



# ***Asphalt Green Community Sports Leagues School Handbook 2016-2017***

## **About CSL**

1. The Asphalt Green *Community Sports Leagues* program offers public middle schools the chance to participate in interscholastic athletics. Leagues offered are Co-ed Flag Football (Fall), Boys and Girls Basketball (Winter), and Boys and Girls Soccer (Spring).
2. For each sport, weather permitting, Asphalt Green runs an 8-12 week season consisting of:
  - a. 1-2 instructional clinics
  - b. 6-8 regular season games
  - c. 1 round of play-off games
  - d. 1 championship game
3. For each season, Asphalt Green provides:
  - a. Field/Court space for clinics and games at Asphalt Green or another suitable facility.
  - b. Referees (2 for flag football; 2 for basketball; 1 for soccer)
  - c. Uniforms (16 per team football, 12 per team for basketball, 14 for soccer)
    - i. Cleats are included for soccer and flag football
  - d. Coordination of the league schedule
  - e. Technical support for coaches
  - f. League communication via a weekly newsletter recapping the most recent games, weekly updates and social media for players, family members, and school staff
  - g. Awards ceremony, championship trophies, team trophies (MVP, Student-Athlete, Sportsmanship) and participation medals for each player.
  - h. Opportunities for talented league players to earn scholarships on to Asphalt Green traveling teams
  - i. Enrichment programming as available, such as guest speakers, special events and nutritional and girls leadership initiatives.



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## **Payment**

1. The League fee is \$300 per team and is non-refundable.
2. If teams choose to have an Asphalt Green Co-Coach the total cost of the league and the coach will be \$700.
3. Schools must issue a purchase order or pay via PTA check of other source in full before the start of each season (**For the upcoming Flag Football season, a Purchase Order or payment in full is due by July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to reserve a spot in the league**).
  - a. Asphalt Green will issue a Work Order to schools paying with DOE funds. The work order can be used to generate a purchase order.
4. If a school registers for the league and then pulls out after Asphalt Green has ordered jerseys the school will need to pay the full \$300 league fee.

## **Registration**

1. To participate in the 2016-17 program, schools must submit a completed *League Registration Form for each sport*.
2. Schools must register for each league separately. For each league there is a priority registration period for returning schools. After this period, registration is open to other schools. Deadlines for registration are:
  - Flag Football: Priority registration: June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Open registration: June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016
  - Girls & Boys Basketball: Priority registration: November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Open registration: November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016
  - Girls & Boys Soccer: Priority registration: TBD  
Open registration: TBD
3. Teams may not include players from other schools.
4. This is a league for middle schools only; we will not accept teams from CBO's or after-school programs.
5. By the registration date, schools must inform Asphalt Green of any scheduling conflicts. Due to increasing numbers of teams, Asphalt Green will not reschedule games mid-season.



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## Coaching

1. Schools must provide a head coach for each team. Coaches must be school employees and may not represent other sports or youth service organizations during CSL team practices, games, and events. Coaches may not be affiliated with sports or youth service organizations that compete in leagues and/or tournaments with Asphalt Green youth sports travel teams.
2. Coaches are responsible for:
  - a. Attending a mandatory pre-league information session
  - b. Recruiting, chaperoning, and supervising players
  - c. Communicating with Asphalt Green staff in a timely manner
  - d. Running team practices

## Asphalt Green Co-Coach

1. Asphalt Green is now offering a new expanded partnership with schools by providing an Asphalt Green co-coach.

### Schools Receive:

- 60-66 hours of co-coaching support at practices and games for 10-11 weeks. This professional will be;
  - Fingerprinted and cleared by the DOE
  - Knowledgeable in the sport and experienced as a youth worker
  - Trained and supervised by Asphalt Green staff
- Please Note: Your team's primary coach must still be a school staff member. The primary coach must still be present at all practices and games. The co-coach will not be available to chaperone players to and from games.

## Players

1. To participate, all players must:
  - a. Be actively enrolled students at the participating school
  - b. Be in grades 5, 6, 7, or 8
  - c. Be between the ages of 10 and 14.
    - i. Up to two (2) 15 yr. old players may be admitted to each team upon receiving special permission from Asphalt Green.
  - d. Complete and have a parent sign an **Asphalt Green Player Registration Form**
  - e. Complete and agree to abide by the rules of the **Asphalt Green Player Agreements**.
2. Asphalt Green must have a copy of the completed *Player Registration Form* for each player on the roster. **Students may not participate in clinic sessions or games without submitting a completed *Player Registration Form*.**



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- a. Rosters must be finalized by the end of the **third game** of the season. Asphalt Green will not accept additional registration forms after this **third game**.
  - b. Players must attend a minimum of 1 regular season game to be eligible for postseason play.
  - c. Teams may only have the following number of players on their rosters: Flag Football – 16, Basketball – 12, Soccer – 14.
- 3. All players must hand in a weekly progress report in order to be allowed to play.**
4. Girls may play on flag football, boys’ basketball teams, and boys’ soccer teams; however there is no required number of girls for each team. Boys may not play on girls teams.

## **Sportsmanship Points**

1. Following each game Asphalt Green referees will rate the sporting behavior of each team’s coaches, players, and fans. Each team will receive either a 1 or a 0 for each category. The maximum rating a team can receive is a +6 where all three of the coach/fans/players were judged to have displayed “excellent sporting behavior”. A zero rating says that coach/players/parents were acting inappropriately at the game.
2. Sportsmanship points will be tracked throughout the season and will be shared with teams each week along with the games scores. Points are up to the referees’ discretion and are non-negotiable.
- 3. Upon the regular season ending, should any record ties exist (W-L), a team’s playoff seeding will be determined by their TOTAL sportsmanship points.**
4. When awarding sportsmanship points, referees will ask themselves the following questions:
  - a) Were the team players respectful of the referee and did they display positive sporting behavior towards the opposing team? Did players refrain from using negative gestures, inappropriate language and display poor attitudes beyond the natural emotion of the game? Did players neglect to shake hands with opposing team?
  - b) Did the coach display positive reinforcement to his/her team? Did coach use Teachable Moments in a constructive way? Did coach remain professional and respectful in speaking with referees and other coaches?
  - c) Were the parents/fans respectful of the referee and did they display good sporting behavior towards the opposition? Did parents/fans remain supportive and refrain from negative gestures, inappropriate language and poor attitudes.
    - i. Asphalt Green encourages parents and fans to be supportive of players. We encourage parent and fan participation and will work with each school to increase this. If parents or fans should engage other players or Asphalt



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Green staff in an aggressive or negative manner, it is the coach's responsibility to intervene. Asphalt Green referees reserve the right to stop play and issue penalties at their discretion. Parents and fans **MUST** stand on the far end of the field (track and bleachers).

## **Student-Athlete Progress Reports**

1. In an effort to impress the importance of strong academics as well as athletic participation on our players, Asphalt Green requires players submit the weekly progress reports to their coaches who will then decide if they have earned the right to play based on their teacher's comments. **All players must submit their Student-Athlete Progress each week to earn the right to play.** Asphalt Green will collect these forms but coaches will have the sole decision on which players play or do not play based on them.

## **Game Regulations**

1. The minimum number of players required to be present for each game are: Flag Football - 6, Basketball - 5, Soccer – 7/8.
  - a. If less players are present, the opposing team's coach may choose to accept a win by forfeit or to play the game either with a player advantage or at even numbers.
  - b. If a team is more than 10 minutes late for a game, it may result in a forfeit at Asphalt Green's discretion.**
2. Coaches must inform Asphalt Green if their team will not be present for a game within 2 days of the scheduled game in order to retain their sportsmanship points.
3. Teams who forfeit two (2) or more games a season may not be allowed to participate in the same season the following year at Asphalt Green's discretion.

## **Program Evaluation**

1. Throughout the year, Asphalt Green may collect information from coaches, players, parents, and schools to aid in our fundraising efforts to support the league. Schools are expected to assist in these efforts.