



## Youth Basketball Rules: 2026

### Time Clock and Official Score Book

*There is a schedule in the binder at each court. In the event a scheduled worker is not available, find a helper. If No one is willing to help, play without or cancel the game.*

*Games will not be rescheduled.*

1. The **HOME** team is responsible for providing a timekeeper to run the game clock.
2. The **VISITING** team is responsible for providing a bookkeeper. The Bookkeeper needs to record fouls, and notify the officials when a player has fouled out.

### Game Clock

The game clock **will stop** for free throws and timeouts.

Please Note: The free throw shooter has 10 seconds to take each shot.

The game clock is a running clock and will stop for free throws and the

last two mins of the 4th quarter.

### Game Structure

Games will be a total of 32 minutes.

1. Warm-up will be 5 mins
2. Game time will be four, 6-minute quarters
3. There will be a 3-minute half time
4. Each team will get two 30 second timeouts, each half of the game.
5. Overtime will be played during the **tournament only-3 mins.**

### Fouls

Personal fouls and technical fouls will count toward disqualification.

1. Each player is allowed 5 personal fouls. On the fifth foul, the player is out of the game.
2. Technical fouls on coaches and players. A coach/player may receive a verbal warning from the referee for their first offense. On the second offense, the coach/player may be ejected from the game.

### **Court Press Rule**

Please note press rules for each division.

1. Full Court press may be utilized by the girls and boys in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade division.
2. Full Court press may be utilized during the **entire** 4th quarter only.
3. 15 point spread rule- If a team is ahead by 15 points or more, that team will not be allowed to full court press.

### **Individual Playing Time**

Each coach shall ensure that **ALL** members of the team receive **equal** playing time.

### **Ejections**

*If a player, volunteer, parent, or spectator is ejected from a game they will be suspended from the next game and possibly the rest of the season. I will not tolerate unsportsmanlike conduct. If you are suspended from the tournament the Ward County Sports and Recreation Board of Directors will review the situation and decide if you are allowed to participate in any further sports.*