



Parkland Community Basketball League / Pride Program

The Parkland Pride Program is a division of Parkland Community Basketball League. Our mission is to maximize development on all levels, allowing young athletes to not only develop as players, but as great people in our community.

The Pride Program was put in place to provide a more competitive atmosphere for those excelling in the game, while allowing our recreational players to further develop and achieve success on a more even playing field.

Parkland Community League and its Board of Directors are committed to fostering a sport and work environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. With the objective of working towards these goals, PCBL has developed and adopted policies and guidelines which apply to the Pride programs working and sport environment for volunteers and participants for this PCBL sanctioned program.

PCBL / Pride Program Policies and Procedures

PCBL policies and guidelines were developed to address the right of every person to participate in any PCBL program, promoting equal opportunities and prohibiting discriminatory practices.

Sec 1.)

Parkland Pride is PCBL

The Parkland Pride Program falls under the governing body of the PCBL its rules, regulations, and policies. This includes and is not excluded to:

- Insurances
- Finances
- Code of Conduct & Bylaws

Sec 2.)

Pride / league Play

The Pride Program will participate in the following league events:

- EYBA fall league
- EYBA spring program
- Jasper Place Spring League

*Parkland Pride is not limited to these programs; each team will be evaluated on a per team basis and placed in an appropriate league that best promotes development and the goals of the PCBL. **Participation in any league must first be approved by the PCBL.***

Sec 2-1)

Playing Time

All players will be given equal opportunity to play. As a Pride athlete you will be given at minimal one shift per quarter. Any additional playing time after that will need to be earned by you, using the same hard work and dedication you have shown to get you here. Additional time will be allocated at the coach's discretion. Payment of fees does not guarantee playing time.

Sec 3.)

Coaching Selection

All Pride coaches are volunteers and will be required to submit a criminal record check. PCBL will be scheduling Basketball Alberta's "Fundamentals" clinic for all coaches

Coaching placement and selection is subject to approval by PCBL Director(s)

Sec 4.)

Player Placement

All players registered in the PCBL Bantam, Midget or Juvenile division are eligible to be evaluated on an individual basis for a Pride team, no outside groups or programs may enter as a team. This policy applies to both Fall & Spring programs. Players are to be evaluated in their age appropriate category. A player displaying skill and attributes best suited for a higher level may move up a level in accordance with the EYBA / PCBL rules and evaluation criteria.

Sec 4-1.)

A player **may not move down** from his / her appropriate age division. A younger player will only be permitted to move up a level if it does not hinder the ability to have a team in his / her appropriate age division. I.e. if the move will create a shortage of players in the appropriate division. Birth year does not guarantee a position on an age appropriate team. Pride teams are competitive, and are evaluated as such.

Sec 4-2.)

Players are to be evaluated by PCBL approved coaches and or evaluators. Selection will be made based upon a variety of PCBL / Pride mandated criteria that include and are not exclusive to: skill, attitude, potential, character, and a willingness to learn.

PCBL has a goal of **100% participation**; therefore any player not assigned to a Pride team will be placed on a PCBL house league team.

Sec 5.)

Pride Spring Teams

No player from a fall team is guaranteed a position on a spring team. Spring teams will conduct an evaluation process in conjunction with the rules and regulations previously stated. All PCBL players are eligible to be evaluated whether or not they previously played on a Pride team.

Spring teams will be subject to coach and player availability

Sec 6.)

Player Movement

In the event of injury, or player shortage during the regular season, players of a lower tier are permitted to move up as per EYBA rule E-31:

E-31: Players may be moved up from one category to another (Example-Mini to Bantam) or within the same Category from a lower tier to a higher (Example– E to a C team but not from higher to lower). The move-up must be only to fill a team roster to a maximum of ten (10) players and must be clearly noted on the game sheet “MU” (See rule C-3). A player may only be moved up 3 times. [The intent of the rule is to avoid the last minute forfeit of games due to lack of players.] Teams can move up players from within their zone (Northwest, Southeast, Northeast or Southwest). For example Northwest can pick up players from Northwest but they cannot pick up players from Southwest. **Teams may not move up players for the EYBA Playoffs.**

This also means a PCBL house league player may be called up to aid a shortened Pride roster

Sec 7.)

Zone Rules/ Players

PCBL players playing in the Pride Program must reside in Parkland County.

Pride players must adhere to zoning rules outlined by the EYBA:

E-30: Each Zone Program is responsible for ensuring that all players on a team meet all eligibility criteria including: they are of the correct age permitted, live within the boundaries of that zone or a eligible imports who are properly released, are community league members and do not play on the Senior High School team. The coach or manager shall complete the necessary player registration form and import forms and submit same to the EYBA registrar.

Sec 7-1.)

Exception to rule E-30: Juvenile players are permitted to play in the EYBA or PCBL as both provide a shortened season that does not conflict with the Senior High School Calendar.

Sec 7-2.)

Releasing Players: Players wishing to be released from his / her zone may be granted a release if:

- An 'A' division team has **not** been established for his / her age appropriate division and he / she has been selected for an out of Zone "A" team
- It does not create a shortage of players for his / her age appropriate division

Note: A player who has not been selected by an out of Zone "A" team can only be released if an age appropriate team of any level has not been formed. This means this player would be eligible to play for a Pride "B" team if one has been formed, or be transferred to our PCBL house league if the player was not selected for any pride team. All applications would be reviewed on an individual basis.

Sec 7-3.)

Accepting Out of Zone Players: Players wishing to join PCBL from out of zone will be accepted if:

- There is no age appropriate division in their respective zone
- They have been properly released from their respective zone / reason for leaving their appropriate zone will be reviewed by the PCBL prior to acceptance

*****All release and import requests will be reviewed by a minimum of three PCBL directors prior to a final decision*****

Sec 8)

Discipline and Behavior

Parkland Pride Players, Parents, Coaches and volunteers are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with all rules, bylaws, contracts and codes set out by the PCBL and or any league or tournament the program participates in. This includes expected and acceptable behavioral guidelines detailed in the Player Parent Contracts.

Sec 8-1)

Removal from the Pride / PCBL Program:

Any Player, Parent, Coach or volunteer found conducting themselves in a manner non-befitting a PCBL member, may be removed from the program upon review of an appointed discipline committee or by the board of directors without further notice.

Sec 8-2)

Parkland Pride Discipline Policy

All members of PCBL sanctioned programs are to be held accountable for their actions. No one member is above reproach. If a formal complaint has been filed with the PCBL a committee of no more than 3 unbiased coaches, directors or current volunteers will be formed and the PCBL discipline policy will be followed.

For example if a complaint has been filed against a coach, parent, or volunteer playing in the Pride program, our Commissioner would form a committee comprised of Community League coaches or volunteers to investigate the allegations or concerns. Once the committee has completed a thorough review they will then make their recommendations for an appropriate course of action. The course of action will be made within our rules, guidelines and bylaws.

A formal complaint may be filed @ discipline@parklandbasketball.ca

If you have questions regarding the Pride Basketball Program Policy, please feel free to contact us @ info@parklandbasketball.ca