

Dear Parents,

We trust you are having a good summer, amidst the chaos of a Pandemic. We wish you all well.

Due to overwhelming community demand, the East Marietta board met to discuss continuing the "Spring League" and I'm happy to report we have received permission from Cobb Parks and Rec to use **Fullers Park for an abbreviated EMBL Summer League**. At this time, we have not **received** permission to use any of our school gyms.

We have, thus, made the decision to move forward cautiously with a modified season using **ONLY Fullers Park**.

DATES are as follows:

We will start Friday **July 10th** with practices the 1st weekend and games to follow. Please note it is highly likely we will have to modify and consolidate some of the existing teams as almost 40% of Spring players requested refunds and have opted out of the Spring/now Summer league.

As a modification from normal EMBL operations, scheduled games will be played on a "Tournament" type format. We will have several tournaments over the next month so teams should get **8** or more games.

The Season should run July 10th to August 17th. (*18U will end by Aug 10th*). We will not have practices once games start, just the games. No post-season tournament will be held.

Based on pre-determined interest, these are team allocations by division:

10U 8 teams

12U 10 teams

14U 9 (or 10) teams

18U 8 teams

Rest assured there will be protocols in place to help with everyone's safety. Each parent will have to sign a waiver before their child can play.

Here's what to expect upon arriving for practices and games. (Please know that adaptations to any of the information below may be made at any time, as needed, to comply with Governor's orders).

- 1) *Players, Coaches & Spectators will have their temperature checked upon entering the facility. If their temperature is above 100.4° Fahrenheit, and/or they are exhibiting a cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, other respiratory symptoms, or at least two of the following symptoms: chills, repeated shaking with muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell they will be prevented from entering the facility. The person will receive a department information sheet on protocol for returning. Please maintain 6 feet spacing while standing in line outside the gym for your temperature check.*
- 2) *Any participants or members of the public diagnosed with COVID-19, having exhibited symptoms of COVID-19 or having had contact with a person that has or is suspected to have COVID-19 within the past 14 days will be prohibited from entering the facility.*
- 3) *Players must wear a face mask during the check-in and temperature check process. It can be removed once the player is inside the court area.*
- 4) *Coaches will direct players to their designated areas. Player's hands will be sanitized as they check-in/check-out each day.*
- 5) *One parent (or other spectator) per player may attend practices or games.*
- 6) *Spectators MUST wear a face mask while inside the gym building!*
- 7) *If a Player, Coach or Spectator develops a fever or illness during a game or practice, they must immediately remove themselves from the gym.*

On Court Guidelines:

- 1) *No more than 25 participants in any specific area/group on the court.*
- 2) *Participants should sit on the player's bench/gym stands at least 6 feet apart.*
- 3) *Spectators MUST wear a face mask, bring their own chairs and sit or stand at least 6 feet apart!*
- 4) *All equipment must be sanitized prior to being used the next day.*
- 5) *Common surfaces will be disinfected regularly.*
- 6) *Until further notice, post-game handshakes will be suspended.*
- 7) *Communal sharing of food or water bottles, including team snacks, will be prohibited.*

8) *Participants and fans will enter the front lobby and exit the side door after each game or practice.*

9) *Game times and practices will be spaced apart and we ask teams NOT to show up while a current game or practice is in progress. Please wait outside the building until instructed to enter and maintain social distancing while waiting.*

If you do not feel safe under these conditions and protocols, you need to request to pull out. If so, we will credit you \$160 towards the Fall/Winter season. If you have any questions, please contact a league administrator or Spring commissioner.

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