

2011-2012
PARENTS MANUAL



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**IRMO CHAPIN RECREATION COMMISSION
YOUTH ATHLETICS**

GENERAL INFORMATION

The following has been prepared to acquaint you with some of the general information regarding the ICRC youth athletics program. Please keep this information so that you may refer to it as needed.

1. We feel that we have good coaches in our youth programs. However, if at any time you have a problem with a coach, instead of being critical, please bring these concerns to the Athletic Staff's attention or call us at **Seven Oaks Park (772-3336)** or at **Crooked Creek Park (345-6181)**.
2. Fees for participation in our youth athletic programs:
\$55/ICRC District Resident, \$68/Other
3. After registration fees have been paid and a child has received uniforms and/or begun games with his/her team, there will be no refunds given. All refunds are subject to a \$5.00 processing fee.

4. For age groupings, player league age eligibility is as follows:

Fall Sports

Aging Date

September 1, 2011

4-5 Kickers Soccer

6-7 Bantam Soccer

8-9 Freshman Soccer

10-11 Sophomore Soccer

12-14 Junior Soccer

15-18 Senior Soccer

6-13 Cheerleading

7-10 Flag Football

9-10 Football

11-12 Football

13-14 Football

9-12 Boys Lacrosse

9-12 Girls Lacrosse

13-15 Boys Lacrosse

13-15 Girls Lacrosse

Aging Date

May 1, 2012

11-13 Girls Softball

Winter Sports

Aging Date

March 1, 2012

5-6 Coed Basketball

7-8 Coed Basketball

9-10 Boys Basketball

9-11 Girls Basketball 11-

12 Boys Basketball 12-14

Girls Basketball

13-14 Boys Basketball

15-18 Boys Basketball

7-14 Wrestling

4-14 Indoor Soccer

Spring Sports

Aging Date

May 1, 2012

4-5 Kickers Soccer

6-7 Bantam Soccer

8-9 Freshman Soccer

10-11 Sophomore Soccer

12-14 Junior Soccer

15-18 Senior Soccer

4 yr old TBall

5-6 Coaches Pitch

7-8 Machine Pitch

9-10 Dixie Youth Minor 11-

12 Dixie Youth OZone

13-14 Dixie Boys

15-18 Dixie Majors

9-10 Girls Softball

11-13 Girls Softball

14-18 Girls Softball

9-14 Track

5. **Participant equipment requirements:**

Soccer – Shin guards and cleats required.

Cheerleading – Skirt and Bloomers required.

Flag Football – Mouthpiece required.

Football – Mouthpiece, Helmet, Shoulder pads, and pants with pads required.

Boys Lacrosse – Helmet, shoulder pads, glove, and stick required.

Girls Lacrosse – Goggles and stick required.

Basketball – Gym shoes required.

Wrestling – Wrestling or tennis shoes required.

Softball – Helmet with facemask and glove required.

Baseball – All ages glove required. Ages 7-14 Helmet with Face mask required. Ages 15-18 Helmet required. Protective cup is required for all catchers.

Track – Running shoes required.

6. **Uniforms provided by ICRC**

Soccer: all participants will receive socks, shorts, and jersey

Lacrosse: all participants will receive a jersey and socks

Flag Football: all participants will receive a jersey and socks

Football: all participants will receive a jersey and socks

Cheerleading: all participants will receive top and pompoms

Basketball: all participants will receive a t-shirt

Wrestling: all participants will receive a t-shirt

Baseball: all participants will receive socks, hat, and jersey

Softball: all participants will receive socks, visor, and jersey

Track: all participants will receive shorts and shirt

7. Each player is expected to be at all practices and games scheduled by ICRC Athletic Staff. If a player cannot attend, it is his/her duty to contact the coach right away. Missing practice may result in disciplinary action, **including loss of playing time.** Parents are responsible for keeping their coach informed. **Players should immediately notify their coach of an injury sustained in a practice or game.**

8. **PLAYER DRAFT –**

Soccer:

Participant's 10-up will be evaluated and drafted on to teams by the coaches. All 9-under participants will be put on teams with regards to gender and age.

Fall Softball:

Participants will be evaluated and drafted onto teams.

Flag Football:

Returning participants will return to their team. New participants will be placed on teams with regards to gender and age.

Tackle Football:

Returning players will return to their team. New participants and players who are moving up will be evaluated and drafted onto teams by the coaches.

Cheerleading:

Participants will be placed onto squads by the Athletic Staff.

Indoor Soccer:

Participants will be grouped together within their age group. There is no evaluation process.

Basketball:

Returning participants will return to their team. New participants and players who are moving up will be evaluated and drafted onto teams for leagues 9-up. All 8-under participants will be placed onto teams with regards to gender and age.

Baseball and Softball :

All participants will return to their spring team if they are returning to the same age group. Any participants new to the league or moving up an age group (T-ball, Coaches Pitch, Machine Pitch only) will be put onto team with regards to age and gender. Participants 9-up will be evaluated and drafted onto teams by the coaches.

Track:

All participants will be a part of one squad.

*** Once a player has been placed on a team, he or she will remain on that team during the age eligibility for that league. If a parent or player has problems with a coach; a complaint has to be filed with the Athletic Department at least 48 hours prior to draft day. If the coach that receives the complaint is not returning to the team, then the request to reenter the draft will be denied. Complaints will be reviewed by the Athletic Staff and if the complaints are valid then the player will be placed back in the draft. If a complaint has not been filed with the Athletic Staff, the player will not be allowed to reenter the draft and will not be placed on a different team. No player will be allowed to change teams during the season. Players missing the prior season or quitting during the prior season will return to the same team unless otherwise requested by the coach or parent

9. We discourage parents from continually moving their child up age groups but if they are within one year of an age group, you may request that your child be moved up. However, this must be made clear to the Athletic Department 24 hours PRIOR to all evaluations. NO EXCEPTIONS. Also, participants will not ever be allowed to play down.

10. Names of players not attending evaluations will be placed in a hat and drawn out until all names have been placed on a team. The same procedure will be followed for anyone registering off the waiting list.
11. After the draft, if your child has not heard from a coach within a 48-hour period, you may call the Athletic Departments (Seven Oaks Park 772-3336 or Crooked Creek Park 345-6181) to find out what team your child is on for the season.

12. COACH SELECTION –

ICRC makes every effort to make the best decision each season in its coach selection process. Listed below are the criteria used in coach selection.

- During registration staff asks all volunteers to indicate a willingness to serve as coach or assistant coach on their child's registration form and fill out a volunteer application.
- Coaches that do not have children in the league are asked to come in and fill out a volunteer application.
- All coaches are asked to attend a scheduled coaches meeting for each sport.
- All coaches must pass ICRC's background screening procedure.
- Returning coaches get first priority as long as they have followed all of our guidelines, rules, and conducted themselves in the manner that represents ICRC well. If there is not a returning coach to the team, potential coaches are evaluated by the following criteria:
 - a. Prior positive coaching experience with ICRC.
 - b. Staff assessment of skill knowledge, temperament to work with children and parents, attitude, dependability, and availability.

13. PLAYING REQUIREMENTS –

Games will be played at the park at which you register unless we have to combine the CCP and SOP leagues together. Then games would be played in Irmo and/or Chapin.

Softball: All participants present and eligible to play shall be in the batting order and also play a minimum of 3 complete innings on defense.

Soccer: All participants present and eligible to play shall substitute halfway through the first and second halves so that all children play equal amounts.

Lacrosse: All participants present and eligible to play shall substitute halfway through the first and second halves so that all children play equal amounts.

Flag Football: All participants present and eligible to participate shall play half the game.

Football: All players must be weighed by the Front Desk Staff prior to the end of registration. For 9-10 Football, players weighing under 121 pounds will be eligible to play any offensive or defensive position. Players above 121 pounds will be required to play on the offensive or defensive line. For 11-12 Football, players weighing under 151 pounds will be eligible to play any offensive or defensive position. Players above 151 pounds will be required to play on the offensive or defensive line. Players may reweigh until the last day of registration. After registration is over the child will play according to his/her recorded weight. Please have the Front Desk Staff weigh your child with their shoes off. All participants present and eligible to participate shall play at least 10 plays per game, not including special teams.

Basketball: All participants present and eligible to play:

5 – 6; 7 – 8 co-ed: Every player present and otherwise eligible must play a minimum of ½ of each game.

9 and up: The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarters will be split into two 4 minute periods. Every player presents and otherwise eligible must play a minimum of 4 minutes in each of the first 3 quarters. The 4th quarter will be free substitution.

Baseball: All participants present and eligible to play:

4 T-ball: shall be in the batting order and play in the field on defense.

5-6 Coach Pitch: shall be in the batting order and play in the field on defense.

7 – 19 Baseball: shall be in the batting order and play minimum of 3 complete innings on defense

14. **PLAYER DISCIPLINARY ACTION:** The **ONLY** reason a player may be “benched” and not meet all playing requirements is if the coach has very valid reasons (such as the player not coming to practices, terrible sportsmanship displayed, etc.) **AND** it has been cleared through the Athletic Department 24 hours prior to a game. If your child is not getting their fair share of playing time, with regards to minimum playing requirements, please notify the Athletic Department immediately.

15. Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission policy states there will be **ABSOLUTELY NO** alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products on any ICRC or School District 5 properties any time.

16. **Photography** – Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission contracts with an outside company to take team and individual pictures of all participants. This is a service that we accommodate. **ICRC will not be held responsible for these services.** We ask that all parents, coaches, and participants cooperate fully with photographers since many teams are backed by community sponsors who would love to have a team picture to hang in their business.
17. **Any spectator, coach, parent, or participant who abuses park staff, gym/field supervisors, officials, scorekeepers, clock keepers, or other participants, coaches, or spectators shall be asked to leave the facility immediately. Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission will not tolerate this at any age level or at any facility that is being used by Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission. Failure to leave the facility immediately when asked to do so may result in your being banned from all Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission facilities for the remainder of the season.**
18. **Awards/Trophies** – It is the philosophy of Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission to not provide any type of trophy to the participants in our youth programs.
19. **Pets are prohibited in the spectator area during games and practices. Lexington County Leash laws are enforced.**