

Winter Jr. Jazz

2017-18 INFORMATION SHEET



JL Sorenson Recreation Center is PROUD to run the LARGEST Jr. Jazz Program with over 3,000 Participants.

Teams: There will be 8-10 players assigned to each team in each division. Full team registration is allowed for 3rd grade and up, if there are 8 players registered by the deadline. If there are less than 8 players then individual players will be added to the team. If any team members sign up after the deadline we cannot guarantee them a spot on the team. We operate on a first-come, first-serve basis. We start assigning players to teams the day after the deadline and will fill the teams to maximum capacity, which is 10 players, unless a team has registered with 8 players by the deadline. Teams are built primarily around coaches. If a coach requests certain players to be on the team those players will be added to the roster first, followed by the requests of the players. Individual registrations are added last and are grouped by school or area as best as possible. Late registrations will be placed on teams with spots available.

Coaches Meeting @ JL Sorenson Recreation Center: All coaches should plan on attending at their assigned time. This meeting is where rules will be handed out, schedules will become available to coaches, expectations will be outlined, and questions will be addressed. It's best to work out any kinks at this meeting BEFORE we post EVERYTHING online for parents, players, and other coaches to view. Once the schedule is posted online there will not be any changes made. There is no such thing as an "easy change". The domino effect impacting other teams is always greater than what it may seem. K-8th Grade Coaches meetings will be November 16th & 18th (locate specific times below). Coaches will contact their teams by Monday, November 20th. If you do not hear from your coach by the 21st you can look up your team assignment and practice time online at www.quickscores.com/jlsorenson after 5:00 pm on Tuesday, November 21st. Game schedules will be posted following the last coaches meeting on November 18th.

- ◆ **Thursday, November 16th:** Kindergarten 6pm, 1st grade 7pm and 2nd grade 8pm.
- ◆ **Saturday, November 18th:** 3rd/4th grade boys 9am, 5th-8th grade boys 10am, 3rd-8th grade girls 11am.
- ◆ **Wednesday, December 20th:** 9th/10th boys, 11th/12th boys and 9th-12th girls 7pm.

Games: Games begin December 2nd for K-8th grade. K-2nd grade will be an instructional league. This league will include 2 coach led practices and 6 games on Saturdays and one weekday if needed. Games times for Kindergarten will be 8-10am, 1st grade will be 11-3pm and 2nd grade will be 3-8pm. *All times subject to change. 3rd-6th Grade will have 8 games and 7th/8th will have 7 games. Games for 3rd - 8th grade will be on Saturdays and a weeknight when needed, with start times ranging from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Saturdays and 6pm - 9pm on weeknights. Depending on the number of teams in each division a double header or a bye week may be scheduled. Games will NOT be rescheduled for any reason. We do not have any open gym time to accommodate requests. The High School League will have 7 games on Mon/Wed/Thur/Fri starting the week of January 2nd.

Practices: K-2nd grade will have two practices on Saturdays, which will be on the game schedule. Regular practices begin for 3rd-8th teams November 27th. Practices will be 45 minutes each week when available. Practices will be available Monday-Friday with times ranging from 4:00-9:00 pm, some grades may be limited to certain days. Locations will also be limited. Our volunteer coaches will choose their practice time based on their availability. Coaches with multiple teams will be assigned their practice times first, then 3rd/4th and 5th/6th grade, and lastly 7th/8th. This means 5th/6th and 7th/8th grade teams may have an 8:00 pm or 9:00 pm practice time. Four teams will be scheduled to practice each hour. If your child cannot make their practice time once they have been assigned a team, then you can email the respective coordinator and request to be moved to another team. Requests will be granted if possible. You may be denied a change if there are no open spots on any other teams. If the change is denied you may request a full refund before the first game, after the first game you will be given a partial refund. On the written refund request form you must state the reason for refund as "**Practice Conflict**" to receive a full refund. Balls will not be provided. There will not be practice for the High School division.

**Some schools will have blackout dates in which we cannot use their gyms, if this happens, practices will not be rescheduled due to no gym availability.*

Equipment: Participants must wear the league jersey they are given as their game day jersey. We will not provide any equipment for practices. A game ball will be provided at each game – this will be for game use only. Team players are encouraged to bring their own ball for practices and games. All players are required to wear shoes with non marking soles. K - 8th grade girls and K- 6th grade boys will use a women's size basketball (28.5). Boys 7th grade and up will use a men's size basketball (29.5). The hoop height will vary for some age groups. K - 7 feet, 1st grade - 8 feet, 2nd grade 9 feet and 3rd - 12th will be a regular 10 foot hoop.

Coaches: If you are willing and able to coach please indicate so by filling out the coaches information section on your child's registration form. You will also need to fill out a coaches packet which allows Salt Lake County to perform a background check, **this is MANADATORY**. A **NEW coaches packet** needs to be filled out once each **calendar year**. Coaches may choose to complete a coaches certification program, if completed by December 2nd, 2017 it will qualify them to receive a voucher. The voucher is valid for 1 year and will allow them to register their child for 50% off any qualifying youth sports program.

Utah Jazz Game Tickets: A voucher valid for two tickets will be sent to the email address provided at registration. Tickets will be for November 10th, 11th or 13th. We will not be taking game requests. Tickets will be emailed no later than November 1st. We will not be able to replace tickets for any reason. Please provide the best email at registration and be sure to check your email so you don't miss the game.

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).

Coordinators:

K-2nd Grade Robynn rapetersen@slco.org	3rd-8th Grade Boys Angie ansmith@slco.org
3rd-8th Grade Girls Mindy mbtner@slco.org	High School Justine j Bates@slco.org

K-8th Grade Deadline is SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21st. High School Deadline is SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9th.

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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

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.