**Miramar PAL: Q&A**

**Senior Basketball (12-14 year olds)**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ATTEND THE DRAFT. PLEASE REVIEW THE FLYER FOR DATES AND TIMES

**Q: What divisions are there?**

A: We break up our divisions according to age. We have 3 divisions; 8-10, 11-13, and 12-14.

Please call Miramar PAL for information on our indoor and outdoor soccer programs. The 8-13 basketball divisions will begin after the 12-14 season (date TBD).

Please call The City of Miramar Athletic Department at (954)602-3340 for information on the Pee Wee Basketball programs (ages 4-7) and 15-17 basketball leagues.

**Q: What are the age requirements?**

A: The player’s age as of May 1st will determine which division they will play in. All divisions are co-ed.

**Q: How much does it cost?**

A: $135 for Miramar residents and $162 for non-residents. Registration includes the uniform and is the total cost of the program. Discounts are given to the first 20 players in each division (see flyer for details). Register ONLINE ONLY by visiting MiramarPAL.org. It is extremely important to make sure you are registering at the correct location. Players will NOT be switched after registering.

**REFUND REQUESTS**: Refund requests **MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO THE DRAFT**.

**Q: What is the draft?**

A: The draft will give the coaches a fair opportunity to choose the players for their team. All players/coaches must attend the draft. Players must attend the draft at the location that they registered at. If the player is unable to attend the draft, they will be randomly assigned to a team.

If you miss the draft, please email PAL. **PLEASE REVIEW THE FLYER FOR DRAFT DATES AND TIMES.**

**Q: Can I request a specific coach?**

A: No, we have a draft to allow the coaches to choose players to balance the league as best as possible. Coaches are allowed their own son or daughter on a team and one additional “freeze” from their assistant coach or for transportation purposes. No other players can be hand-picked for their team. They can still be drafted by the coach if he or she chooses to do so. **We do not pair friends together**.

**PLAYERS MUST REMAIN ON THE TEAMS THEY ARE DRAFTED ON, PLAYERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SWITCH TEAMS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE.**

**Q: When will I get a uniform?**

A: Uniforms will be distributed by the coaches at practice before games begin, usually on the second or third practice.

**Q: When is practice?**

A: Practice times and location will be determined by your son or daughters’ volunteer coach. Please make sure you take down your coach’s full name and number when they call you about the first practice.

**Most practices are held outside** as gym availability is extremely limited. Practice schedules may vary each week based on the coach’s discretion. Coaches are asked to not schedule practices before 6pm during weekdays.

A flexible schedule is typically needed to be able to attend all the practices and games.

**Volunteer coaches are always needed; please sign-up on the registration form as soon as possible. Head coaches receive a discount (see flyer for discounts); these spaces are also limited.**

**Q: When are the games?**

A: The 12-14 division will usually be scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays, occasionally other days of the week are used when the program has higher than expected enrollment.

Games will be played at either 6:30pm, 7:15pm, or 8:00pm during the week.

All playoffs, championships, and all-star games will be completed in early June.

Please note that the above information could potentially change and additional days may be used. We use the word “usually” because the amount of registrants varies each season and impacts scheduling significantly. However, a detailed game schedule will be available a few weeks prior to the start of the season.

**Q: When will I get a game schedule?**

A: A detailed game schedule for the entire season will be posted on **Facebook.com/MiramarPAL** a week after the draft. Note: You do not need to have a Facebook account to visit the page.

**Q: Can you explain the games?**

A: Players registered in East Miramar will play at the Youth Enrichment Center and players registered in West Miramar will play at Sunset Lakes Community Center. Playoffs may take place at either site. Games will be 8 minute quarters with a running clock (except for last 2 minutes of each half).

**Q: How many games are there?**

A: Every team will play a minimum of 6 games(not including playoffs).

**Q: Can you explain the playoffs?**

A: Only the top four teams in each division will make the playoffs. A playoff/all-star schedule will be given out before the end of the regular season. Playoffs may take place at either site, dependent upon team seeding.

**Q: Will there be an All-Star game and Coaches Game at the end of the season?**

A: Yes, each coach will be allowed to select a designated amount of all-star players (TBD) to participate in the end of the season All-Star events. The day will consists of an East vs West All-Star game for each age group, as well as an East Coaches vs West Coaches game. A specific date and time will be posted on the playoff schedule.

**Q: What happens at the end of the season?**

A: On the last game of the season, every player will receive an award for their participation.

**Q: Does Miramar PAL have specific rules for required playing time and parent/coach accountability?**

A: **Yes**, regardless of a player’s ability, each coach is required to play every player a designated amount of time(see Rules & Procedure flyer). We encourage both novice and advanced players to register. In an effort to run a safe and enjoyable program, we also uphold a zero tolerance policy for any parent, player, or coach that shows disrespect towards the referees.

**Q: When will I receive a call by the coach?**

A: Coaches will call their players within 5 days after the draft. **If you have not received a call from a coach by this time, please contact Miramar PAL.** (Note: No calls will be made prior to the drafts).

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