

## **STRATFORD SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUE (Stratford Summer Leagues)**

Participant Waiver, League Agreement, and Rules

### **Participant Waiver and Release Form**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge that my participation in the Stratford Summer Basketball League (Stratford Summer Leagues) involves inherent risks including, but not limited to, collisions with other players, falls, physical contact, equipment-related injuries, and other injuries that may occur during athletic competition.

In consideration of being permitted to participate in the league, I voluntarily assume all risks associated with participation, including those resulting from the actions or negligence of other participants, referees, spectators, or league staff.

I hereby release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue Stratford Summer Basketball League (Stratford Summer Leagues), the league organizer Nicholas McCabe, referees, volunteers, sponsors, agents, and the Stratford Agriplex and its operators from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, or causes of action arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may occur while participating in the league.

I certify that I am physically fit to participate in basketball activities and have not been advised otherwise by a medical professional. I acknowledge that I am responsible for maintaining my own health insurance coverage.

Participants agree to follow all league rules, facility policies, and decisions made by referees and league organizers. The Stratford Summer Basketball League reserves the right to interpret and enforce all rules in the best interest of player safety, fairness, and league integrity.

The league organizer reserves the right to suspend, remove, or refuse participation to any player at any time for behavior deemed unsafe, disruptive, or detrimental to the league.

Any player involved in fighting will be immediately expelled from the league without refund and may be banned from future seasons. Repeated unsportsmanlike conduct may result in suspension or removal from the league at the discretion of the league organizer.

### **League Overview**

The Stratford Summer Basketball League is a competitive recreational co-ed league for players aged 18–25 designed to provide structured and well-officiated games in a safe and sportsmanlike environment.

Season Dates: May 20 – August 19

Length: 14 weeks

No Games: June 16

Number of Teams: 8

Playoffs will take place during the final two weeks of the season.

Games are played at the Stratford Agriplex on indoor courts.

### **Player Eligibility**

Participants must be between the ages of 18 and 25.

Male and female players are welcome.

All skill levels are welcome.

### **Team Structure**

Each team must have a minimum of 9 players and a maximum of 13 players.

Teams will be provided pinnies for games.

Teams must supply their own basketballs for warm-ups.

Each team must designate a team captain responsible for communication, scheduling, and team conduct.

### **Free Agents**

Individual players may register as free agents.

Free agents will be assigned to teams where roster spots are available.

Once a team reaches 10 players, additional free agents will not be added without team approval.

### **Game Format**

Warm-up: 5 minutes starting exactly at the scheduled hour.

First Half: 22 minutes (running time).

Halftime: 4 minutes.

Second Half: 22 minutes (running time).

The final two minutes of the second half will be stop time if the score is within six points.

Overtime: No overtime during the regular season.

Regular season games ending in a tie will remain a tie.

Playoff overtime will be three minutes.

Each game will be officiated by two referees.

Teams must have a minimum of four players present to begin a game. Teams not ready at the scheduled tip-off time will forfeit the game.

### **Rules and Gameplay**

No excessive contact is permitted.

Substitutions may occur at any time but players must substitute clearly and safely. Too many players on the court will result in a technical foul.

Teams must have a minimum of four players present to begin a game. Teams not ready at the scheduled tip-off time will forfeit the game.

Shooting fouls inside the three-point line result in one free throw worth two points.

Three-point shooting fouls result in two free throws. The first made free throw counts as two points and the second made free throw counts as one point.

Players are ejected after five personal fouls.

Teams enter the bonus after four team fouls per half.

Technical fouls result in one free throw worth one point and possession of the ball.

Delay of game will result in a technical foul.

Dunking is not permitted at any time, including warmups. Any dunk will result in a technical foul.

Only registered and paid league participants are eligible to participate in playoff games. Teams using unregistered or unpaid players will forfeit the game.

All referee decisions are final.

Each game will be officiated by two referees.

### **Playoff Format**

Week 13 – Quarterfinals

All eight teams qualify. Quarterfinals are single elimination.

Week 14 – Semifinals and Championship

Semifinals and championship games will be played on the same night.

Teams advancing to the championship game may play two games in one evening.

### **Registration and Fees**

Player Fee: \$160 + HST (\$180.80 total)

Registration operates on a first-come, first-served basis.

If a refund is requested before registration closes, the player will receive \$140 back.

No refunds will be issued once registration closes.

Sending payment to the league confirms acceptance of this waiver and all league rules.

### **Code of Conduct**

All participants must respect referees, opponents, league staff, and facility personnel.

Participants must maintain a safe and sportsmanlike environment at all times.

All Stratford Agriplex facility rules must be followed.

Failure to comply may result in suspension or removal from the league without refund.

### **Participant Agreement**

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

