



# RULES & PROCEDURES

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## SCHOOL PARTICIPATION:

For a school to participate in the Aurora City of Lights (middle School) Tournaments, one of the following must occur:

1. The school address must be an Aurora address.
2. All the students from the middle school must attend an Aurora High School.
3. The participating team must have at least 50% of the team that live in Aurora.

## AGE REQUIREMENTS & GUIDELINES:

Follow IHSA rules with local flavor.

If a player is eligible to participate as a senior in high school, then he or she will be eligible to participate as a 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader. These tournaments are for middle school students only (5<sup>th</sup> grade students are not eligible to participate). An 8<sup>th</sup> grade student shall be eligible through the age of fifteen (15) unless the student turns sixteen (16) during the sport season. A 7<sup>th</sup> grade student shall be eligible through age fourteen (14) unless the student turns fifteen (15) during the sport season. A 6<sup>th</sup> grade student shall be eligible through the age of thirteen (13) unless the student turns fourteen (14) during the season.

A player may participate in only one city tournament per season. A player cannot play in both the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade tournaments. A player cannot play in multiple tournaments (example; can't play in both cross country and volleyball). An 8<sup>th</sup> grader may not play in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade tournament.

A 7<sup>th</sup> grade player may play on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team if your school only has an 8<sup>th</sup> grade team, or if the 7<sup>th</sup> grade player is playing on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team. In this case the player gets 2 years of 8<sup>th</sup> grade tournament play. A 6<sup>th</sup> grade player may play on the 7<sup>th</sup> grade team and gets 2 years of 7<sup>th</sup> grade tournament play.

A player may participate in only one grade level tournament during their stay at school. If a 7<sup>th</sup> grader plays in the city tournament and is retained, he/she may not participate in the following year in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade tournament.

Any player ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible for the next game. However, they can attend the contest, but not in uniform. Any coach, or a fan ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall NOT attend the next game. There is zero tolerance in all City of Lights tournaments. No taunting, fighting etc. will be tolerated. We expect all players, coaches and fans to demonstrate good sportsmanship!

Entry fees will be fixed as per the city guidelines.

According to our partnership with the City of Aurora, Fox Valley Park District, School District 129, School District 131 and School District 204 will continue to follow all guidelines set forth, Simon Rodriguez and Kevin Talkington will act as liaison between the City of Aurora, the Fox Valley Park District, and the Greater Auroraland Athletic Directors Association.