

South Metro Recreational League (SMRL)

Participation Guidelines

The SMRL is a recreational league for basketball players and we strive to provide recreational basketball for all our participating athletes. In an attempt to make the game fun for all youth basketball players, the SMRL has adopted the following guidelines for each participating organization and team. Violations of the following guidelines could result in team forfeits, team suspensions, and/or the home organization's removal from the SMRL.

Participating Organization Expectations

Each participating organization must follow the guidelines/expectations found below when forming participating teams:

- No Tryouts - all basketball players within their home organization are welcome to play in the SMRL. No student athlete should be dismissed (or cut) from an organization's basketball team based on their basketball skill level.
- Teams are to be formed by grade-level.
- Evaluation of player skills are only used to create balanced teams, never to form "A" teams, "B" teams, gold teams, silver teams, etc.
- Chosen coaches/volunteers are to be held to the Zero-tolerance policy of the SMRL, as well as home organizations' fair-play standards.
- Organizations will do their very best to get each player on a single team their own unique number. If that is not possible, consistent modification via athletic tape will be required.

Participating Team Expectations

Each participating team must following the guidelines/expectations found below:

- The SMRL is a recreational league formed to give each organization/team/player/family a safe space to learn and play the game of basketball. This is NOT a competitive league, nor an extended tryout for a competitive team, nor the NCAA Final Four. Practices and games are to be used for basketball learning and fun.
- Should a team have a number of expected absences for any league games, said team may borrow players registered to their home organization, within the recreational side of that home organization, and within the same grade-level.
- No players participating in their home organization's competitive teams may play in any SMRL games.