



BREAKAWAY SPORTS

BASKETBALL LEAGUE

By - LAWS AND GUIDELINES

GREENVILLE CHURCH LEAGUE

OUR PAST, PRESENT, AND OUR FUTURE

THE BREAKAWAY SPORTS BASKETBALL LEAGUE (BSBL) ENCOURAGES EACH AND EVERY CHURCH IN OUR LEAGUE TO PLAY WITH THE EXAMPLE OF HUMILITY AND GRACE THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US IN HIS SCRIPTURES, AND THROUGH HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST. WE ALSO EXPECT OUR TEAMS TO FOLLOW, AND ABIDE BY THE BSBL BY-LAWS, WHICH ARE MOSTLY DERIVED FROM REGULATION HIGH SCHOOL RULES.

THE BSBL ENJOYS A RICH HERITAGE, HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO GROW FROM TWO FORMER BASKETBALL LEAGUES, THE GREENVILLE METHODIST LEAGUE AND THE ACAA. ORIGINALLY CREATED TO PROVIDE CHURCHES WITH AN ALTERNATE TO SCHOOL BASKETBALL PROGRAMS, THEIR VISION WAS TO PROVIDE COMPETITIVE LEAGUES THAT ALLOWED PLAYERS TO PARTICIPATE AND HAVE A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE. THE BSBL IS COMMITTED TO THIS VISION.

WHILE BASKETBALL IS THE MEDIUM WE USE, WE ENCOURAGE CHURCHES TO SET THEIR OWN EXPECTATIONS OF MINISTRY PRIORITIES SO THAT OUR LEAGUE IS NOT CAUSING COMPETITIONS THAT ARE UNHEALTHY. WE PROMOTE DISCIPLESHIP AND OUTREACH AS FOUNDATIONAL PIECES IN MAINTAINING AND CONTINUING TO GROW OUR LEAGUE IN YEARS TO COME.

IN THE COMING YEARS, WE HOPE TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MORE CHURCHES IN THE AREA, AND EXPAND OUR OFFERINGS INTO OTHER SPORTS USING THE NETWORK OF CHURCHES ALREADY ESTABLISHED.

SOME BASIC TRUTHS...FOR THE BSBL

THE ACTIONS OF YOUR COACHES, PLAYERS, AND FANS ARE A REFLECTION OF YOUR CHURCH, AND ARE THE DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY OF YOUR MINISTER, PASTOR, RABBI, OR PRIEST.

PARENT / GUARDIAN CONDUCT

THE PARENT'S ROLE IN THIS PROGRAM SHOULD BE LIMITED SO THAT THE PLAYER WILL FEEL NO EFFECTS OF PARENTAL PRESSURE. DISCOURAGE INTERFERENCE BY PARENTS OR WELL-MEANING OUTSIDERS IN A POLITE, FIRM WAY. INTERESTED, COOPERATIVE PARENTS ARE AN ASSET AND SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED.

SPECTATOR CONDUCT

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD SPECTATORS BE ALLOWED ON THE COURT, UNLESS ASKED TO COME TO THE AID OF AN INJURED PLAYER. EACH TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR SPECTATORS.

THIS LEAGUE IS DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION OF THOSE WHO ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN YOUR CHURCH OR ITS PROGRAMS, OR TO USE AS AN OUTREACH TO YOUR COMMUNITY SO THAT THEY MAY BECOME ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN YOUR CHURCH.

REMEMBER THAT THE COACH BEARS THE BURDEN OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR SPORTSMANSHIP. HIS/HER INFLUENCE UPON THE ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIOR OF THE PLAYERS AND CHURCH IS UNEQUALED.

ALL PLAYERS, COACHES, AND FANS ARE ULTIMATELY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHURCH OR ORGANIZATION THEY REPRESENT - UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

BE RESPECTFUL OF YOUR OPPONENTS, TREAT THEM AS YOUR GUESTS. ALWAYS RESPECT THE OFFICIAL'S JUDGMENT AND INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES.

WE DO NOT ALLOW THE RECRUITMENT OF NON-PARTICIPATING PLAYERS TO STRENGTHEN YOUR TEAM AND HAVE ELIGIBILITY RULES IN PLACE TO KEEP THIS FROM HAPPENING.

EACH COACH MUST ATTEND A COACHES' CLINIC SET UP BY THE BSBL OR INDIVIDUAL CHURCH. IF THE COACH CANNOT ATTEND, THEN AN ADULT REPRESENTATIVE MUST BE PRESENT. IN THE EVENT A CHURCH IS NOT REPRESENTED AT THIS MEETING, THAT CHURCH'S TEAMS MAY BE DEEMED INELIGIBLE.

PLEASE REVIEW THE ELIGIBILITY SECTION OF THE BY-LAWS CAREFULLY TO AVOID POSSIBLE SANCTIONS.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY RULES

TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BSBL, PLAYERS MUST BE MEMBERS, OR DEEMED AS OUTREACH OR WILDCARDS, OF THE SPONSORING CHURCH ASSEMBLY. WE DEFINE *OUTREACH/WILDCARDS* AS THOSE WHO ARE SEEKING A HOME CHURCH, OR ARE WITHIN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY OF THE SPONSORING CHURCH'S REACH AND HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY INVITED TO CHURCH RELATED ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF THE BSBL.

EACH TEAM CAN HAVE OUTREACH / WILDCARD PLAYERS, AS LONG AS THE NUMBER OF OUTREACH / WILDCARD PLAYERS DOES NOT EXCEED THE NUMBER OF CHURCH MEMBERS ON THE TEAM.

NO CHURCH BASKETBALL TEAM MEMBER MAY PLAY ON AN ORGANIZED SCHOOL TEAM, EITHER AS A PLAYER OR AN ALTERNATE. SCHOOL COMPETITION IS DEFINED AS ORGANIZED TEAMS THAT HAVE TRY-OUTS, REGULARLY SCHEDULED PRACTICES, AND WHO PLAY OTHER SCHOOL TEAMS. THIS INCLUDES PUBLIC / PRIVATE SYSTEMS, AND ALL LEVELS: VARSITY, JUNIOR VARSITY, OR C-TEAM/MIDDLE SCHOOL. THE LEAGUE WAS, IN PART, DESIGNED FOR PLAYERS WHO DO NOT QUALIFY TO PLAY SCHOOL BALL. ALLOWING PARTICIPANTS TO PLAY IN BOTH TAKES AWAY FROM THIS PLANNED COMPETITIVE OPTION.

THE BSBL HAS SET A CUT-OFF DATE OF THE LAST WEDNESDAY IN NOVEMBER FOR THOSE SCHOOL PLAYERS WHO CHANGE THEIR MINDS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON, AND DECIDE INSTEAD TO PLAY FOR THE BSBL. PLAYERS HAVE UNTIL THAT DATE TO NOTIFY THEIR LEAGUE. THEY SHOULD CONTACT THEIR CHURCH DIRECTOR, WHO WILL NOTIFY THE LEAGUE DIRECTOR. ANY TEAM CAUGHT PLAYING AN ILLEGAL PLAYER SHALL AUTOMATICALLY FORFEIT ALL GAMES PLAYED AND FACE POSSIBLE SANCTIONS.

PLAYERS MAY, HOWEVER, PARTICIPATE IN OTHER “RECREATIONAL” BASKETBALL LEAGUES. WE DO REQUEST THAT IF A TEAM HAS SEVERAL HIGHLY SKILLED OR AAU QUALIFIED PLAYERS, THAT THEY PLAY UP TO AN APPROPRIATELY SKILLED LEVEL. THE BSBL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REVIEW AND PLACE TEAMS/MEMBERS BASED ON GAME PERFORMANCE AND COMPETITIVE LEVEL TO ENSURE A BALANCED PLAYING FIELD FOR ALL COMPETITORS.

ROSTER SIZE IS LIMITED TO 10 PLAYERS. ROSTERS AND ENTRY FEES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE BSBL BY THE DATE DISCUSSED AT OUR ANNUAL MEETINGS.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY APPEAL PROCEDURES

SUSPICIONS OF ILLEGAL PLAYERS NEED TO BE REPORTED RIGHT AWAY.

BEFORE THE GAME BEGINS, ASK THE GYM COORDINATOR TO MEDIATE A DISCUSSION OF THE SITUATION BETWEEN BOTH COACHES IN A NEUTRAL AREA. THE COMPLAINT WILL BE HEARD BY THE GYM COORDINATOR AND SHOULD BE RESOLVED THERE. IF THE ISSUE CANNOT BE RESOLVED PRIOR TO GAME TIME BY THE GYM COORDINATOR, PLEASE FILL OUT AND SUBMIT TO YOUR CHURCH DIRECTOR A GRIEVANCE FORM, NOTING THE DATE, TIME, GYM, PLAYER/COACH/OFFICIALS NAMES, JERSEY NUMBERS, AND A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INCIDENT IN QUESTION. YOUR CHURCH DIRECTOR WILL THEN CONTACT THE BSBL DIRECTOR WITHIN 48 HOURS. A FEE OF \$25.00 WILL BE REQUIRED, AND WILL NEED TO BE SENT WITH THE FORM TO THE BSBL. IF THE COMPLAINT IS HELD UP, THE FEE WILL BE RETURNED, BUT WILL BE KEPT BY THE BSBL IF THE COMPLAINT IS NOT HELD UP.

IF, THROUGH A COMPREHENSIVE INVESTIGATION, IT IS FOUND THAT ELIGIBILITY RULES HAVE BEEN BROKEN, THE PLAYER AND COACH WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON/TOURNAMENT, AND ALL THEIR GAMES WILL BE FORFEITED. THE COACH WILL ALSO LOSE HIS PRIVILEGES TO COACH IN THE FOLLOWING SEASON.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE ABOVE PROCEDURES FOR COMPLAINTS AGAINST OFFICIALS AS WELL.

IF YOU HAVE PLAYERS WHO PLAY IN OTHER LEAGUES, PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO GATHER THE PROPER INFORMATION AND SHARE IT UPFRONT WITH COMPETING COACHES.

ALL OTHER QUESTIONS REGARDING ELIGIBILITY AND GAME RULES SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE UPDATED SCORER’S TABLE SHEET OR BY-LAWS BOOKLET. ALL GYMS MUST BE SURE THAT THEY HAVE A COPY AVAILABLE ON ALL GAME DATES.

ON ANY COMPLAINTS, THE DECISION OF THE BSBL IS FINAL.

BSBL TEAM DIVISIONS

K 5 - 1ST GRADE	COED DIVISION
2ND - 3RD GRADE	COED DIVISION
2ND - 3RD GRADE	BOYS DIVISION
4TH - 5TH GRADE	BOYS DIVISION
4TH - 6TH GRADE	GIRLS DIVISION
6TH - 8TH GRADE	BOYS DIVISION
7TH - 9TH GRADE	GIRLS DIVISION
9TH - 10TH GRADE	BOYS DIVISION
11TH - 12TH GRADE	BOYS DIVISION
10TH - 12TH GRADE	GIRLS DIVISION

WHEN A QUESTION OF ELIGIBILITY ARISES, THE BSBL WILL DEFER TO THE GRADE LEVEL.

ADULT I	(18 - 34)	COED DIVISION
ADULT II	(35 OVER)	COED DIVISION

CO-ED TEAMS, OTHER THAN OUTLINED ABOVE, MUST RECEIVE PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE BSBL.

PLAYERS CANNOT HAVE GRADUATED, OR GOTTEN THEIR GED, AND PLAY IN YOUTH DIVISIONS.

THE BSBL RECOGNIZES THE FOLLOWING DATES AS OUR ROSTER CUT-OFFS FOR THE 2019-2020 SEASON.

BSBL GREENVILLE : TEAM REGISTRATION - OCTOBER 31 ; ROSTERS - DECEMBER 5

YOUTH PARTICIPANTS MAY "PLAY UP" TO A HIGHER DIVISION AND BE ON MORE THAN ONE ROSTER. PLAYERS FROM THE ADULT TEAMS MAY "PLAY DOWN" A DIVISION AND BE ON MORE THAN ONE ROSTER. THIS SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO TEAMS THAT ARE LIGHT ON PLAYERS AND RISK FORFEITURES.

NO YOUTH PLAYERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO "PLAY DOWN" TO LOWER DIVISIONS, AND NO ADULT MAY PLAY IN THE YOUTH LEAGUE. THIS IS FOR CONSISTENCY THROUGHOUT THE LEAGUE, AND FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL PLAYERS, AND HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH SKILL LEVEL.

GENERAL GAME INFORMATION

THE BSBL WILL FOLLOW THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF HIGH SCHOOLS BASKETBALL RULES, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS.

EACH GAME WILL START WITH PRAYER. ALL PLAYERS MUST PLAY IN EACH HALF.
TEAMS MUST HAVE AT LEAST 4 PLAYERS TO BEGIN PLAY.

THERE WILL BE NO DUNKING IN ANY DIVISIONS! A TECHNICAL FOUL WILL BE ASSESSED.

COACHES MUST BE A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE, AND HAVE AT LEAST A 5 YEAR DIFFERENTIAL TO THE OLDEST PLAYER ON THE ROSTER. THEY ALSO MUST BE PRESENT WITH THEIR TEAM DURING GYM TIMES, AND ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TEAM CONDUCT WHILE USING THE FACILITIES.

PRACTICE / GAME USED BASKETBALLS		
<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>BASKETBALL</u>	<u>RIM HEIGHT</u>
K5 - 1ST COED	JUNIOR 27.5"	8 FT
2ND - 3RD COED /BOYS	JUNIOR 27.5"	8 FT
4TH - 5TH BOYS	INTERMEDIATE 28.5"	10 FT
4TH - 6TH GIRLS	INTERMEDIATE 28.5"	10 FT
6TH - 8TH BOYS	REGULATION 29.5"	10 FT
7TH - 9TH GIRLS	INTERMEDIATE 28.5"	10 FT
9TH - 10TH BOYS	REGULATION 29.5"	10 FT
11TH - 12TH BOYS	REGULATION 29.5"	10 FT
10TH - 12TH GIRLS	INTERMEDIATE 28.5"	10 FT
ADULT I COED	REGULATION 29.5"	10 FT
ADULT II COED	REGULATION 29.5"	10 FT

ALL TEAMS ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN THEIR ASSIGNED GYMS 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO GAME TIME. COACHES MUST PRODUCE A PRINTED COPY OF THEIR ROSTER AT EACH GAME THEY PLAY. EACH GYM WILL USE TWO SCOREBOOKS, ONE FOR THE GAME IN PROCESS AND THE OTHER FOR THE NEXT GAME.

TEAMS NOT IN THE GYM ON TIME, AND/OR COACHES WHO DO NOT HAVE A PRINTED COPY OF THEIR ROSTER WILL BEGIN THE GAME WITH A TECHNICAL FOUL.

THERE WILL BE A 5-MINUTE WARM-UP BETWEEN GAMES.

A FORFEIT SHALL BE CALLED BY THE GYM COORDINATOR IF A TEAM CANNOT BEGIN A GAME LEGALLY, NO LATER THAN 10 MINUTES AFTER THE SCHEDULED START TIME.

THERE WILL BE NO MAKE-UPS SCHEDULED DUE TO WEATHER CANCELLATIONS.

THERE SHOULD BE NO DIRECT OR INDIRECT COMMUNICATION BY PLAYERS (OTHER THAN THE CAPTAIN) TOWARD ANY GAME OFFICIAL DURING PLAY. CAPTAIN COMMUNICATION SHOULD BE DONE IN A RESPECTFUL MANNER, AND DURING STOPPAGES OF PLAY.

MERCY RULE: WHEN A TEAM ACHIEVES A 20 POINT LEAD, THE CLOCK WILL RUN CONTINUOUSLY, EXCEPT DURING TIME-OUTS. A PLAYER SHOULD BE GIVEN AN APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF TIME, AS DETERMINED BY THE REFEREES, TO WITHDRAW AND PROCEED DOWN COURT. HALF COURT PRESSES AND FAST BREAKS, BY THE LEADING TEAM, ARE NOT PERMITTED DURING THIS TIME. IF/WHEN THE SCORE DROPS BELOW 20 POINTS, REGULAR TIME-KEEPING AND PLAY WILL RESUME. THIS PROCEDURE IS IN EFFECT THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRETY OF THE GAME.

OVERTIME RULE: THE FIRST OVERTIME PERIOD WILL BE 2 MINUTES. IF THE GAME IS STILL TIED AFTER THE OVERTIME PERIOD, THE WINNER WILL BE DETERMINED BY A SUDDEN VICTORY FORMAT. NO TIME WILL BE KEPT ON THE CLOCK, AND THE FIRST TEAM TO LEAD BY TWO POINTS WILL BE THE WINNER.

NO PLAYER MAY WEAR JEWELRY OF ANY KIND DURING PLAY.

TECHNICAL FOUL GUIDELINES AND PENALTIES

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT PLAYERS OR COACHES WHO DO NOT ABIDE BY OUR RULES! COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE THAT NAMES AND NUMBERS ARE IN THE BOOK CORRECTLY BEFORE THE GAME BEGINS. ANY BENCH ACTIVITY IS THE COACH'S RESPONSIBILITY, ALONG WITH HIS/HER PLAYERS AND FANS.

WHEN A TECHNICAL FOUL IS ASSESSED TO A PLAYER/COACH DURING A GAME, HIGH SCHOOL REGULATIONS WILL BE FOLLOWED. IF A PLAYER RECEIVES TWO TECHNICAL FOULS DURING A GAME - HE/SHE WILL BE EJECTED FROM THE GAME AND WILL FORFEIT THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEXT GAME.

IF A COACH ACCUMULATES A TOTAL OF THREE DIRECT OR INDIRECT TECHNICAL FOULS, OR JUST TWO DIRECT TECHNICAL FOULS, HE/SHE WILL BE EJECTED FROM THAT CURRENT GAME, AND WILL FORFEIT THE OPPORTUNITY TO COACH IN THE NEXT GAME.

ANY PLAYER OR COACH EJECTED FROM A GAME AS A RESULT OF FLAGRANT/TECHNICAL FOULS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A LETTER OF APOLOGY TO THE LEAGUE DIRECTOR VIA THEIR CHURCH DIRECTOR, PRIOR TO THE NEXT GAME. IF A PLAYER OR COACH IS EJECTED TWICE IN A SEASON, HE/SHE WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR THE REST OF THAT SEASON AND WILL BE REQUIRED TO PERSONALLY MEET WITH THE LEAGUE DIRECTOR BEFORE BEING CONSIDERED FOR REINSTATEMENT.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SCORER'S TABLE, OFFICIALS, AND GYM COORDINATOR TO REPORT, DOCUMENT, AND FOLLOW-UP WITH THE BSBL DIRECTOR CONCERNING PLAYERS WHO RECEIVE TECHNICAL FOULS DURING A GAME. TECHNICAL FOUL VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE FILED BY THE GYM COORDINATOR ON THE LEAGUE WEBSITE WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE GAME.

BSBL GAME OPERATIONS

THESE RULES ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL TEAMS AT THE SCORER'S TABLE FOR EACH GAME. PLEASE REFER TO THEM WHEN YOU HAVE A QUESTION.

K5 & 1ST GRADE CO-ED

THIS DIVISION IS SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO INTRODUCE THE GAME OF BASKETBALL TO OUR YOUNGER CHILDREN. IT USES THE TEAM COACH, DIRECTLY ON THE FLOOR, TO ASSIST AND REFEREE THE GAMES.

THE VISITING TEAM WILL HAVE FIRST POSSESSION OF THE BALL.

TEAMS WILL HAVE 1 TIMEOUT PER HALF. 15 MINUTE HALVES WITH A RUNNING CLOCK EXCEPT FOR TO/FOUL SHOTS. CLOCK WILL STOP FOR 15 SECONDS EVERY 5 MINUTES FOR SUBSTITUTIONS.

EACH PLAYER SHOULD BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOOT, DRIBBLE, AND PASS EACH HALF.

NO SCORES WILL BE KEPT, NO FAST BREAKS, NO PRESSING, NO OVERTIME PERIODS, NO 3-POINT SHOTS, AND NO COUNTS (3, 5, 10 SECOND COUNTS) WILL BE OBSERVED AT THIS LEVEL.

DEFENSIVE PLAYERS MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE 3-POINT AREA. ONCE PENETRATION IS MADE BY THE OFFENSE, THE DEFENSE MAY REACT, BUT MAY NOT FOLLOW THE OFFENSE OUTSIDE OF THE 3-POINT AREA. OFFENSIVE PLAYERS HAVE 15 SECONDS TO PUT THE BALL INSIDE THE 3-POINT AREA. IF THE BALL MOVES BACK OUTSIDE, THEY MAY REGROUP AND BEGIN AGAIN, BUT CANNOT "CAMP" OUTSIDE THE 3-POINT AREA.

VIOLATIONS ARE HANDLED IN AN INSTRUCTIONAL MANNER, AND DO NOT RESULT IN TURNOVERS. FOULS WILL BE CALLED AND SHOOTING FOULS WILL BE AWARDED WITH FREE THROWS.

2ND & 3RD GRADE CO-ED / 2ND & 3RD GRADE BOYS

TEAMS WILL PLAY BY THE FOLLOWING GAME RULES. HIGH SCHOOL REGULATIONS APPLY IN ALL OTHER SITUATIONS.

GAMES WILL START WITH A JUMP BALL AND USE ONE OFFICIAL.

TEAMS WILL HAVE 3-60 SECOND TIMEOUTS PER GAME. RUNNING CLOCK EXCEPT FOR TO/FOUL SHOTS.

TEAMS WILL PLAY 15 MINUTE HALVES.

EACH PLAYER SHOULD BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOOT, DRIBBLE, AND PASS IN EACH HALF.

SCORE WILL BE KEPT AND 3-POINT SHOOTING IS PERMITTED. HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE NO OVERTIME.

THERE WILL BE NO COUNTS (3, 5, 10 SECONDS) IN THIS DIVISION.

PLAYERS ARE ALLOWED TO PICK UP THEIR DRIBBLE, BUT THEY CANNOT GAIN AN ADVANTAGE OR SCORE WITHOUT DRIBBLING.

PLAYERS CANNOT FOUL OUT, BUT FOULS WILL BE CALLED. FREE THROWS WILL BE SHOT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE FOUL CIRCLE OR HALFWAY MARK BETWEEN BASKET AND THE FOUL LINE.

DEFENSIVE PLAYERS MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE 3-POINT AREA. ONCE PENETRATION IS MADE BY THE OFFENSE, THE DEFENSE MAY REACT, BUT MAY NOT FOLLOW THE OFFENSE OUTSIDE OF THE 3-POINT AREA. IF THE BALL IS STOLEN, THAT PLAYER MAY USE A FAST BREAK TO MOVE THE BALL DOWN THE COURT, UNLESS HIS/HER TEAM IS LEADING BY 20 OR MORE POINTS (SEE MERCY RULE.)

4TH & 5TH GRADE BOYS / 4TH - 6TH GRADE GIRLS

TEAMS WILL PLAY BY THE FOLLOWING GAME RULES. HIGH SCHOOL REGULATIONS APPLY IN ALL OTHER SITUATIONS.

GAMES WILL START WITH A JUMP BALL AND USE TWO OFFICIALS.

TEAMS WILL HAVE 3-60 SECOND TIMEOUTS PER GAME. EACH TEAM WILL RECEIVE ONLY 1 TIMEOUT FOR AN OVERTIME PERIOD. RUNNING CLOCK EXCEPT FOR TO, FOUL SHOTS, DURING THE LAST 2 MINUTES OF THE SECOND HALF, AND OVERTIME PERIOD.

TEAMS WILL PLAY 15 MINUTE HALVES.

EACH PLAYER SHOULD BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOOT, DRIBBLE, AND PASS IN EACH HALF.

NO PRESSING IN THE BACKCOURT AFTER A CHANGE OF POSSESSION.

PRESSING IS ALLOWED BY THE WINNING TEAM IN THE LAST 2 MINUTES OF THE GAME, ONLY IF THERE IS A 10-POINT OR LESS DIFFERENTIAL IN THE SCORE. THE LOSING TEAM MAY PRESS IN THE LAST 2 MINUTES, REGARDLESS OF THE SCORE.

FREE THROWS MAY BE SHOT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CIRCLE, HOWEVER, AN ADVANCED PLAYER CAN AND SHOULD SHOOT FROM THE FREE THROW LINE.

6TH - 8TH GRADE BOYS / 7TH - 9TH GRADE GIRLS

TEAMS WILL PLAY BY THE FOLLOWING GAME RULES. HIGH SCHOOL REGULATIONS APPLY IN ALL OTHER SITUATIONS.

GAMES WILL START WITH A JUMP BALL AND USE TWO OFFICIALS.

TEAMS WILL HAVE 3-60 SECOND TIMEOUTS PER GAME. EACH TEAM WILL RECEIVE ONLY 1 TIMEOUT FOR AN OVERTIME PERIOD. RUNNING CLOCK EXCEPT FOR TO, FOUL SHOTS, DURING THE LAST 2 MINUTES OF THE SECOND HALF, AND OVERTIME PERIOD.

TEAMS WILL PLAY 15 MINUTE HALVES.

EACH PLAYER SHOULD BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOOT, DRIBBLE, AND PASS IN EACH HALF.

9TH & 10TH GRADE BOYS / 10TH - 12TH GRADE GIRLS / 11TH & 12TH GRADE BOYS

TEAMS WILL PLAY BY THE FOLLOWING GAME RULES. HIGH SCHOOL REGULATIONS APPLY IN ALL OTHER SITUATIONS.

GAMES WILL START WITH A JUMP BALL AND USE TWO OFFICIALS.

TEAMS WILL HAVE 3-60 SECOND TIMEOUTS PER GAME. EACH TEAM WILL RECEIVE ONLY 1 TIMEOUT FOR AN OVERTIME PERIOD. RUNNING CLOCK EXCEPT FOR TO, FOUL SHOTS, DURING THE LAST 2 MINUTES OF THE SECOND HALF, AND OVERTIME PERIOD.

TEAMS WILL PLAY 18 MINUTE HALVES.

EACH PLAYER SHOULD BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOOT, DRIBBLE, AND PASS IN EACH HALF.

ADULT I CO-ED (18 - 34 YEAR OLDS) / ADULT II CO-ED (35 AND OVER)

TEAMS WILL PLAY BY THE FOLLOWING GAME RULES. HIGH SCHOOL REGULATIONS APPLY IN ALL OTHER SITUATIONS.

GAMES WILL START WITH A JUMP BALL AND USE TWO OFFICIALS.

TEAMS WILL HAVE 3-60 SECOND TIMEOUTS PER GAME. EACH TEAM WILL RECEIVE ONLY 1 TIMEOUT FOR AN OVERTIME PERIOD. 18 MINUTE HALVES WITH A RUNNING CLOCK EXCEPT FOR TO, FOUL SHOTS, DURING THE LAST 2 MINUTES OF THE SECOND HALF, AND OVERTIME PERIOD.

ADULT LEAGUE GAMES BEGIN IN NOVEMBER. NO SPECIAL SCHEDULING CONSIDERATIONS WILL BE ALLOWED. TOURNAMENT GAMES WILL BE SCHEDULED AND PLAYED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE LEAGUE, BASED ON OVERALL ATTITUDE AND BEHAVIOR OF THE TEAMS THROUGHOUT THE SEASON.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR CHURCH'S PARTICIPATION IN OUR LEAGUE. WE PRAY THAT EVERYONE WILL PLAY WITH AN ATTITUDE OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AND REVERENCE TOWARD GOD.
WITH THAT IN MIND...

STRATEGIES FOR A SUCCESSFUL SEASON

BE POSITIVE - LOOK FOR, AND FOCUS ON THE POSITIVES, ESPECIALLY IN TENSE OR TRYING SITUATIONS, INSTEAD OF COMPLAINING AND POINTING FINGERS AT OTHERS.

BE GRACIOUS - NO ONE IS PERFECT AND WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES. IF WE CAN RECOGNIZE THAT IN OURSELVES, IT WILL BE EASIER FOR US TO GIVE GRACE, UNMERITED FAVOR, TO OTHERS.

BE AN EXAMPLE - NOW MORE THAN EVER, OUR CHILDREN NEED POSITIVE EXAMPLES AND ROLE MODELS IN LIFE. THEY WILL FOLLOW YOUR EXAMPLE AS AN ADULT. OTHER ADULTS ARE ALSO WATCHING, AND AS CHRISTIANS IT IS OUR DUTY TO BE A WITNESS AND A TESTIMONY TO THOSE AROUND US.

BE UNIFIED - A STRONG EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON PLAYING AS A TEAM. PROMOTING "STAR ATHLETES" IS DESTRUCTIVE AND COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO DEVELOPING DISCIPLESHIP IN OTHERS. ALSO, IT IS IMPORTANT TO ENCOURAGE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AND SHARING AMONG PARTICIPATING CHURCHES.

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