

# Jr. Jazz Instructional K-2nd Grade



## INFORMATION SHEET 2017-2018

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 2017-2018 Jr. Jazz program is a recreational league designed for recreation players. Divisions are for K-2nd 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 players requesting to play together must provide a parent to act as head coach for the team.

Team assignments will be posted online Wednesday Nov. 22nd by 5pm on [slco.org/marv-jenson/](http://slco.org/marv-jenson/). Game schedules will be posted 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 K-2nd Grade Coaches: **Monday November 20th 6:00 PM** at Marv Jenson. ALL K-2nd Grade Coaches need to attend or send a team representative. (3rd-8th Grade Coaches will be attending their meeting at 7:15pm)

**Organization Day:** Jr. Jazz will begin with an orientation day on **December 2nd**. 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:** For grades Kindergarten through 2nd grade, practices and games are combined together for an hour each Saturday—25 minutes of practice followed by a game with four 6 min quarters. There are not weeknight practices for the instructional league. Practice curriculum is provided to all coaches for the instructional leagues.

**Games:** Games will be played on Saturdays beginning on **Saturday, December 9th**. 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 or from coaches. Each team will play seven games. The kindergarten league will play at Marv Jenson Recreation Center. 1st grade and 2nd grade will play at Elk Meadows Elementary school.

**Equipment:** The Instructional League will use the 27.5" ball. Game ball will be provided for games. Coaches and players are encouraged to purchase basketballs for practice and warm-ups for games. A limited amount of basketballs will be provided for practices before the game. Basketball shoes are encouraged however, athletic shoes (non-marking soles) and athletic shorts/pants are required.

**Volunteers:** Parents we need you! Coaching only requires 1 hour a week and some time spent to organize and communicate with your team. If you could donate one hour 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 be eligible to 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).

For more questions please contact us.

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**Jazz Tickets:** A voucher for two tickets will be sent to the email address provided at registration. Tickets will be for games on January 15th, February 12th, and February 14th. We will not be taking individual requests. Tickets will be emailed no later than December 18th. 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 include a free popcorn and drink for participants.

**Jazz Tip Off Party:** Date and time will be provided when that information becomes available.

**Pictures:** Picture day is Saturday, December 16th. A picture schedule will be handed out to the coaches during the season and can be viewed at our web site. **Reminder:** Pictures will not be provided as part of the program fees. Persons interested in purchasing team and individual pictures will be responsible for the payment directly to the photographers.

**Participation Awards:** Participants K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will receive a participation award and pictures (if ordered) 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 Jenson 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	November 4, 2017
Team Assignments Posted	November 22, 2017
Coaches Meeting	November 20, 2017
Organization Day	December 2, 2017
Games Begin	December 9, 2017
Jazz Game Dates	January 15, February 12 & 14
Jazz Tip Off Party	TBA
Picture Date	December 16, 2017
Tentative end of season	Beginning of February

### 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.