

II. GENERAL LEAGUE PROCEDURES

a. Season Information:

- Basketball runs December through February (regular season), with tournament play in March.
- Pee Wee Basketball is conducted in June/July
- Pee Wee Soccer is conducted in October/November
- Volleyball is conducted in October/November
- Football is conducted in October/November
- The season lengths depend on the number of teams, but generally are 6 to 10 weeks long, (Pee Wee Basketball is the only exception). There are a maximum number of teams that each league can sustain due to facility and time constraints.
- The City of Needles youth sports leagues are divided by age and/or grade. The year of birth will determine eligibility. Divisions A, B and C are SCMAF guidelines. Combined Divisions and Pee Wee Divisions are modified to accommodate CITY OF NEEDLES league guidelines.
 - **Division A** (7th & 8th & 6th grade in middle school sports) – **Born in 2010 or 2011**
Players who are born in 2010 or 2011 and players born in 2009 and in a grade no higher than 8th are eligible.
 - **Division B** (5th & 6th grades) – **Born in 2012 or 2013**
Players who are born in 2012 or 2013 and players born in 2011 and in a grade no higher than 6th are eligible.
 - **Division C** (3rd & 4th grades) – **Born in 2014 or 2015**
Players who are born in 2014 or 2015 and players born in 2013 and in a grade no higher than 4th are eligible.
 - **Combined Division** (3rd – 6th grades) – **Born in 2011 – 2015** (Volleyball only)
Players who are born in 2012, 2013, 2014 or 2015 and players born in 2011 and in a grade no higher than 6th are eligible.
 - **Pee Wee Age:** 6 – 7 year olds (Have not reached 8th birthday by July 1st)
 - **Jr. Pee Wee Age:** 3 – 5 year olds (Have not reached 6th birthday by July 1st)
- Boys and girls may play one division above their listed age division. Participants may play in only one Recreation division in a season.
- The CITY OF NEEDLES generally offers A, B and C Divisions in Basketball and C Division in Football.
- Players are not allowed to play up or down a division without approval by the CITY OF NEEDLES League Director.
- All – 6th graders that play on a school sports team will be required to play in the ‘A’ Division for League play (A Division Basketball schedule is designed to accommodate the NMS games allowing players playing in both leagues to make games in each league.) 6th graders will be moved back down to the B Division (5th & 6th) for All- Star tournament play.

- b. **Facilities** – The CITY OF NEEDLES may secure facilities for practices and games, and will provide scheduled practice times for leagues using the gym. Additional parks, schools, and recreational facilities throughout the community may be used by coaches for additional practices. *Smoking is not allowed within 20 feet of main entrances, exits and operable windows of public buildings (California Government Code 7596-7598).*