



## Kerr County YMCA Sports Program Policies



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**Mission Statement:** To put Judeo-Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

**Participants:** Any child that is physically able and willing to participate in a sport is eligible to register. Kerr County YMCA will only accept individual registrations and will not accept any registrations as a team or group. All registered participants are asked to participate in the skills assessment for each season and will then be a part of the draft for that sport (see Player Assessment & Team Draft). No special requests will be granted based on anything other than sibling relations or legal guardianship.

**Non-drafted Teams:** Participants in a non-drafted league (ages 4-7 in football & basketball) are not required to attend player assessments. Teams in those leagues will be put together by YMCA staff based on practice availability and proximity of home and school. Requests will not be allowed except in the case of siblings playing in the same division. Players from outside of Kerr County will more than likely play together on a team together if enough players sign up to fill an entire team. There will be no guarantee that other participants from other towns might not be assigned to that team as well. If there is a surplus of players- enough for multiple teams- the YMCA staff will create the team as they do with all other participants. If any Kerr County participants must supplement the team to complete numbers, the team will be required to practice in Kerr County.

**Player Assessments:** All registered players must attend the skills assessment for that sport to be part of the draft for teams. If a child does not attend the assessment they will be part of the brown bag selection after all other players are drafted. The YMCA will make every effort to provide two available dates and times for assessment; these dates and times will be advertised prior to the season.

At assessments, pertinent sport-specific skills will be tested as well as the players' general athleticism (i.e. speed, agility, etc.). Height and weight of players will also be recorded. All assessments will be performed by knowledgeable volunteers as selected by YMCA administration. Upon completion, each player will be awarded an A, B, or C based on their assessed performance; these measures will only be available to the coaches who attend the player draft sessions.

**Team Draft:** Registered players who attend the skills assessment will be part of the draft for team selection. The draft will be done in a closed environment with only the head coaches for each team present along with YMCA administration. "A" Players will be drafted first. Upon complete selection of all those players, "B" Players will be presented for selection. The same process will follow for the "C" player list. After drafting all assessed players, a brown bag selection of remaining players will follow until all team rosters are set.

Special notes for the player draft and team selection process:

- Any child(ren) of coaches who do not attend skills assessment will count as their first round(s) of draft selection (i.e. one non-assessed child/player will skip one "A" player selection; two non-assessed children/players will skip two "A" player selections).
- No special requests will be granted based on anything other than sibling relations or legal guardianship. (Legal documentation may be requested to verify)
- Trading will be allowed pending coach, sports director and CEO approval.
- If a player registers after the draft and once team rosters are completed, the YMCA administration will place that player on the team that had the next selection in the draft order and continue that order- no requests for placement on a specific team will be granted.

**Coaches:** Coaches are required to complete an information form including background check consent, and return to the YMCA offices prior to season. The Y will take all applications from interested coaches any time prior to the season coaching for. Applications will be considered on a first-come-first-serve basis. The head coach will be the only assigned coach to a team. Each coach is allowed one assistant coach to be assigned to their team. Additional assistant coaches will then be selected by the head coach from the available parents of the team or any willing volunteer. Assistant coaches will be required to submit an application and background check consent as well before assisting with a practice.

Training for coaches will vary by sport as we have a new risk management training required and other practical application trainings instituted in 2014. An on field/court training for coaches may be offered prior to the season in addition. All coaches are required to attend the coaches' meeting that will be on a date announced prior to each sport season.

All teams are required to practice at a Kerr County facility. Practice time and locations will be selected by the head coach after the team draft. Rules and guidelines regarding practice locations will be announced each year dependent upon available space from schools and other facilities.

**Referees:** The YMCA policy concerning referees will now place at least one adult referee on each court or field of play. Teenagers will be used to work alongside of the adult referees but will no longer work a field or court alone. In the event there is not an adult referee on the court, the coaches will be responsible for refereeing their game or finding a suitable parent to do so.

**Discipline:**

Coaches: We expect our coaches to handle themselves with a level of respect while coaching our children. Aggressive behavior towards referees or other coaches will not be tolerated.

First Offense: Coach will receive a warning.

Second Offense: Coach will receive a technical or penalty depending on the sport.

Third Offense: Coach will receive a technical or penalty which results in an automatic ejection from the contest.

An ejection will result in a one game suspension as per our sports policy.

**Fans:**

Aggressive fan behavior towards coaches and officials will not be tolerated.

First offense: Fan and coach will receive a warning.

Second offense: Coach and team will be penalized according to the sport rules. The fan will be removed from the game.

Third offense: The game will be halted.

Any fan who enters the court or field in a confrontational manner will be removed from the premises and will not be allowed back for the remainder of the season.

**Out of Town Teams:**

Any team that doesn't have players who went through our league assessment and draft is considered an out of town team. Out of town teams are welcome in our league. They will compete with Kerrville teams during the regular season and one out of town team will be crowned the out of town champ based on record against other out of town teams. Out of town teams must have a minimum of 7 players on their roster but preferably have the same number of players on the roster as the Kerrville teams do.

**Playoffs:**

Prior to each sport, the Sports Committee will decide if there will be a playoff for Kerrville teams or not. A playoff could consist of every participating team or it could consist of the top 4 teams in a division. If they elect not to have a playoff then the champion is determined by league record.