

# Youth Basketball Registration Packet

**REGISTRATION DATES:** October 27 - November 14, 2014



**FOR BOYS & GIRLS  
Kindergarten through  
5th Grades**

**COST: \$45 plus fee for Officials**

**Fill out registration form  
located in the back of the packet.**

## **REGISTRATION SITES**

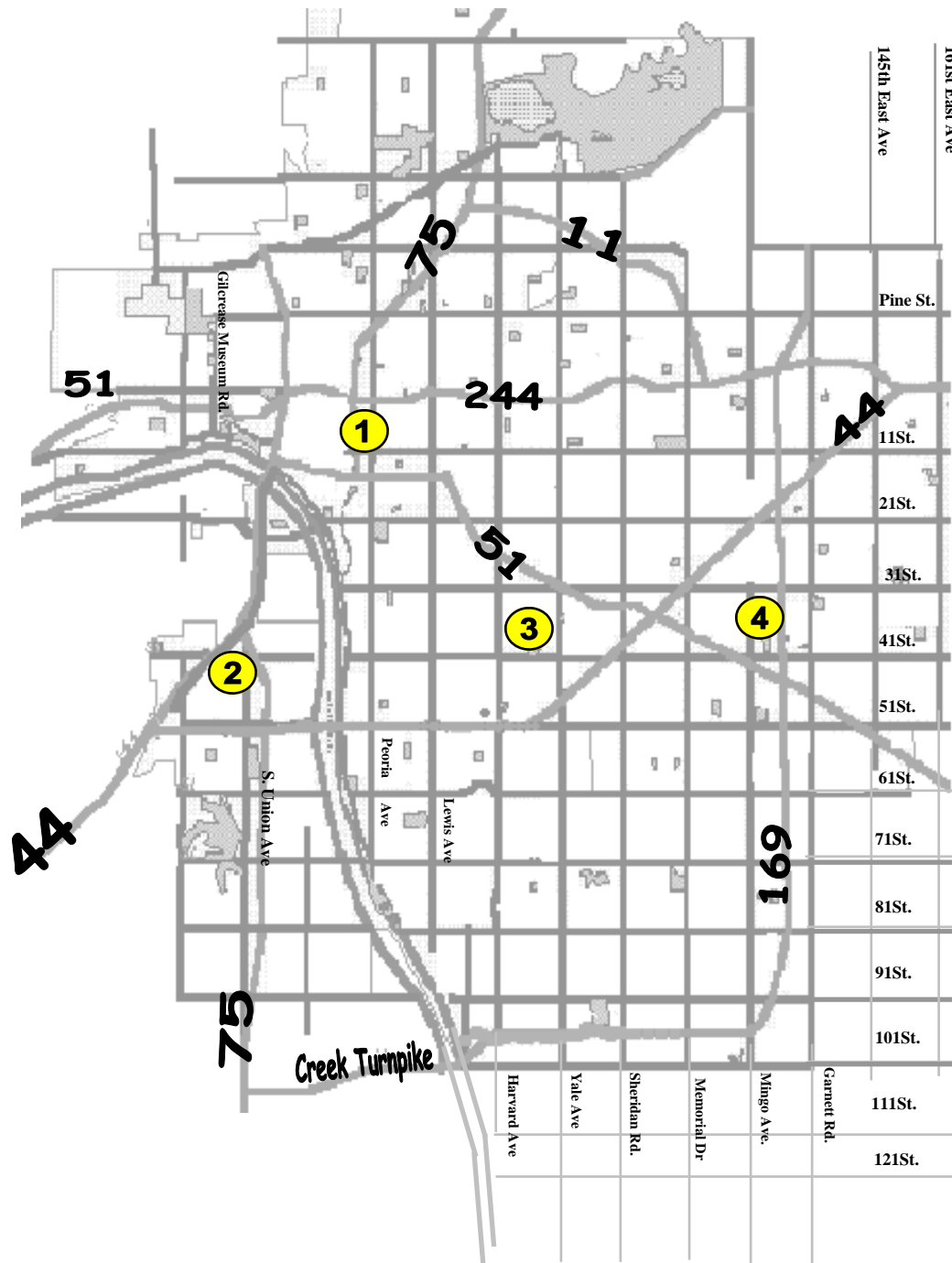
Central Center, 1028 E. 6th Street (918) 596-1444

Hicks Center, 3443 S. Mingo Rd. (918) 669-6355

Reed Center, 4233 S. Yukon Ave. (918) 591-4307

Whiteside Center, 4009 S. Pittsburg Ave. (918) 746-5040

# TULSA PARKS



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**Winter 2015**  
**YOUTH BASKETBALL**  
**[www.tulsaparks.org](http://www.tulsaparks.org)**

WEATHER INFORMATION will be posted on [facebook](#) "Tulsa Parks' Sports" page.  
Sign up and receive game cancellation notices at [www.teamsideline.com/tulsa](http://www.teamsideline.com/tulsa).

**LEAGUE COORDINATOR INFORMATION**

**Kinderball League—Kindergarten/1st Grades**  
Coordinator, Nicole Brannon – (918) 669-6355; FAX (918) 669-6359  
[nbrannon@cityoftulsa.org](mailto:nbrannon@cityoftulsa.org)

**Junior Basketball League—2nd/3rd Grades**  
Coordinator, Julie Cohenour – (918) 591-4307; FAX (918) 591-4304  
[jcohenour@cityoftulsa.org](mailto:jcohenour@cityoftulsa.org)

**Elementary Basketball League—4th/5th Grades**  
Coordinator, Lauren Colbert – (918) 746-5040; FAX (918) 746-5043  
[lcolbert@cityoftulsa.org](mailto:lcolbert@cityoftulsa.org)

**Youth Sports Coordinator:** Marci Joha – (918) 596-2527 or  
[marcijoha@cityoftulsa.org](mailto:marcijoha@cityoftulsa.org)

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# General Basketball League Information

- 1. Registration:** Registration for Youth Basketball will be October 27 - November 14. Registration forms and fees are due at time of enrollment. If paying by check, checks should be payable to "City of Tulsa" in the amount of \$45. Officials fee will be paid to the coach. Once games begin there are no refunds. After November 14th, parents wishing to register can contact the League Coordinator and request to be placed on a waiting list. If child is placed on a team, there will be an additional \$5 late fee.
- 2. Team Assignments:** Players will be assigned to a team according to their grade and play in one of the following leagues: Kindergarten/1st grade league (coed league), 2nd/3rd grades league (separated by gender), 4th/5th grades leagues (separated by gender). After the November 14<sup>h</sup> registration deadline, League Coordinators will place individual players on a team and secure coaches. A coach will receive the list of players and phone numbers. It is the coach's responsibility to contact the parents of all the players, schedule a parent meeting and notify you of practices. If parents have not heard from a coach by December 17, contact your League Coordinator.
- 3. Pre-formed Teams:** Pre-formed teams may enter our leagues; **PLEASE** contact your League Coordinator and register your team with that person. Registration forms and fees are due at time of registration. League Coordinators reserve the right to add players to any roster.
- 4. Rosters:** Rosters are limited to **10 players** maximum. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- 5. Age/Grade:** The accepted minimum age for this league is 5 years old. Players must be 5 years old by March 1, 2015. Players wishing to play up a grade/league should submit a written request to Marci Joha at [marcijoha@cityoftulsa.org](mailto:marcijoha@cityoftulsa.org). Players are NOT allowed to play down a grade/league.
- 6. Tryouts:** Tryouts are not allowed in any Tulsa Parks League.
- 7. Practices:** Practices should not be held any sooner than November 15, 2014.
- 8. Games:** Each league will play an 8-game season beginning in January through March 14. League games for Kindergarten/1st grades will be played at Hicks or Reed Center; 2nd/3rd grades will play at Reed or Hicks Center and 4th/5th grades will play at Whiteside Center.
- 9. Equal Play:** Tulsa Parks requires equal playing time for all players; therefore, rosters are limited to 10 players maximum.
- 10. Official Fees:** Each team will pay a referee fee of \$20 cash per game. The coach will collect the fee from his/her team parents. If one official is present, each team will pay the official \$15.
- 11. Forfeits:** If a team forfeits, that team will be responsible for the entire fee of \$40. This forfeit fee must be paid BEFORE the next game or the team will be dropped from the league.
- 12. Goal and Ball Sizes:** Kindergarten/1st grade league will play on 8-foot goals and use junior size basketballs. 2nd/3rd grade leagues will play on 9-foot goals and use junior size basketballs. 4th/5th grade leagues will play on 10-foot goals and use intermediate size basketballs.

13. **Rules:** Rules are available at our website, [www.tulsaparks.org](http://www.tulsaparks.org).

14. **Game Shirt:** A Tulsa Parks' game shirt will be provided for each player and must be worn in each game, no exceptions. Altering or adding logos to the game shirt is not allowed. Teams altering the game shirt will be dismissed from the league. Each NYSCA certified coach, up to three per team, will receive a free game shirt.

15. **Player Equipment:** No jewelry or bracelets (unless medical), plastic or metal hair ties or barrettes may be worn. Tape over pierced ears will not be allowed. We recommend players wear safety glasses. The game official shall decide any question regarding the legality of a player's equipment or uniform.

16. **Practices:** Teams may start practices on or after November 15th. Depending on the availability of Tulsa Parks' gymnasiums, we recommend the following: Pre-season practices: Teams are limited to **two** practices per week: 1-hour, half court, practices in city gyms. During season practices: Once games begin, teams are limited to **one** (1-hour maximum in city gyms) practice per week. Practices will be the responsibility of the coach. Each coach will schedule days, times and locations of your practices.

17. **Scoring:** Game scores will not be kept in the Kinderball league. League standings will not be kept in any league.

18. **Trophies:** No place trophies will be awarded. All players will receive a participation trophy at the end of the season.

19. **NYSCA/Background Check:** Coaches are required to be NYSCA certified in basketball. All coaches must successfully complete a background check. Forms are located on our website.

20. **Sportsmanship:** Coaches and parents are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship and encourage all players to do the same. The purpose of our league is to teach the basic fundamentals of the sport. Disciplinary actions taken for players, parents, coaches, or spectators displaying unsportsmanlike conduct can be as simple as a verbal warning and as harsh as expulsion from the league and all games.

21. **Inclement Weather Policy:** Weather information will be available on Facebook, Tulsa Parks' Sports page. Parents can sign up at [www.teamsideline.com/tulsa](http://www.teamsideline.com/tulsa) to receive game cancellation notices. Please note that if schools are dismissed that does **NOT** mean games will automatically be cancelled.

22. **Committee Decisions:** Failure to adhere to the Tulsa Parks Youth League Rules as outlined will result in forfeiture or expulsion from the league. All Tulsa Parks Youth League Committee decisions are final.

23. **NO SMOKING:** This is a smoke-free zone; smoking is NOT permitted at practices or games. Parents should remain in their car if they must smoke.

# Youth Sports Leagues

## Purpose, Philosophy, Liability and Background Screening

### PURPOSE

The general purpose of the Tulsa Parks youth programs is to provide an opportunity for sportsmanship, socialization, skill improvement and physical fitness. It is also designed to bring area youth closer together through recreational competition and to keep the welfare of the youth first and foremost.

The specific purposes are:

1. To acquaint the participants with the basic fundamentals of the sport while exercising the body and mind through an enjoyable activity.
2. To inspire players with good habits while in fellowship with other players and to encourage and promote respect for officials and coaches.
3. To promote safety-first play.

### PHILOSOPHY

It is our desire that all participants enrolled in youth sports have the guaranteed right to fair play in every game regardless of skill level. As a result of this guiding philosophy, rules and regulations governing play, eligibility and sportsmanship have been developed. However, it must be understood that sportsmanship and cooperation within a team are important aspects of the game. **Individuals who display poor sportsmanship or regularly miss practices may be kept from play in regular games.** It is always the duty of the coach to inform the Parks and Recreation Department of adverse conduct or any disciplinary situations.

1. Every participant shall be able to play and have fun.
2. Sportsmanship and gamesmanship will be a requirement of the players, coaches and parents.
3. The program shall be enjoyable for all teams and players. Poor sportsmanship, foul language and injurious play will be disciplined.
4. The department will make every attempt to provide equity of play within the entire program with the hope of allowing all teams an equal opportunity to compete.

**Be it understood that by registering for this program, you accept the purpose, direction and philosophy of the program.**

### LIABILITY

Tulsa Parks program coordinators; league directors, coaches, game officials or any other supervisory personnel are not responsible for injuries to persons or damages to property. We encourage all participants to obtain insurance for player protection. This is entirely the responsibility of the person participating (players, coaches, managers, parents, and spectators), all of which participate at his or her own risk.

### BACKGROUND SCREENING

All coaches must submit a completed background screening form, available on our website. Background checks remain confidential and will be valid for 1 year. The guidelines, which will be used for the background check process, involve reviewing the information provided by law enforcement records such as: Charges, arrests, convictions, offenses, and traffic violations. **If there are any 1) outstanding warrants, 2) criminal felony or criminal misdemeanor charges within the last five years, or 3) any charges ever regarding a sexual offense, an applicant will not be eligible to coach in our league.**

## Conduct

### **Tulsa Parks will not tolerate the following by a coach, player or spectator:**

1. **Smoking, drinking of alcoholic beverages or chewing tobacco:** Shall not be allowed by parents or coaches at any time during a game or practice. Alcohol on coaches' breath will be subject for review. It has no place in youth sports especially with respect to our coaches. Spectators are asked to refrain from smoking and chewing tobacco and absolutely no alcoholic beverages are allowed.
2. **Obscene, racist, sexist or abusive language:** Defined as language that is offensive to acceptable standards of decency or modesty or anything insulting. Should anyone have a question about the use of a word, it should not be used.
3. **Sportsmanship:** Any coach, parent, player or spectator verbally abusing or exhibiting negative behavior towards a game official, staff, opposing coach, or any player will be subject to disciplinary action by the game officials or Tulsa Parks' staff. A coach can be removed from coaching at any point during the season.

**Officials and Tulsa Parks Staff have the right to remove a coach, parent, player or spectator from the game if the above incidences occur during a game.**

**Filing a Protest:** First, review the Tulsa Parks Information Packet to identify specific violations of our policies and guidelines for youth sports. Tulsa Parks fully support the "National Standards for Youth Sports" and "NYSCA Code of Ethics" for coaches, players and parents. This information is located at [www.nays.org](http://www.nays.org). If a pledge is violated, we want to be informed. Secondly, a written incident report should be filed with the League Coordinator and NYSCA Chapter Director. We encourage anyone with a concern to file a written report. Documentation is vital in any review process. Any questions or concerns please contact:

Marci Joha, NYSCA City of Tulsa Chapter Director  
175 E. 2nd Street, Suite 570  
Tulsa, OK 74103  
(918) 596-2527 fax (918) 699-3420  
[marcijoha@cityoftulsa.org](mailto:marcijoha@cityoftulsa.org)

## **PARENT RULES FOR KIDS SPORTS**

1. **Make it FUN!**
2. **Set a GOOD example!**
3. **Cheer for EVERYONE!**

# National Standards For Youth Sports

The National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS) is pleased to release this revised edition of the National Standards for Youth Sports. The original version was released in 1987 and served as the blueprint for how thousands of recreation professionals have conducted their youth sports programs through the years. In December 2007, a dedicated group of professional youth sports administrators convened during the International Youth Sports Congress in Orlando, Florida to re-examine the Standards in relation to the current youth sports environment. This new edition reflects the consensus of this group and addresses a variety of topics that currently affect the delivery of youth sports programs.

## **Standard #1 Quality Sports Environment**

Youth sports programs must be developed and organized to ensure, as well as to enhance, the emotional, physical, social and educational well-being of children.

## **Standard #2 Sports Participation Should Be Fun and a Portion of a Child's Life**

Youth sports are only one portion of a child's life that must be balanced with other social and educational experiences and activities.

## **Standard #3 Training and Accountability**

Adults involved with youth sports must receive training and important information about the program and must be held accountable for their behavior.

## **Standard #4 Screening Process**

To ensure the safety and well being of children in youth sports, individuals with regular, repetitive access or contact with children must complete the screening process.

## **Standard #5 Parents' Commitment**

Parents/guardians must take an active and positive role in their child's youth sports experiences.

## **Standard #6 Sportsmanship**

Everyone involved in youth sports programs should exhibit positive sportsmanship behavior at all times.

## **Standard #7 Safe Playing Environment**

Youth sports programs must provide safe playing facilities and equipment, healthful playing situations and proper first aid applications, should the need arise.

## **Standard #8 Equal Play Opportunity**

Parents, coaches, and league administrators must provide equal sports play opportunity for all youth regardless of race, creed, sex, economic status or ability.

## **Standard #9 Drug, Tobacco, Alcohol and Performance Enhancer Free Environment**

Parents, coaches, officials, fans, players and administrators must be drug, tobacco and alcohol and performance enhancer free at youth sports activities.



## **PLAYERS' CODE OF ETHICS**

**I hereby pledge to provide positive attitude and be responsible for my participation in Youth Sports by following this Code of Ethics.**

- I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at every game and practice.
- I will attend every practice and game that is reasonably possible and notify my coach if I cannot.
- I will expect to receive a fair and equal amount of playing time.
- I will do my very best to listen and learn from my coaches.
- I will treat my coaches with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or abilities and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
- I deserve to have fun during my sports experience and will alert parents or coaches if it stops being FUN!
- I deserve to play in an alcohol, tobacco and drug free environment and expect adults to respect that wish.
- I encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity because it's important to me.
- I will do my very best in school.
- I will remember that sports is an opportunity to learn and have fun.

## **PARENTS' CODE OF ETHICS**

**I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parents' Code of Ethics.**

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and that the coach upholds the Coaches' Code of Ethics.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will remember that the game is for youth – not for adults.
- I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- I will help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan or assisting with coaching.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- I will read the National Standards for Youth Sports and do what I can to help all youth sports organizations implement and enforce them.

# COACHES CODE OF ETHICS

**I hereby pledge to live up to my certification as an NYSCA member coach by following the NYSCA Coaches' Code of Ethics.**

- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- I will promise to review and practice the basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to my players.
- I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.
- I hereby pledge to adhere to the NYSCA Coaches Code of Ethics and fully understand if I do not uphold them I will be held accountable for my behavior, leading up to revocation of my membership, as outlined in the Accountability and Enforcement Policies enforced by the local chapter of the National Alliance for Youth Sports.



The Code of Ethics listed in the above text and previous page are the standards by which Tulsa Parks strives to run its youth sports leagues. Players, parents and coaches are all expected to adhere to the standards and ethics set forth by the National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS). Players and parents will be asked by the coaches to sign a pledge form, and players and parents should expect the coach to adhere to the above-mentioned ethics.



Team Photography Information  
Official Photographer for Tulsa Parks Youth Sports  
Leagues

TSS Photography  
Don & Cris Fyler

(918) 252-3394

[www.tssphotography.com/greencountry](http://www.tssphotography.com/greencountry)

# SHOW US YOUR PARK PICS



We invite all amateur photographers to share their experiences at a City of Tulsa Park and enter our photo contest. Photos should represent the Tulsa Parks Vision Statement: *Tulsa will be known as a city that celebrates and preserves green space and beautiful environments, and enjoys outstanding recreational opportunities supporting the health and well-being of its citizens.* There will be three (3) categories: a) Program Activity & Events, b) Nature, Wildlife & Pets, and c) Sports & Action. Winning photographs are featured on the Tulsa Parks website and in the Tulsa Parks annual calendar. Additional information and entry forms are available on our website at [www.tulsaparks.org](http://www.tulsaparks.org).

We rely on volunteers coaches to make our program a success.

If you are the coach of your child's team, as a thank you for volunteering your time, your child's registration fee will only be \$25.

What are the requirements to be a coach?

We require you to pass a background check and go through a coach certification.

What else?

A few hours of your time each week to run practices and coach a game.

What are the rewards?

Smiles, high-fives, laughter and knowing that you helped a child succeed.

Please consider coaching.



*Making sports FUN, SAFE and MEANINGFUL for kids!*

## 2015 WINTER BASKETBALL APPLICATION

CIRCLE SPORT/GRADE:

KINDERBALL (K/1st Grades)

JUNIORBALL (2nd/3rd Grades)

ELEMENTARTY (4th/5th Grades)

Player's Name: <b>PLEASE PRINT</b>		
Date of Birth: ___/___/___	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	School:
Age:	Grade:	# of Years in Program:
Parent/Guardian Name: (required)		Date of Birth: ___/___/___
Address:	City:	Zip Code:
Primary Phone:	Add'l Phone:	I will Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Assist Coach <input type="checkbox"/>
Email:	Team Played with Last Year: and/or Coaches Name:	
Special Request:		

**We rely on volunteer coaches to make our leagues successful. PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING!**

CHECK PLAYER SHIRT SIZE:     YS         YM         YL         AS  
     AM         AL         AXL

PLAYER REGISTRATION FEE:        \$45

\$5 LATE FEE applied after deadline: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL SHIRT FEE \$10 each: \_\_\_\_\_    Shirt Size(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL FEE PAID:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make one check payable to "City of Tulsa."

***Thank you for participating in a Tulsa Parks'  
Youth Sports Program!***

FOR STAFF USE:  
PAYMENT METHOD

\_\_\_\_\_ CASH    \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK    \_\_\_\_\_ C. C.

## Liability, Medical and Emergency Treatment

Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### RELEASE OF LIABILITY

(Parent/Guardian Name) \_\_\_\_\_ for himself/herself and for his/her spouse and for participant and other children hereby represents and agrees to the following:

(My Child) \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in the Tulsa Parks' activities. This acknowledges that we, the undersigned parent(s) or legal guardians of said child, recognize the potentially hazardous nature of this activity that an injury might be sustained. The risk of injury to our child from the activities in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent disability and death, while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce the risk, the risk of serious injury does exist.

I/We release the right to all photographic material that the Tulsa Park and Recreation Department might use for promotional activities without obligation to my family or me.

### AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICAL/EMERGENCY TREATMENT

I/We hereby authorize Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ or any physician, surgeon or dentist, or nearest emergency medical center to administer any emergency treatment, procedure or medicine necessary or advisable when accompanied by an adult.

I/We further authorize (Player Name) \_\_\_\_\_ to be given first aid and if necessary be transported to the emergency room (or nearest emergency medical center). I/We also authorize officials at Tulsa Parks to secure the use of an ambulance, if necessary, for transporting my child to the hospital and/or to administer first aid treatment as necessary. I/We request that this authorization remain in force as long as my child is engaged in any activity relating to Tulsa Parks unless notified in writing of any change by me.

**I/We fully understand and agree to all of the conditions stated on this form as well as the philosophy of this program as stated in the parents' information packet.**

**Print Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_