



## 2026 Adult Basketball Rules and Regulations

Applies to all divisions of play unless otherwise noted. Current rules established by the City of Greenfield Parks and Recreation Department will apply in conjunction with the following City and South East Park and Recreation Council (SEPRC) rule / policy modifications. The NHFS rule book will serve as a basis for final determination of rules and / or protests which cannot be clearly defined in City / SEPRC modifications.

### A. POLICY REMINDERS

*Note: Managers are responsible to inform all their team participants of current "Adult Team Sports Policies & Procedures" in detail prior to league play.*

- a. Carefully review policy Section "B" regarding player registration.
- b. Carefully review policy Section "C" regarding resident/non-resident participation & fees.
- c. Every player must sign the game/player roster record ("sign-up" sheet) prior to participating in a game. Managers are responsible for this procedure.
- d. Prior to a scheduled contest: Persons/Players suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and or/other drugs by game officials and/or other department staff, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED to participate in the ensuing contest. Further related problems may lead to dismissal from program. Managers: It is your responsibility to ensure that stated "problems" do not occur.
- e. NO DRINKING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES will be allowed by players or SPECTATORS during the game in any part of the playing area. Policy also applies to team managers, coaches, or any other persons associated with team play. Persons discovered drinking will immediately be ejected from the game and suspended from the next scheduled contest (cancellations will not apply as a penalty date).
- f. Any player removed from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct will be subject to suspension or dismissal from league play as determined by the Recreation Supervisor and/or Department Director.
- g. Person/persons/teams ejected from a game will automatically be suspended from play in the next scheduled league or play-off game (cancellations will not apply as a penalty date).
- h. By mutual agreement of the South East Park and Recreation Council, an organization of public recreation departments (approx. 48) in the Metro-Milwaukee area, any individuals suspended from any one department will have their suspension recognized by each department member of the association.
- i. **Blood Rule:** A player, Coach, or official who is bleeding or who has blood on his uniform shall be prohibited from participating further in the game until appropriate treatment can be administered (Rule 4, Section 8)

**B. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

- a. In all league play, participants must be a minimum of 18 years of age (legal adult) and NOT participating in any High School Athletic Teams.
- b. ONLY male players may play in any MEN'S leagues and ONLY female players may play in any WOMEN'S leagues.

**C. CHANGES / ADDITIONS DEADLINE TO TEAM ROSTER**

- a. **All leagues**: After 5 played games by 5:00 PM (PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY!)

**D. UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT**

- a. All players must wear gym shoes during the game. Remove wet shoes before entering the gym. Players are not to wear street clothes while participating in league games.
- b. **Teams must wear matching uniforms with numbers on the front or back or both.**
  - i. If opposing teams have the same colored uniforms, Greenfield Parks and Recreation will provide numbered pinnies for one team to wear. Pinnies must be returned immediately following the game.
  - ii. Players on the same team must wear different numbers.
  - iii. **Players who do not have jerseys/shirts with matching colors and numbers will not be allowed to play. No exceptions.**
- c. The Greenfield Parks and Recreation Department shall provide all game balls, timing and scoring equipment.
- d. Game ball will be the Spalding TF-1000. Upon mutual agreement signed on the back of the scoresheet from both Managers, another ball (provided by one of the teams) may be used.

**E. STARTING / ENDING A GAME**

- a. **PLAYER SIGN-UP SHEET**: Every player must **PRINT** (Do Not Sign) the game roster record (sign-up sheet) before entering the game. Managers are responsible for this procedure. Players that print rather than sign will be considered illegal players for not following appropriate sign-in procedure.
- b. Teams must have a minimum of 4 (four) registered players to legally start a game without forfeiture. Please plan accordingly.
- c. If a team begins play with the required minimum number of players, (4) that team may continue a game with one less player than it started with whenever a player leaves the game for any reason other than ejection. At no time can a team play with less than 3 players.
- d. **Borrowing Rule:** Upon signed mutual agreement on the back of the signup sheet by the two managers, a team may borrow a player from another team to avoid forfeit with the exception that they must have a matching uniform. (Please have an extra uniform available.) If more players from a borrowing team arrive later, players borrowed may return and play for their own team. The final score will count for league standings.
- e. There is a five (5) minute Grace Period for the 6:00pm game (if applicable) ONLY before forfeit. There is NO GRACE PERIOD for all other games. Games will start promptly at the scheduled game time.
- f. It is the responsibility of team managers to "sign-off" for the correctness of the final score. This procedure must take place immediately after the game. Once submitted, **SCORE SHEETS WILL STAND** (SIGNED OR UNSIGNED). **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE**.
- g. **Spectators:** Spectators will ONLY be allowed for the Monday Night Basketball League at Greenfield Middle School. ***No spectators are allowed for the Wednesday Night Basketball League at Maple Grove.***

## **F. GENERAL PLAYING RULES**

- a. Pre-game warmups will be four (4) minutes in length.
- b. Games will consist of two (2) 20-minute halves with a running clock.
- c. In the final two (2) minutes of regulation, the clock will stop on every dead ball. *Exception: If a team possesses a 15 point lead with under 2 minutes to play, the clock will continue to run.*
- d. Halftime will be three (3) minutes in length.
- e. In the case of a tie, ONE (1) overtime period will be played in an attempt to break the tie. Overtime will be 2 minutes in length, with the clock stopping on all dead balls, in the last minute.
- f. A jump ball will only occur at the beginning of the game and in overtime. Thereafter, possession of the ball will alternate.
- g. Each team is allowed three (3)- 30 second timeouts per game and one (1) timeout in overtime. No timeouts will be carried over to overtime.
- h. Personal Foul Limit: Each player is allowed 5 personal fouls per game. On the fifth foul, player will become ineligible to participate for the remainder of the contest.
- i. Bonus: The bonus free throw will go into effect upon the 7th team foul in each half. On the 10th team foul, double bonus goes into effect.
- j. Bonus Rule Final 2 Minutes: If a team has multiple fouls to give (3 or more), any two consecutive fouls will result in automatic bonus and put the fouling team at 7 fouls. Any additional foul will add on from 7 until the team hits double bonus at 10 fouls.
- k. Foul Shots: Players may enter the lane on an attempted free throw at the point when the ball is released.
- l. Intentional Fouls: Opposing team will be awarded 2 points and the ball. All calls are in the judgment of the officials.
- m. Technical Fouls: Opposing team will be awarded 2 points and the ball. If a player commits two (2) technical fouls for unsportsmanlike conduct during one contest, they will be ineligible to participate in the remainder of the game and will be suspended for the next 3 games. Upon returning from suspension, if a player receives 1 additional technical (3rd total), they are suspended from league play for the remainder of the season.
- n. **NO DUNK RULE:** “Dunking” the basketball is not allowed in any City League play. **No dunking is allowed at any time while in the facility (before, during, or after game).** Players will be responsible for any damage incurred to the rim or backboard through dunking. **Penalty for dunking:**
  - i. Before a Game: Player is ejected from the game plus a one-game suspension
  - ii. During a Game: No basket, technical foul, plus ejection from game and one-game suspension.
  - iii. After the Game: Player is suspended for two (2) games.

## **G. PROTESTS**

- a. No protest will be accepted on judgment calls by the officials.
- b. Protests must be filed in writing within 24 hours of completion of play. A \$20 protest fee is required. The fee will be returned if the protest is upheld.

## **H. SUBSTITUTION**

- a. Players must check in at the scorers table. At a dead ball, the scorekeeper will buzz the horn to check in the player. Referees must wave in the player before that player is eligible to enter the game.

## **I. CANCELLATION INFORMATION AND MAKE-UPS**

*When conditions may warrant cancellation of scheduled activity due to inclement weather:*

- a. CALL THE PARK & RECREATION DEPARTMENT 24-HOUR INFORMATION LINE (297-9008) FOR CURRENT CANCELLATION INFORMATION OR GO TO [www.greenfieldwi.us/parksrec](http://www.greenfieldwi.us/parksrec) **PLEASE DO NOT DIRECT INQUIRIES TO THE DEPARTMENT'S GENERAL OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER.** THE STATUS OF GAMES IS ONLY ANNOUNCED IF CANCELLED. (IF NO MENTION IS MADE OF GAMES IN QUESTION...YOU CAN ASSUME GAMES ARE PRESENTLY "ON" AT THE TIME OF THE CALL).
- b. Once at a program site, decisions concerning the cancellations or discontinuation of the activity will be in the judgment of the official.
- c. All canceled games will be rescheduled for play at the end of the regular season before September 1. In extreme cases, it may be necessary to arrange special make-up dates on days other than your regular play night. **If No makeup is scheduled** credit will be issued for games that are not played. Communications will be sent to managers concerning any make-up games (see Adult Team sports Policies for important specific notification procedures related to make-up games).

## **J. INSURANCE / LIABILITY**

- a. The City of Greenfield does not provide hospital/medical insurance coverage for people participating in sponsored activities and cannot assume responsibility for injury to any participants in its recreation programs. Participants are encouraged to obtain their own insurance coverage prior to the start of the program and to consult with a physician before participating in any strenuous activity.