

Dear Parents,

Thank you for participating in our Jr. Jazz youth sports program. 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. We strive promote players progress in their skill development and teamwork, while providing a safe and engaging environment for the players and parents.

This newsletter will serve as a resource for coaches and parents to use for updates and information for the Jr. Jazz season. It will also give a more in-depth look at how the program will be organized and facilitated to give the participant and the parent/guardian a quality experience. Thank you again for supporting our Jr. Jazz program.

Program Coordinator
Ryan Roghaar

What's Next?

Practice/Game Schedules posted online Tuesday September 19th

Team assignments will be emailed out to parents on Tuesday Sept. 19th. Game/Practice schedules and will be posted at www.slco.org/taylorsville-rec/ on Tuesday Sept. 19th

Hearing From Your Coach

Our coaches meeting is Monday September 18th. If you have not heard from your coach please feel free to contact your coach using the "Team Assignments" that will be emailed to you on Tuesday Sept. 19th.



"You shouldn't base your success on whether you win or not. We lose track of that. The rewards can be being able to play the game and having fun."

- Quinn Snyder—Jazz Coach



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TEAM ASSIGNMENTS

We understand and will try to accommodate all coaches and parents requests to have their children playing on the same team as their friends, but we do not want to overload coaches and teams. There is no guarantee your child will be on the team requested if you register late. If more than four players would like to play together, a volunteer coach must be provided and will be placed in the "Team Division". Teams may hold up to 10 players per roster, no more than 10 players will be allowed on one roster.



GENERAL SEASON INFORMATION

Games will begin Saturday September 30th. All games will be played on Saturdays. Dates and times of the games are subject to change depending on the number of teams. Parents and coaches will be notified of any schedule changes via email. Boys leagues 3rd-4th Grade will use a 28.5" ball. Boys 5th-8th will use full size 29.5" ball. All Girls divisions will use a women size 28.5" ball. If any leagues are low in participation we will combine with Marv Jensen Recreation Center in South Jordan, in which case some games will be played in South Jordan.

These leagues are recreational in nature and use parent volunteers as coaches and local high school students as referees. Practices are not mandatory for players to attend but is encouraged.

IMPORTANT SEASON DATES

Coaches Meet & Greet (coaches only): Monday September 18 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm.

Game Schedules available online: Wednesday September 19

Practices: Coaches will choose practice at the coaches meeting, based on facility availability.

First Game: September 30

Game Dates: Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 14, 28, Nov. 4, 11, & 18 (No games will be played Oct. 21 due to Fall recess)

Picture Day: TBA

End of Season: November 18

PRACTICES

Practices will begin the week of September 23rd. Practices will be available on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings. Practice times will be determined by the coaches at the coaches meeting on a first come-first serve basis. Practices will be one hour in length, but if our league is larger than we anticipate we may limit practices to 45 minutes. If your team has not yet been assigned a parent volunteer coach we will schedule the practice for the team. At the first practice players will meet their coach, distribute uniforms, and go over other information and coach expectations. A full practice schedule will be emailed out to parents. Practice times can be cancelled with short notice and cannot be made up. Practices will take place at Taylorsville Recreation Center and/or Eisenhower Junior High School.



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. Coaches or spectators making any inappropriate comments, swearing, threatening, or demeaning language will NOT BE TOLERATED and will be subject to our patron code of conduct. 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).

"Sportsmanship is the foundation of being a part of the team. How do you respond to winning? Are you humble? Are you gracious in defeat? These are things sports teach us how to deal with in life. You get the opportunity to face these things in competition. How you handle those situations will give you insight on how you will handle them in the future." ~ **Coach Quinn Snyder**

The Utah Jazz Sportsmanship Initiative is a program that promotes good sportsmanship to all those participating in the Jr. Jazz program. The program is set up to reward those teams who display the best sportsmanship throughout the season.

WE NEED COACHES!

Over the years our program's success is due in large part by awesome parents that have been willing to volunteer as a coach. We have been fortunate to retain many coaches from season to season because we make it a quality experience for the coaches as much as we make it a quality experience for the players. If you are willing to donate a few hours each week it would be greatly appreciated by the program administration and the other parents. We understand that you are busy and if any conflicts arise and you are unable to coach the entire season we recommend that you recruit another parent as an assistant coach in case you are unavailable.

If you are willing to coach please contact Ryan at RRoghaar@slco.org. All coaches must fill out our volunteer application, which includes a BCI background check.

GET CERTIFIED

The Coaches Certification Program is available to educate coaches on the expectations of Salt Lake County. The reason and goals for this certification program is for children safety, developing coaching skills, teaching good sportsmanship, and making sure that all coaches receive the same information. After the completion of each season you coach you will receive a 50% off voucher that may be used for a future program registration fee. Once you are certified, you will have a coaches voucher for you to pick up at our front desk at the conclusion of the program. For more information visit our Coaches Certification page on the Taylorsville Recreation Center website and link to the online certification tutorial.



Head Injury Awareness & Concussion protocol

Your child's safety is very important. 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 Procedure. 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

RETURN TO PLAY PROCEDURE

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.

Contact Us

Have any questions or comments?

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