



JUNIOR JAZZ

2025 Instructional Jr. Jazz (3rd – 4th Grades) Parent Packet



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Welcome to the season!

This packet will include information to help you and your child have a successful Jr. Jazz season.

The purpose of Jr. Jazz is to:

- Have fun!
- Make new friends!
- Learn the game of basketball!
- Work on those b-ball skills!
- Learn how to be a team player!
- Learn how to be coached!

As parents, we can help our child accomplish all of the above. Being positive, following the Code of Conduct and the Jazz's Good Sports program will go a long way for your child this season and for their future relationship with sports.



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Code of Conduct

Our job as parents, coaches, and Rec staff is to set an example of sportsmanship. Here are some of the big takeaways from the Code of Conduct:

- ✓ Treat all parties involved with dignity and respect.
- ✓ Use appropriate language, tones and volume when communicating.
- ✓ When in doubt, remain silent.
- ✓ Become knowledgeable, understanding and supportive of all established guidelines, rules, policies, and procedures applicable to related programming.
- ✓ Recognize/acknowledge Saratoga Springs Recreational programming as a privilege that can be rescinded for violation of this Code of Conduct Policy.

Coaches and parents are to “set the example” for good behavior, sportsmanship, and professional courtesy.

- You may disagree with an official's call, do not make your comments personal, angry, or derogatory.
- Insist that your players and fans demonstrate good sportsmanship toward opposing coaches, players, and officials.
- Insist that all of your players shake hands after the game and demonstrate grace in winning and dignity in losing.
- Do not teach, tolerate, or allow taunting of other teams, “trash talking”, or foul language at any point.



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LEAD TOGETHER

The Utah Jazz have created the Good Sports program to encourage respect, leadership, kindness, sportsmanship, and positivity. In previous years it was called Lead Together.

At each game, each coach will be given a Good Sports player card. They are to give it to someone associated with the opposing team that they felt showed one or all of these qualities. The recipient can be a player, parent, coach, or staff member.

If you or your player receives a card, RSVP to the Good Sports Utah celebration! (Details on the back of the card) and **way to go!!**



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Team Sideline

Team Sideline is a great resource and has many available tools. Your Team Site can be accessed online or through the mobile app. To access the site online go to saratogaspringsrec.com. Then log in to your account you registered with to access the Team Site. On the Team Site you can subscribe to team calendars and have the scheduled practices/games pushed right to your calendar. Another awesome feature, is inviting your friends and family to subscribe, they will receive alerts for upcoming games- no more trying to remember to send them schedules!

We highly recommend downloading the app!

The app is a quicker way to access the Team Site and schedule.



In the app you can also communicate with your team using the chat feature, view announcements sent by your coach, view the players' names on your team, and notify your coach if you will be attending practices/games.

The app is called TeamSideline.

Team Sideline will send reminders and push notifications, make sure you're subscribed to receive these alerts! 100% of program communication will come through Team Sideline.

If you'd like more instruction on Team Sideline, here are some links!

[Team Site Help Articles](#)

[How to subscribe to your Team Site's Calendar using the Team Site App:](#)

[How do I add family and friends?](#)

[What does the red flag mean next to an email address?](#)



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Jerseys

Your coach should have your child's jersey for you at your practice/game if they haven't given you yours already. The home team on the schedule will wear the white side of the jersey and the away team on the schedule will wear the purple side of the jersey.

Each coach is given a variety of sizes. They are supposed to match up the jerseys the best they can for the players on the team. If you receive a jersey that is way too big or way too small we do have extra jerseys at our office. You are welcome to come by to switch your jersey out for a different size.

We are located at 213 N 900 E. We are located behind public works. Our normal office hours are 9 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday.

Home- White

Away- Purple



Practices/Games

For these divisions practices and games will be held once a week at either Saratoga Shores, Thunder Ridge or Springside Elementary. Games will be held on Saturday while your practices will occur during the week. Practices and games are one hour in length.

You can view your practice and game schedule by using your Team Sideline app.

Alpine School District has set the following rules for our use of the schools:

- **No siblings** are allowed to attend practices. Players and parent/guardian may attend practices.
- Do not dribble any basketballs in the hallways.
- Respect any decorations or equipment the schools have.
- Please show respect to the site supervisors, custodians, and officials that will be enforcing these rules.

Please follow any other school rules. Failure to do so could lead to the schools not renting to us anymore which would make it so we can't run this program. Thank you for your cooperation!



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Game Rules

This age group is part of “Instructional Jr Jazz”. Instruction is a huge part of this division, the head coach of each team will be “officiating”, as well as instructing.

Baskets are 9' high

28.5" basketballs are used

There are no:

- Forfeits
- Free throws
- Steals
- Full court defense
- Full court pressing
- Zone defenses
- Double teaming

Blocking an airborne shot is allowed and intercepting a pass is allowed.

All fouls (shooting included) will result in an in-bounds play

Wristbands will be used to help with man-to-man defense

Four 8-minute quarters, game begins with home team in bounding at half court

- Halftime is 3 minutes
- Clock runs the entire game

More details on league rules can be found [here](#).



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“Do Over Approach”

Officials / Coaches are there to keep order to the game, as well as help the players learn the rules of the game.

This year we will be having the “Do Over Approach” for the FIRST THREE games of the season. The ball is not turned over for a violation, it is a learning opportunity where officials will remind the player of the rule and give them a chance to “Do it Over”.

At the beginning of the FOURTH game the “Do Over” approach will no longer be in effect, and the game will be called like a “normal” game.

Officials and coaches will be reminding players to:

- Dribble!
- Not reach in for the ball
- Guard their color wristband
- Avoid double teaming
- Avoid defense in the backcourt
- Avoid fouling

If you have concerns with a player, official or coach, please find the Site Supervisor.

Picture Day

We are working to find a new picture company. If we are able to offer pictures we will email out more details to our coaches and participants.



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Free Utah Jazz Ticket!

Part of the fun of the Jr. Jazz program is getting a ticket to attend a Utah Jazz game!

Each participant will receive one complimentary ticket, Coaches will receive three additional tickets as a thank you!

Voucher codes will be emailed to you once we receive them from the Jazz. You will then be able to go to <https://jazzyouth.com/junior-jazz/voucher-redemption/> to redeem your code for a free ticket.

When you redeem your code(s) you will also have the option to purchase additional tickets.

The game selected for the 3rd- 4th grade divisions details will be emailed out once we hear back for the Jazz.

Tip-Off Parties/Jazz Swag/JazzYouth.com

All participants are invited to the Jazz Tip-Off parties! You'll receive more information later in the season.

Participants will also receive a Jazz wristband, a Jazz poster, and a Jazz player card associated with their jersey number. These will be handed out to coaches who will then hand them out to the participants at one of the practices/games.

Coaches and parents also have access to the skills/drills info at jazzyouth.com. You'll also find information on camps/clinics and everything Jr. Jazz!



Exclusive Jr. Jazz Merch Store

Check out Junior Jazz Merchandise! Deck out your uniform with items like shorts, a headband, socks, arm sleeve and shooting shirt! Be sure to check out our new Junior Jazz exclusive Lifestyle designs, as well as t-shirts and sweatshirts for the whole family!

A percentage of proceeds from all Junior Jazz purchases will go back to your Junior Jazz program! Make sure to select your program to enter the Junior Jazz Merchandise page! This offer is exclusive to Junior Jazz participants and is only available online. Items will be shipped directly to you!

The Link is: <https://www.juniorjazz.teambilt.com/>



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Lastly, the Jr. Jazz program could not run without our volunteer coaches and the use of school gyms.

Please help coaches out as needed, this could be covering a practice or a game if they ask, or volunteering to coordinate treat sign up. They attend a coach's meeting, coordinate practice times, have a background check done, take a Coach Certification training, pick up jerseys... all before the season starts. It's a lot of time and dedication and they do it because they ENJOY it! ☺

When at the schools, please be respectful of the space. Siblings should not be on the school's stage or playing with any of the school's equipment. The stage is the school's #1 concern when the Rec department asks to use the gyms for Jr. Jazz. Site Supervisors will remind parents and kids to stay off of the stages.

If there is a spill or a mess made, please let the Site Supervisor know so we can get that resolved.

If there is a concern that can be resolved on site, please talk to the Site Supervisor.

If there is a concern that cannot be resolved on site, please contact the Recreation Department. Given a head's up, we can usually correct the problem before the next game. Don't wait until the end of the season to let the department know of issues that occurred.

The Recreation Department's goal is provide mentally, physically, and emotionally safe programs for our citizens. It's an added bonus when the programs create a love for the game for our participants.

Thank you, have a great season, and GO JAZZ!



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