

Dakota Ridge Sports Association

**Dakota Ridge Youth Basketball
Articles, Rules and Regulations**



Dakota Ridge Youth Basketball Mission Statement

The mission of Dakota Ridge Youth Basketball is to provide an instructional youth basketball program that will allow the youth of our community to learn good sportsmanship, self-control, responsibility, commitment, the respect for authority, the value of teamwork and the fundamental skills of basketball. All coaches, players and parents of Dakota Ridge Youth Basketball shall hold themselves accountable to the fundamental principal that that the attainment of exceptional athletic skills or the winning of games is of secondary importance to achieving this mission.

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I. Name of the Organization

The name of the organization shall be the Dakota Ridge Sports Association, hereafter referred to as DRSA. The DRSA youth basketball program will be referred to herein as Dakota Ridge Youth Basketball.

II. Geographic Boundaries

Dakota Ridge Sports Association's goal is to provide and develop quality and excellence in all we do. We will accept any player and any team from anywhere in our entire sports program looking to achieve the same goals.

III. Program Purpose

The purpose of Dakota Ridge Youth Basketball is to make a positive impact in the community and the lives of our area youth by providing a quality youth basketball developmental program for the Dakota Ridge area. The goal is to create an environment of leadership and role models, and to understand the importance of shaping the lives of our future leaders.

Dakota Ridge Youth Basketball is committed to the Jefferson County Public Schools mission statement. Dakota Ridge Youth Basketball is committed to the ideals of good sportsmanship, ethical behavior and integrity for all members of our athletic community. Dakota Ridge Youth Basketball is committed to the practice of good sportsmanship. Good sportsmanship shall be defined as those qualities of behavior that are characterized by generosity and genuine concern for others.

IV. Program Objectives

The primary objective of Dakota Ridge Youth Basketball is to make a positive impact in the community and the lives of our youth by:

1. Offering the opportunity for youth boys and girls in our community to play basketball.



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2. Teaching sound fundamentals, good sportsmanship and teamwork.
3. Recruiting and retaining competent coaches to help achieve the program purpose and objectives as stated herein.
4. Emphasizing the importance of practice as a means to master the sport of basketball.
5. Instilling a sense of community pride as well as displaying respect for those from other communities.

V. Responsibilities of Members

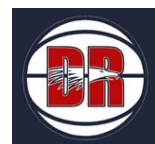
Members of Dakota Ridge Youth Basketball shall consist of:

1. Parents and/or legal guardians of all registered players.
2. Approved head and assistant coaches.
3. Volunteers active in Dakota Ridge Youth Basketball, as recognized by the DRSA Board of Directors.

Responsibilities of members include:

1. Supporting the youth basketball program and the organization and complying with all articles, rules and regulations and guidelines as established by the DRSA Board of Directors.
2. Providing transportation (parents and/or legal guardian).
3. Properly caring for game and practice facilities in accordance with the Coaches Code of Conduct required to be signed by each head coach.
4. Treating coaches, teammates, opponents and officials with respect and integrity.
5. Exhibiting good sportsmanship at all times, especially by being gracious in defeat and humble in victory.
6. Conforming to the regulations and rules of play as set forth by the Jefferson County Basketball Conference and the Gold Crown Competitive Basketball Program.
7. Realizing your attendance at the games is to support the teams involved.
8. Appreciating the skills of all players at all levels of play.
9. Conforming to the code of conduct established in Paragraph 3.5 of the *Jefferson County Basketball Conference Bylaws, Rules and Regulations*.

Responsibilities of student-athletes participating in Dakota Ridge Youth Basketball include:



1. Accepting seriously the responsibility and privilege of representing your school and community.
2. Treating opponents with respect.
3. Respecting the integrity and judgment of sports officials.
4. Displaying modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
5. Playing hard and maintain self-control.
6. Arriving promptly at scheduled practice times and prior to games as established by the coach.
7. Exhibiting good sportsmanship at all times. This includes not using abusive language, yelling and arguing at officials, teammates, opponents or opponent's fans.
8. Taking proper care of facilities.
9. Not being disruptive at practices or games.
10. Conforming to the code of conduct established in Paragraph 3.5 of the *Jefferson County Basketball Conference Bylaws, Rules and Regulations*.

VI. Player Removal from Dakota Ridge Youth Basketball

Players, at the conclusion of the season, may be prohibited from participating in Dakota Ridge Youth Basketball if it is found that the player or parent has continually violated one or more of the rules for member responsibilities indicated in *Article V. Responsibilities of Members*.

The first violation of *Article V. Responsibilities of Members* will result in a meeting including the coach, the player, the parent(s), the Youth Basketball Director(s), and a DRSA Board Member. This meeting and the specific violation must be documented and signed by the parent(s), the Youth Basketball Director(s) and a DRSA Board Member.

If there is a second violation the Youth Basketball Director(s), a DRSA Board Member, the coach and the parent(s) will meet a second time to discuss the violation. Any further violation(s) may result in the Youth Basketball Director(s) recommending to the DRSA Board of Directors that the player be prohibited from further participation in Dakota Ridge Youth Basketball.



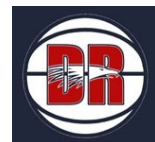
VII. Coaches and Responsibility

Coaches are appointed each year by the Dakota Ridge Youth Basketball Director(s), Officers and the DRSA Board of Directors. In accordance with the bylaws of the DRSA, the Youth Basketball Director(s) has the responsibility to supervise and review the progress, conduct and general coaching ability of all coaches and to take such disciplinary and administrative action as necessary to ensure compliance with the rules and regulations of Dakota Ridge Youth Basketball and DRSA. This includes the authority to suspend any coach for continually and/or deliberately violating any of the articles, rules and regulations of Dakota Ridge Youth Basketball and the bylaws of the DRSA; or in the event that, in the opinion of the Youth Basketball Director(s), a coach's actions or inactions jeopardizes the integrity of the program or the safety of any player in the program.

All such disciplinary actions are subject to review by the DRSA Board of Directors. All incidences and resulting disciplinary action will be reported to the President of the DRSA within twenty-four (24) hours of its occurrence.

Since all head and assistant coaches can have a significant impact on the formulation of attitudes and values, they are expected to exemplify high moral character, behavior and leadership standards of sportsmanship and conduct including:

1. Knowing official high school rules of basketball.
2. Teaching fundamentals to the best of their and players' abilities.
3. Teach and practice good sportsmanship and fellowship at all times.
4. Being a positive role model for all concerned.
5. Respecting the judgment of the officials.
6. Abiding by the rules of the game and displaying no negative behavior.
7. Disciplining those on the team who do not abide by sportsmanship standards.
8. Treating all athletes with respect.
9. Refraining from the use of disrespectful language or gestures.
10. Strictly following county and DRSA rules.
11. Maintaining proper care and use of facilities.



12. Meeting with parents of players to discuss plans for the season.
13. Regularly attending meetings called by the Youth Basketball Director(s).
14. Conforming to the *Jefferson County Basketball Conference Bylaws, Rules and Regulations*, as appropriate, based on player age category.

Failure to comply with the above rules may constitute sufficient grounds for dismissal at the discretion of the Youth Basketball Director(s) or the DRSA Board of Directors.

VIII. Meetings

Meetings of Dakota Ridge Youth Basketball involving coaches shall be as deemed necessary by the Youth Basketball Director(s) or the DRSA Board of Directors.

IX. Goals of the Team Formation Process

The goals of the team formation process are to:

1. Empower parents and players to maintain team continuity (if desired) through the player's youngest years (2nd through 4th grades).
2. Provide an opportunity for more competitive players to compete at a higher level of play by trying out for teams that play in the Gold Crown Competitive Basketball Program while still providing an option for less competitive players to maintain team continuity (if desired) through the player's middle years (5th and 6th grades).
3. Introduce older players (7th and 8th grade) to the concept of trying out for an athletic team similar to expectations at the high school level with teams formed using a tiered approach based on skill level while still providing an option for less competitive players to participate at a level less competitive than that of the Gold Crown Competitive Basketball Program.

X. Recreation Team Formation

Recreation teams for the purpose of these articles, rules and regulations shall be defined as any Dakota Ridge Youth Basketball team that is playing exclusively in the Jefferson County Basketball Conference and is not playing in the Gold Crown Competitive League.



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A. 2nd – 4th Grade Recreation Team Formation

Team formation for all 2nd grade teams will be based on registration input regarding:

1. A specific coach request
2. Skill level (experienced versus beginner)
3. A player's desire to return to his/her previous year's team

The roster placement of all players will be subject to the review and approval of the Youth Basketball Director(s) and may be subject to desired (not required) roster size limitations of 7 to 10 players. The Youth Basketball Director(s) may request that a player "play up" a grade level, as necessary, to complete team formation.

B. 5th - 8th Grade Recreation Team Formation

All 5th - 8th graders must attend tryouts regardless of a player's desire to play Gold Crown.

Team formation for all 5th - 8th grade recreation teams will be based on:

1. A player's request to not play for a Gold Crown team
2. Evaluation of the player's skill level at tryouts

The roster placement of all players will be subject to the review and approval of the Youth Basketball Director(s) and may be subject to desired (not required) roster size limitations of 7 to 10 players. The Youth Basketball Director(s) may request that a player "play up" a grade level, as necessary, to complete team formation.

XI. Gold Crown Team Tryouts

Gold Crown teams for the purpose of these articles, rules and regulations shall be defined as any Dakota Ridge Youth Basketball team that is playing in both the Jefferson County Basketball Conference and the Gold Crown Competitive League. All Gold Crown team are required to play in the Jefferson County Basketball Conference.

Registrations must be received by DRSA by the registration deadline date of the



current year, or may be subject to a late fee.

A non-refundable fee will be required for all players wishing to try out for Gold Crown.

C. 5th-8th Grade Gold Crown Team Formation

Tryouts for all competitive Gold Crown teams shall be held one day per year and one alternate day for all ages, 5th – 8th grade.

Team formation for all Gold Crown teams will be based on:

1. A player's request to try out for a Gold Crown team
2. Evaluation of the player's skill level at tryouts

Gold Crown teams will be formed during tryouts based on the evaluations of:

1. The coaches that have committed to coaching at the grade level being evaluated
2. The Dakota Ridge Youth Basketball Director(s)
3. At the request of the Youth Basketball Director(s), additional qualified basketball evaluators may be asked to participate in the team formation process to supplement the opinions of the youth coaches and Youth Basketball Director(s). These individuals will **not** be parents of any player at the grade level being evaluated

If a player is not selected to play for a Gold Crown team, the player will be placed on a recreation team in accordance with the criteria established in *Article X. Recreation Team Formation*.

Team selection for players at tryouts shall be completed in the order of decreasing level of competitiveness based on:

1. The previous year's level of play:
2. Gold Crown regular season record (in cases of multiple teams competing in Gold Crown)
3. Jefferson County Basketball Conference Record (in cases of multiple teams competing in the same Recreation Division):

Specifically, player selection for players at tryouts will be completed in the following order:



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1. Gold Level Gold Crown team
2. Silver Level Gold Crown team
3. Recreation Division A
4. Recreation Division B
5. Recreation Division C

The roster placement of all players will be subject to the review and approval of the Youth Basketball Director(s) and may be subject to desired (not required) roster size limitations of 7 to 10 players. The Youth Basketball Director(s) may request that a player "play up" a grade level, as necessary, to complete team formation.

XII. Jefferson County Basketball League Play

Teams are placed in league divisions based on the previous year's division and record and the judgment of the coach, the Youth Basketball Director(s), and the Jefferson County Basketball Conference Board of Directors.

Dakota Ridge Youth Basketball operates within the governing framework of the Jefferson County Basketball Conference and is required to conform to specific rules and regulations of that body as applicable including those provisions regarding level of play requirements for Gold Crown players.

XIII. Gold Crown League Play

Gold Crown teams are placed in either the "Gold" or "Silver" level of play based on the judgment of the head coach and subject to the requirements of the Gold Crown Competitive Basketball Program.

Dakota Ridge Youth Basketball operates within the governing framework of the Gold Crown Competitive Basketball Program and is required to conform to specific rules and regulations of that body as applicable.

XIV. Amending Rules and Regulations

Changes to these rules & regulations may be done through due process and proper channels.

1. The proposed amendments(s) shall be in writing and submitted to the Basketball Directors.



2. The proposed amendment(s) shall be distributed at current or next coaches meeting.
3. The amendment(s) will be voted on at the next successive coaches meeting with 2/3 present to pass.
4. A majority vote is needed to approve all amendments.

The Dakota Ridge Youth Basketball Articles, Rules and Regulations are adopted as evidenced by the signatures provided on the cover page of this document.

