANAGER'S ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL TEAM PLAYERS KNOWING AND ADHERING TO THE ABOVE RULES OF CONDUCT!

ARTICLE XIII - RESPONSIBILITIES OF TEAM MANAGERS AND COACHES

1. Ensure that all members of the team know and adhere to League Rules.
2. Ensure that entry fee and rosters are submitted by the deadlines.
3. Notify team members regarding time, place and date of games.
4. Keep team informed on eligibility rules, and abide by them.
5. Represent the team at meetings and protest hearings.
6. Keep in contact with the League Director regarding game cancellations, rescheduled games, postponed games, and any other League issues that may occur during the season.
7. **Ensure that the team brings adequate first aid supplies to each game.**
8. **Ensure that team is properly uniformed prior to the start of the season.**

ARTICLE XIV - RESPONSIBILITIES OF LEAGUE DIRECTOR AND COMMISSIONER

In areas of misconduct not explicitly covered by the Women's Winter Basketball League Rules and Regulation, and in particularly egregious cases as determined by the Parks and Recreation Commissioner or her appointed designee, the Commissioner, or her appointed designee, shall be empowered to impose disciplinary sanctions similar to or greater than those already provided for in the Women's Winter Basketball League Rules and Regulations.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL TEAMS! MAY YOU HAVE AN ENJOYABLE SEASON!