



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

CITY COUNCIL PARKS AND RECREATION

Regular Special

Meeting Date: November 17, 2025

Title: Review and approve a change to the Youth Sport Handbook

Background: The 11th Bullet was added in 2024 to the handbook. We added an additional change in January of 2025 to move the 6th graders back down to 'B' division for Tournament play only. The NUSD policy for NMS sports allows 6th graders to try out for the 'B' team along with 7th graders. 7th graders can be cut from the team over a 6th grader. Last year we had five 6th grade girls and 1 boy (all returning all-stars) that made the girls and boys NMS 'B' team and this impacted our 'B' division girls (5th & 6th grade) and we had less than 15 players. This year there are 3 girls (2 returning all-stars) and 5 boys (all returning all-stars) on the NMS 'B' team. Allowing the 6th graders to play in the division for their grade, regardless of being on a school sports team, will allow our league to be competitive again and not at a disadvantage in tournament play.

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11th bullet – 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.~~ in the B Division (5th-6th grade) for league and tournament play.

Fiscal Impact: Costs minimal. Handbooks printed in-house

Critical Timeline: Basketball skills-drills are on the 17th beginning at 7:00pm for B division.

Environmental: N/A

Recommendation: Approve recommended change to the Youth Sports Handbook and allow the change to take effect on November 17, 2025.

Submitted By: Jennifer Valenzuela, Recreation Service Manager

City Management Review: Patrick J. Martinez **Date:** 11-14-2025