

# Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago-Western Region Family Basketball Tournament

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## 2018 Tournament Rules

1. **Name and Goals:** The name of this tournament will be “Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago-Western Region Family Basketball Tournament”. Its goal is to bring together the parishes of the Western Region in order to build up the church of Christ, by confirming our unity and common faith. This will be accomplished through worship, workshops, fellowship, and games.

2. **Participating Parishes:** Because of the somewhat isolated nature of the Western Region parishes, outside the center of our Chicago Metropolis, we encourage all Metropolis parishes of Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and the Quad cities to participate. Other parishes within the Metropolis may participate only with the approval of the Metropolitan, the Youth and Young Adult Ministries Director and the Tournament Committee (The Tournament Committee should consist of a Tournament Director, Spiritual Advisor, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Chair of the Host Parish). If a parish outside of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago is accepted to participate in the tournament, they must notify their Metropolis via the Youth and Young Adult Ministries Director or Metropolitan directly. We encourage parishes not having enough players to field a team in a certain division to combine teams with another parish. This must be done with the approval of the Tournament Committee at the Official Tournament meeting (annually held in January of the upcoming tournament year). **Each parish must provide chaperones at a ratio of one to every four under 18 year olds.**

### 3. **Administration:**

**Tournament Committee:** a tournament committee will be elected for the smooth running of this tournament. It will consist of a Tournament Director, Metropolis Youth Director, Spiritual Advisor, Secretary, Treasurer, Webmaster, and Chair of the Host Parish. These six will be elected each year by the Tournament Coaches Meeting scheduled before the Tournament. Any expenses incurred by Committee members for the running of the tournament will be reimbursed to them from the tournament account.

**Tournament Meeting:** A tournament meeting will consist of all Priests, Youth Advisors, and coaches of participating parishes. Each parish gets one vote. A quorum will be five parishes. Approval of the Tournament Meeting means a majority present has votes for a certain item. About one month before the tournament, a Tournament Meeting, so called “Coaches Meeting” will be called for the purpose of collecting team registrations, bracketing, reviewing past and future tournaments, and elections. Also, Tournament Meetings will be held the weekend of the Tournament to address issues during the tournament. The Tournament Director will call these meetings together. The Metropolis must approve Meeting decisions.

1. Players
  - a. All players must be Baptized or Chrismated Orthodox Communicants
  - b. If over 18, they must be members in good standing of the parish for which they play. Players formerly affiliated with a parish may play if they provide a membership letter from their current parish.
  - c. All GOYAN players must be at least 12 years old, with no age limit for the YAL Divisions. All JOY coached participants must be age 7 not to exceed 12 years old. **No double rostering between JOY and GOYA.**
  - d. The Parish Priest must sign the Team Registration form indicating that all listed players meet these guidelines.
  - e. **All Players and Coaches** must register for the Complete Weekend Events (Friday buffet, Sat. Banquet, and Sunday bag lunch) Package.
  - f. All, players, or their parents/guardians (if under 18) must sign a waiver from releasing the Metropolis, Tournament Committee and Meeting, and Local Host Parish or Parishioners from any liabilities.
  - g. All players must behave in an Orthodox Christian manner during the entire weekend. No smoking will be allowed at any functions. Drunkenness, swearing, or fighting will not be permitted.

- h. All players are expected to be present at all the official functions of the Tournament especially during the Sunday Divine Liturgy. Players and/or whole Teams that do not attend Divine Liturgy will be placed on 1 year probation by the Metropolitan and The Tournament Committee. Teams that are expected to play in the Championship Games will forfeit their game if they do not attend Divine Liturgy at the Tournament.
- i. All participants that attend the tournament whether or not they are playing on a team and are under the age of 18 must room with a chaperone. **Ratio of chaperone to minors is 4:1.**

#### **4. Basketball Tournament Rules**

- a. **Team Registration is \$300 for Men’s, Women’s, and GOYA Divisions. \$100 for Co-ed JOY Division** and must be received no later than January 1<sup>st</sup> of the Tournament Year (will change to December 15th). If late teams are allowed to play, the registration goes up to \$350 (or \$150 for JOY only). If a team needs to withdraw and it is within 14 days from the tournament, the team registration fee will be non-refundable due to the financial impact it will have on the host parish in regards to dinner/dance packages lost.
- b. **There will be FIVE Divisions:** Men’s (H.S. grads and up, Boys, (12 years-H.S seniors not to exceed 19 years old), Women’s (HS grads and up), and Girls (12 years-H.S seniors, not to exceed age 19). Boys and Girls may play “up” if there is no Boy or Girl’s team in a parish. Women and Girls may play on Men or Boy’s team and vice versa if there are not a Women or Girls’ team in a Parish. CO-ED JOY (boys and girls ages 7-12). **Players cannot play on both an “A” or “B” team for the same parish or play on two different divisions over the course of the weekend. Teams can and will be disqualified for double rostering over the course of the tournament.**
- c. **Each team will be assured of two games (not necessarily two losses).** A bye team may only play one game and a team can choose to reject that bye. As many teams as possible should be seated dependent on the results of the past year (at least 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placements prioritized).
- d. **GOYA AND YAL Game Rules:** All games should start with the Lord’s Prayer. They will be officiated by sanctioned High School Referees according to the High School state rules with these exceptions:
  - 1. 6 fouls per player per game.
  - 2. No dunking.
  - 3. Two 20 minute halves, stopped clock last two minutes of each half.
  - 4. Four time outs per game.
  - 5. **GOYA & JOY Divisions only:** A “no-press” rule will be in effect when a winning team is ahead by 20 points or more. Failure to adhere to this will result in one warning from the referee and then a team technical will be called on the second offense during a game.

#### **5. JOY DIVISION RULES**

- a) **JOY Ages:** Boys and Girls must be at least 7 years old and no older than 12 before **December 31st, 2017**. NOTE: \*\*A participant may move up an age division but not down. A participant may not play in both the JOY Division and GOYA OR YAL Division Basketball for the duration of the tournament weekend.
- b) **VERY IMPORTANT** - Each roster must be signed by **the PARISH PRIEST, AND TEAM COACH** to verify proper player eligibility. **Rosters without signatures and dates of birth will NOT be accepted.**
- c) **Maximum** number of players on the roster is **14** with at least two girls. **NO ALTERNATES!**
- d) At least one girl **MUST** be playing in the game at all times, unless opposing coach waives this provision.
- e) **EVERY** child on the roster and at the games must play in at least **1** game.
- f) Teams must have **NUMBERED JERSEYS.**

#### **JOY Games:**

- 1) Games will consist of two 20 minute halves with a running clock.
- 2) Flip of coin determines possession at the beginning of game and any overtime period.
- 3) Five (5) fouls and the player is out of the game.

- 4) Four (4) 30 second time outs per game.
- 5) Substitutions may be made without a time out.
- 6) Pressing is allowed only during the last two minutes of the half. Teams ahead by more than 20 points may not press.
- 7) **THREE** second lane violations results in loss of possession.
- 8) Clock stops the last 2 minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half only, as well as time outs and free throws.
- 9) Alternate possession rule will be used.
- 10) Overtime will be three minutes with clock stopping in final 2 minutes.
- 11) **FLAGRANT FOULS**, at any time, will result in 2 free throws along with possession.
- 12) **BENCH TECHNICALS** will result in 2 free throws along with possession.
- 13) Baskets will be set at 10 feet.
- 14) Basketballs will be regulation size.
- 15) High School Association rules will apply where not specifically covered above.
- 16) **FAILURE TO HAVE 5 ELIGIBLE PLAYERS** present 10 minutes after scheduled start time will result in a forfeit.

### **6. HOST PARISH Rules:**

- a. The date of the Tournament will be set in cooperation with the Metropolis Youth Office.
- b. The Host Parish will provide a letter of Insurance at the tournament (Coaches) meeting before the tournament.
- c. Care should be given to reserve a reasonably priced hotel not to exceed \$119/night when possible with reasonable food costs in accordance with the meal package pricing. **Adult movies must be blocked out of the rooms.**
- d. Care should be given to reserve safe and adequate gyms. All referees (2), scorekeepers (1), and timekeepers (1) should be professionally trained. Ice should be present at each gym. Ideally gyms should have room for spectators in the form of bleachers or folding chairs.
- e. Transportation should be provided to all games.
- f. Trophies should be provided for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and consolation teams of each division.

**g. Cost of meal packages are as follows: Adults (ages 13 and up): Early registration: \$90. Regular Price \$110. Late Fees after the cut-off for meal package registration will have an additional \$20 late fee. Children's Meal Package (ages 12 and under) pricing: No Early pricing for children's package. Regular price is \$60. Late Fee pricing for package will be \$80.**

**No "early registration" pricing for a la carte Individual (a la carte) Adult Prices are: Friday buffet/Dance: \$40, Saturday Banquet/Dance \$55, Dance only: \$10, Sunday Bag lunch \$15. Individually sold ticket prices will also have a \$20 late fee assessed after the Early Registration deadline. A la Carte Children's prices (12 and under): Friday night buffet: \$25, Saturday banquet/dance: \$30, dance only \$5. Sunday Box lunch \$15. Late fee ticket prices for individually (a la carte) sold tickets as well as Full Packages will add a \$20 late fee 14 days prior to tournament. Dance tickets do not require late fees assessed and should be available at the door where possible. \*\*\*Clergy and Presbyteras meal packages are complimentary.**

h. the Host Parish will provide transportation and rooms, etc. for 2 Metropolis Representatives such as Metropolis Youth Director and the Metropolitan or Bishop.

i. All functions at the tournament will be smoke free. **Only Beer and Wine may be served by the hotel's cash bars, no hard liquor and mixed drinks.** Beer and Wine may be served at the dinners but not during the speeches and/or spiritual programs. Meat will not be served on Friday fast days. Workshops or some form of organized spiritual program over the course of the weekend is encouraged.

**j. The host parish will receive 80% of the team registration money at the tournament. When a complete financial report and all other conditions of the Guidelines are met, the remainder will be reimbursed. Of the profits, 5% will go to the Regional Tournament account, 5% to The Philoxenia House of Rochester Minnesota, and 5% to the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago Saint Iakovos Camp and Retreat Center.**

**k. Host Parish has 90 days from the last day of their hosted tournament to “settle the books” and provide the Tournament committee a copy of their Financial Summary, which includes categories of expenses and categories of profit. Failure to abide by this rule may result in consequences imposed by the Tournament Committee (i.e., probation from further participation in tournament if funds were not allocated in a responsible and democratic manner that sets high examples of Orthodox Christian stewardship.)\*\*\***

l. Dinner/Dance Packages and Hotel room for the Tournament Director will be paid for by the host parish.

**7. Tournament Rule Violations**-Violations of any of these guidelines will be dealt with by disciplinary measures from the Tournament Committee; any of these guidelines may be changed by a majority vote (5 parishes must be represented to have a quorum than can vote on changes) at the Annual Tournament Meeting which historically takes place in January and February each year.

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