

# **Orange County Parks and Recreation**

## **Jr. Magic Goals and Philosophy**

The Orange County Parks and Recreation Division's Jr. Magic Program provides experiences to help children acquire confidence, self-esteem and self-discipline in a fun and structured environment. Through our recreation program, we hope that players will develop qualities of sportsmanship, leadership, pride and respect. We want to provide an atmosphere where children can have enjoyment while they participate rather than be filled with tension in a competitive setting.

Play in our program should allow for fun, for players to be with their friends, allow them to make new friends, help them improve and learn and to make them feel good while participating. We want to make this truly a "Game for the Kids".

We will ensure that all children in our program are having fun and getting the opportunity to play which should take precedence over a coaches or parents desire to win. We want everyone to be involved and made to feel like they are an important part of the team. Game and practices should be light and fun with positive reinforcement.

## **Jr. Magic Coaches**

Coaches are always to do what is best for players and provide a safe and fun environment for age and skill appropriate activity. This will include maintaining a positive outlook and attitude, ensuring that the equipment and facility are safe, keep personal egos out of the game, always seek what is best for each player/team and motivating players to continue to have fun as they improve and enjoyment the game. Coaches do not focus solely on winning, but instead on the betterment of players.

Coaches will be responsible for team management during the course of the season. They will make sure that their own conduct and that of their team coincides with the idea of a fun recreational experience. Below are areas of importance during the course of the season.

## **Expectations**

1. Attend scheduled coaches' meetings.
2. Read program rules and regulations.
3. Learn the participants on your roster. Introduce yourself to them and their parents.
4. Communication with players, parents and parks staff is mandatory. Notify them of game and practice days and times via phone calls, text messages and emails on a weekly basis.
5. Make arrangements in advance if you are unavailable for a practice or game.
6. Provide a safe and fun environment for the children.
7. Put the wellbeing of players ahead of your desire to win.

## **Responsibilities**

1. Commit to Orange County Parks and Recreation's recreational sports philosophy.
2. Organize practice and set up drills that engage all players on a weekly basis.
3. Manage the team including substitutions and playing time during games.
4. Guide players through league rules.
5. Control issues as they arise and making sure park staff are aware at all times.
6. Be the liaison between the park staff and team parent/ guardians for questions.
7. Come to park staff for team and league concerns.
8. Be patient, organized and dependable.
9. Teach registered participants the FUNdamentals of the sport in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere.

## **OCPR provides to Coaches**

1. Skills and Drills Information Packets.
2. Volunteer Shirt and Whistle.
3. \$25 voucher to use towards their child's enrollment or gym membership.
4. Equipment to be used during practices i.e. balls, cones, goals, court space.
5. Player/Parent Communication Information.
6. Orlando Magic Coaches Clinic Opportunities.