

# Jr. Jazz Boys and Girls 3rd-8th

## INFORMATION SHEET FALL 2017

Thank you for participating in our youth sports programs! Salt Lake County Parks & Recreation youth sports programs are provided to give all kids the opportunity to participate in recreational sports and serve an important role in addressing the diverse health challenges facing youth today.

Our 2017 Fall Jr. Jazz program is a recreational league designed for recreation players. Divisions are for 3rd-8th grade boys and girls. There is a strong focus on sportsmanship, teamwork and fun. Coaches and parents are encouraged to focus on the big picture and that participants are having FUN!! The following information will provide you with a more in-depth look at how the program will be organized and facilitated to give your participant a quality experience. Thank you again and welcome to Salt Lake County youth sports!

**Teams:** Players register as individuals, small groups, or full teams. Players may make requests to play together if their requests are made on or before the registration deadline. Requests to play together after the registration deadline will only be filled based on availability and the decision of the Program Coordinator. 10 players on a team is considered a full team. Any group of players that requests to play together with less than 10 players might have additional players assigned to the team by the Program Coordinator. Groups of 4 or more players requesting to play together must provide a parent to act as head coach for the team.

Team assignments will be posted online Thursday, September 14th by 5 pm at: [slco.org/marv-jenson](http://slco.org/marv-jenson). Game schedules will also be posted on our Marv Jenson website and at [www.quickscores.com/marvjenson](http://www.quickscores.com/marvjenson)

**Coaches Meeting:** We will go over rules, sportsmanship and head injury information. Coaches will receive rosters and jerseys.

⇒ ALL 3rd-8th Grade Coaches: **Tuesday, September 12th at 6 pm** at Marv Jenson Recreation Center. ALL 3rd-8th Grade Coaches need to attend or send a team representative.

**Organization Day:** Jr. Jazz will begin with practices starting the week of September 18th. This is the time where teams can meet together, pass out schedules and jerseys and begin practicing for the season. Children/parents should attend even if there is no coach yet assigned to the team.

**Practices:** Teams will be assigned 55 minutes of practice time per week. Practice time will be chosen by the head coach. Practices will be scheduled on week nights by your coaches after the coaches meeting. Due to the schools being closed for holidays, etc. not all teams will get equal practices. Practices will begin the week of **September 18th**.

**Games:** Games will be played on Saturdays beginning on **Saturday, September 23rd**. Dates and times of the games are not guaranteed and are subject to change depending on number of teams. Parents and coaches will be notified of any schedule changes via email. Each team will play seven (7) games. Locations are Bingham High School, South Jordan Middle School, and Elk Ridge Middle School.

**Equipment:** Girls leagues will use the 28.5" ball. Boys leagues 3rd-6th grade will use 28.5" ball. 7th-8th grade will use 29.5" ball. Game ball will be provided for games. Coaches and players are encouraged to purchase basketballs for practice and warm-ups for games. No basketballs will be provided for practices or warm-up. Athletic shoes (non-marking soles) and athletic shorts/pants are required.

**Volunteers:** Parents we need you! Coaching only requires 2 hours a week and some time spent to organize and communicate with your team. If you could donate a couple of hours each week, please sign up to be the coach for your child's team. There is no experience needed, we just ask you to encourage fair play, team work and fun. All coaches that complete the online coaching certification will receive a 50% off coaching voucher for an upcoming qualifying program as a thank you for coaching. Please note that all volunteer coaches will be required to submit to a background check (as per Salt Lake County Policy).

**Sportsmanship:** Parents please remember that the program is for the children participating. Any person (players, spectators, parents, etc.) behaving in an inappropriate manner will be asked to leave the game or practice. The decisions of the game officials and site supervisors are final. A coach or parents seeking to resolve a conflict or issue should attempt to do so by speaking with personnel responsible for the program in the following order: (1) Volunteer Coach, (2) Site Supervisor (can be located around game sites), (3) Program Coordinator (responsible for program development, management and overall supervision).

**Jazz Tickets:** Each player will receive 1 voucher good for 2 tickets. Vouchers are redeemable online for “Flash Seats”. More information will be handed out on how to redeem vouchers. Our scheduled Jazz games for the 2017/2018 season are yet to be determined. Jazz game dates will be assigned to teams and are not negotiable. Additional tickets will be available for purchase via the voucher redemption website. Tickets will still include a free popcorn and drink for participants.

**Pictures:** will not be provided as part of this program.

**Participation Awards:** Participants 3rd through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will receive a participation award at the last game of the season. No Participation awards for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade participants due to the additional cost of their certified officials.

**Other Information:** Please remember that the games are for the children participating. Any persons (players, fans, parents, etc.) behaving in an inappropriate manner will be asked to leave the game or practice. The decisions of the game officials and site supervisors are final. Questions or comments can be made to the Marv Jensen Recreation Center at 385-468-1630.

**We also ask that you remain with your children at practices and games.**

### Jr. Jazz Important Program Dates

Registration Deadline	September 5, 2017
Team Assignments Posted	September 14, 2017
Coaches Meeting	September 12, 2017
Practices Begin	Week of September 18, 2017
Games Begin	September 23, 2017
Jazz Game Dates	TBA
Tentative end of season	Mid-November

### **Head Injury & Concussion Policy and Procedures**

Pursuant to the passage of House Bill 204, Protection of Athletes with Head Injuries and in order to help protect participants in Salt Lake County sporting events, effective July 1st 2011, Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation requires that athletes, parents/guardians and coaches follow Salt Lake County Head Injury Policy and Procedures.



A concussion is a brain injury and all brain injuries are serious. They are caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head, or by a blow to another part of the body with the force transmitted to the head. They can range from mild to severe and can disrupt the way the brain normally works. Even though most concussions are mild, all concussions are potentially serious and may result in complications including prolonged brain damage and death if not recognized and managed properly. You can't see a concussion and most sports concussions occur without loss of consciousness. Signs and symptoms of concussion may show up right after the injury or can take hours or days to fully appear. If your child/player reports any symptoms of concussion, or if you notice the symptoms or signs of concussion yourself, seek medical attention right away. For more information on symptoms and signs observed by teammates, parents and coaches visit our webpage [www.slco.org/recreation/taylorsville.youthSports](http://www.slco.org/recreation/taylorsville.youthSports)

### **What can happen if my athlete keeps on playing with a concussion or returns too soon?**

Athletes with the signs and symptoms of concussion should be removed from play immediately. Continuing to play with the signs and symptoms of a concussion leaves the young athlete especially vulnerable to greater injury. There is an increased risk of significant damage from a concussion for a period of time after that concussion occurs, particularly if the athlete suffers another concussion before completely recovering from the first one. This can lead to prolonged recovery, or even to severe brain swelling (second impact syndrome) with devastating and even fatal consequences. It is well known that adolescent or teenage athlete will often under report symptoms of injuries. And concussions are no different. As a result, education of administrators, coaches, parents and students is the key for a young athlete's safety.

### **If you think your child/player has suffered a concussion**

Any athlete, under the age of 18, suspected of suffering a head injury or concussion must be removed from the game or practice immediately. No athlete may return to activity after an apparent head injury or concussion, regardless of how mild it seems or how quickly symptoms clear, without written medical clearance; Written medical clearance must state that the athlete has been evaluated by a qualified health care provider, licensed under Utah Code Ann, Title 58, who is trained in the evaluation and management of concussions; and that the qualified health care provider has, within three years before the day on which the written statement is made, successfully completed a continuing education course in the evaluation and management of a concussion; and the athlete is cleared to resume participation in the County sporting program or event.

You should also inform your child's coach if you think that your child/player may have a concussion. Remember, it's better to miss one game than miss the whole season. And when in doubt, the athlete sits out.