



YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE RULES

Welcome to the Mineral Wells Youth Sports Association Basketball League (MWYSA)! We encourage all parents and coaches to read through the following information as there are new additions and changes posted to the rules. We would also like to remind coaches, players, and parents that members of the MWYSA Board of Commissioner and Assistants will be present at most of the games to assist with any questions, problems or conduct issues. Please be respectful to these people who volunteer their time in helping us have a safe and successful season.

The National Federation of High Schools rules will apply with the exception of the rules outlines in this book. All rules contained herein are subject to interpretation and/or change upon the recommendation of the MWYSA Basketball League,

Season Information:

- A. League play will begin January 14, 2023
- B. Completed Rosters are due December 1, 2022.
- C. The season will be scheduled for 6 games, with a tournament following.
- D. Games will be played on Saturdays; tournament play may consist of two dates (Saturday/Sunday or two Saturdays) tbd.
- E. If a team does not show up to play, a team playing the preceding game may be asked to stay and play a courtesy game. Any team missing two games will be dropped from the league.

ROSTERS:

A. Age divisions:

- a. Boys Division 1st & 2nd Grade
- b. Boys Division 3rd & 4th Grade
- c. Boys Division 5th & 6th Grade
- d. Girls Division 1st & 2nd Grade
- e. Girls Division 3rd & 4th Grade
- f. Girls Division 5th & 6th Grade

A. We recommend that all participants must play a total of eight (8) minutes of each scheduled game. It is the responsibility of the coach to ensure that all players are checked in at the scorer's table prior to each game.

B. Any team that forfeits two games will be removed from the league.

C. Teams will start the game with a minimum of four (4) players or the game will be forfeited.

D. NO PLAYER CAN BE ON MULTIPLE ROASTERS

CLOCK OPERATION/SCORING:

All games will have a running clock until the final 2 minutes of each half. Unless the coaches request otherwise, or up by 20+ points.

A. Score will only be kept visible on scoreboards (if available) or scorers' table.

B. If a team is ahead by 20 or more points during the last two (2) minutes of each half, the clock will remain a running clock, except for time-outs, and free throws.

C. Every team will have a clock operator (Visitor) and scorekeeper (Home) for each game. The scorekeeper must receive a line-up five minutes prior to each game,

D. On a running clock, after a time out, the clock starts when the ball is put back into play.

E. Game officials may use their discretion to stop the clock for injury, ball retrieval, etc.

1st & 2nd Grade (rules will get more strict as the season progresses)

A. Traveling and double dribble offense calls will be given 2 warnings and then whistle blown on the 3rd. How strict the other calls will be at the discretion of the officials or agreed on by the coaches before the game begins. Calls will be somewhat lenient in this age group.

B. Steals are only permitted on passes that are in play. No steals will be permitted on the dribble while outside the perimeter (ok inside the paint area).

C. No double teaming outside of the perimeter. Players are not permitted to hold the ball for longer than ten (10) seconds.

INJURIES:

A. Blood Rule: No one will be allowed to continue in any game with blood flowing in any manner.

FULL COURT PRESS VIOLATION; Each team shall be issued one warning per half, in which the whistle is blown and the offended team brings the ball in play on their offensive front court at the midcourt opposite the scorer's table and team benches. Additional violations shall result in a technical foul.

PLAYING REGULATIONS:

	1 st & 2 nd Boys & Girls	3 rd & 4 th Boys & Girls	5 th & 6 th Boys & Girls
Roster Minimum	8	8	8
Roster Maximum	10	10	10
Goal Height	8'	10'	10'
Number of Coaches Allowed	2	2	2
Game Length (4 quarters)	8 minutes	8 minutes	8 minutes
Ball Size	27.5	28.5	Boys-29.5 Girls-28.5
Time Outs	2 per 1/2	2 per 1/2	2 per 1/2
Lane Violation	n/a	5 seconds	3 seconds
Half Court Press	At No Time	Any time before a 20 point lead	Any time before a 20 point lead
Full Court Defense	At No Time	Last 2 minutes of each half	Any time before a 20 point lead

OVERTIME;

A. Overtime period for 1st through 4th grade age groups will be two (2) minutes of a regulation clock. If still tied after one (1) overtime period, a final two (2) minute sudden death" overtime period will be played. The "sudden death" overtime period will end when either team scores. If neither team scores, the game will end as a tie.

B. Overtime period for 5th & 6th grade age group will consist of three (3) minutes of a regulation clock. There will be no limit of overtime periods in the 5th & 6th grade age groups. For each overtime period in this age division, each team will receive one (1) additional timeout. This will be in addition to the unused timeouts prior to the overtime period.

FOULS:

A. The one and one bonus will be in effect on the seventh team foul per half. On the tenth team foul, a two-shot penalty will be in effect.

B. Any player receiving five (5) fouls will be out of the game.

C. Any player, coach, or assistant coach who is assessed two (2) technical fouls during a game will be ejected from the game and must leave the building immediately. If the ejected coach or player does not leave the building, their team will forfeit the game. Any player or coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct may be suspended as determined by the League Commissioners. Physical violence or unsportsmanlike conduct before, during or after a game will be disciplined severely. Expulsion from the league may result from severe misconduct

D. Any parent or spectator who is abusive towards game officials will be ejected from the facility.

PROTESTS:

Official protests may ONLY be filed for violation of the rules and/or regulations, and not on judgment calls made by the referees. Games may NOT be protested based on the quality of the officiating. At the time a head coach determines to protest a game, he/she must immediately notify the referee, opposing head coach,

and scorekeeper of the protest.

Attire:

JERSEYS MUST BE REVERSIBLE

Players will not be allowed to wear jewelry while playing. Jewelry is dangerous to the players on the opposing team. Therefore, it is prohibited. Players who are discovered with jewelry must be temporarily substituted for until the jewelry can be removed.

INCLEMENT WEATHER/RESCHEDULING OF GAMES:

In case of Inclement weather (i.e. snow, ice), or in the event a game has to be rescheduled, check the MWYSA website for details on times and dates @ www.mwysa.com (clicking on Register Now link). A notification will be sent to you through team sideline via email or text (if you have registered to receive text communication).

COACHES	PLAYERS	PARENTS
<p>I will...</p> <p>PLACE THE EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING OF MY PLAYERS AHEAD OF A PERSONAL DESIRE TO WIN.</p> <p>TREAT EACH PLAYER AS AN INDIVIDUAL, REMEMBERING THE LARGE RANGE OF EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE SAME AGE GROUP.</p> <p>DO MY BEST TO PROVIDE A SAFE PLAYING SITUATION FOR MY PLAYERS.</p> <p>PROMISE TO REVIEW AND PRACTICE BASIC FIRST AID PRINCIPLES NEEDED TO TREAT INJURIES OF MY PLAYERS.</p> <p>DO MY BEST TO ORGANIZE PRACTICES THAT ARE FUN AND CHALLENGING FOR ALL MY PLAYERS.</p> <p>LEAD BY EXAMPLE AND DEMONSTRATE FAIR PLAY AND SPORTSMANSHIP TO ALL MY PLAYERS.</p> <p>BE KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THE RULES OF EACH SPORT THAT I COACH, AND TEACH THESE RULES TO MY PLAYERS.</p> <p>REMEMBER THAT I AM A YOUTH SPORTS COACH AND THE GAME IS FOR CHILDREN-NOT ADULTS.</p> <p>ENCOURAGE MY PARENTS TO BE INVOLVED WITH MY TEAM IN SOME CAPACITY BECAUSE IT IS IMPORTANT TO ME.</p> <p>TREAT MY COACHES, OTHER PLAYERS, OFFICIALS AND FANS WITH RESPECT, REGARDLESS OF RACE, SEX, CREED, OR ABILITIES AND EXPECT TO BE TREATED ACCORDINGLY.</p>	<p>I will...</p> <p>ENCOURAGE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP FROM FELLOW PLAYERS, COACHES, OFFICIALS, AND PARENTS AT EVERY GAME AND PRACTICE BY DEMONSTRATING GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP.</p> <p>ATTEND EVERY PRACTICE AND GAME THAT I CAN, AND WILL NOTIFY MY COACH IF I CANNOT.</p> <p>EXPECT TO RECEIVE A FAIR AND EQUAL AMOUNT OF PLAYING TIME.</p> <p>DO MY VERY BEST TO LISTEN AND LEARN FROM MY COACHES.</p> <p>TREAT MY COACHES, OTHER PLAYERS, OFFICIALS AND FANS WITH RESPECT REGARDLESS OF RACE, SEX, CREED, OR ABILITIES AND EXPECT TO BE TREATED ACCORDINGLY.</p> <p>DESERVE TO HAVE FUN DURING MY SPORTS EXPERIENCE AND WILL ALERT PARENTS OR COACHES IF IT STOPS BEING FUN.</p> <p>I DESERVE TO PLAY IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT IS FREE FROM DRUGS, TOBACCO, AND ALCOHOL AND EXPECT ADULTS TO REFRAIN FROM THEIR USE AT ALL YOUTH SPORTS EVENTS.</p> <p>ENCOURAGE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP FROM FELLOW PLAYERS, COACHES, OFFICIALS, AND PARENTS AT EVERY GAME AND PRACTICE BY DEMONSTRATING GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP.</p> <p>DO MY VERY BEST IN SCHOOL.</p>	<p>I will...</p> <p>ENCOURAGE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP BY DEMONSTRATING POSITIVE SUPPORT FOR ALL PLAYERS, COACHES AND OFFICIALS AT EVERY GAME, PRACTICE OR OTHER YOUTH SPORTS EVENT.</p> <p>INSIST THAT MY CHILD PLAY IN A SAFE AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT.</p> <p>PLACE THE EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING OF MY CHILD AHEAD OF MY PERSONAL DESIRE TO WIN.</p> <p>REQUIRE THAT MY CHILD'S COACH BE TRAINED IN THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF BEING A YOUTH SPORTS COACH AND THAT THE COACH UPHOLDS THE CODE OF ETHICS.</p> <p>SUPPORT COACHES AND OFFICIALS WORKING WITH MY CHILD IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE A POSITIVE AND ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL.</p> <p>DEMAND A SPORTS ENVIRONMENT FOR MY CHILD THAT IS FREE FROM DRUGS, TOBACCO, AND ALCOHOL AND I WILL REFRAIN FROM THEIR USE AT ALL YOUTH SPORT EVENTS.</p> <p>REMEMBER THE GAME IS FOR YOUTH-NOT ADULTS.</p> <p>NO PROFANITY OR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE.</p>

	<p>REMEMBER THAT SPORTS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN AND HAVE FUN.</p>	
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