

# Parent Information

*Dear Parents,*

Welcome to Alamosa Parks & Recreation youth sports programs. We strive to offer children an opportunity to have fun, learn sportsmanship and teamwork, and develop fundamental skills. Below you will find helpful league information; however, if you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Thank you for your support!

*Sincerest regards,*

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## Parent Responsibilities:

**Arrive** at least 15 minutes before games to warm-up. **Be** your child's cheerleader! **Leave** the team strategy and play calling to the coach. **Be** sensible and maintain your emotions at games/practices.

**Respect** your coach and referee. Do not confront the coach or referee before or after a game or practice. These can be emotional times for all parties involved. Meetings of this nature usually do not promote positive resolutions; instead, schedule a conference with the coach or call the Recreation Specialist.

## Age and Division:

**Your** child is placed according to his/her age as of the date of the first game for most programs. If you're unsure, we are happy to help. Some programs are listed by grade. **Player** move-ups are allowed after playing one season in correct age division. Moving your child up when registering online may prove difficult. If so, just give us a call.

## Team Draft Procedure:

**Coach's** and Assistant Coach's children are automatically assigned to their team. **To** achieve non-discriminatory results, teams are randomly generated by a software program. In older divisions, a skills assessment and/or player draft system may be utilized. The hope is to even out teams. We will attempt to accommodate car-pooling requests; however, not all requests can be granted. Once teams are formed, we will not switch players between teams if it will negatively affect or inconvenience another child/family. If you are unhappy with the coach your child has been assigned to, we will refund the fee.

## Volunteer Coaches:

**We** are always looking for volunteers to coach. Please let me know if you are interested. Requirements include: desire to coach, knowledge of the sport, and waiver for background check. Benefits include: lots of fun, training opportunities, and tuition credit for your child.

## Coaches Meetings:

**These** meetings are designed specifically for coaches, where rules are reviewed and materials are distributed. Parents are welcome to attend, especially if you are interested in coaching or assisting.

## Practices:

**Day** and time of practice are at the sole discretion of the coach. This is when he/she is able to volunteer his/her time, so please be understanding. **Attendance** at practice is not mandatory. Equal game playing time is emphasized. **At** the recreational level, do not expect to practice more than once a week. Coaches, like most everyone, may only have a limited amount of time to volunteer.

## Uniforms:

**Uniform** shirts are included in registration fees of most programs. Shirts will be given to your child by the coach prior to the first game. Exceptions: Soccer— uniform shirt is not included in fee, the reusable jersey costs \$10. Hockey— a jersey is part of the equipment, which requires a deposit and must be returned.

## Inclement Weather:

**Outdoor** games are weather permitting. If games are cancelled, your coach will contact you before the game, or you can call our Weather Line at (719) 587-2554. Games will be rescheduled if time and/or facilities are available.

## Pictures:

Photographer information is attached.

