



SAN ANGELO RECREATION DIVISION YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE



LOCAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

(These rules supersede TAAF rules)

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Supervision and Administration

1. The head of the league shall be the Recreation Program Supervisor.
2. In all matters not covered by TAAF Rules, or City League Rules, the Recreation Program Supervisor shall have jurisdiction.
3. **If a coach, player, or parent is ejected from the game, he/she must call and schedule an appointment with the Recreation office to review their conduct prior to their team's next practice or game.**

COVID-19 ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the constant changes during this pandemic, our COVID-19 guidelines may be adjusted at any point during this season. The guidelines will be followed by all staff, participants, coaches, and parents. Our department will send out weekly or daily updates on the guidelines that we need to be following. Please keep in mind that we have these guidelines to achieve our main goal of providing our youth the opportunity to participate in a basketball league while keeping everyone safe and healthy.

A. DIVISIONS AND ELIGIBILITY

All players must be registered with the San Angelo Recreation Division to be eligible to participate. *(Current Year - 2022)*

A Player can only be on one roster.

1. **Pee Wee Division** - consists of boys and girls who are at least 3 years of age and no more than 4 years of age as of September 1st of the current year. (The Recreation Supervisor has the right to change a child's division.)
2. **5 & Under Division** – consists of boys and girls who are at least 4 years of age and no more than 5 years of age as of September 1st of the current year. (The Recreation Supervisor has the right to change a child's division.)
3. **7 & Under Division** - consists of boys and girls who are at least 6 years of age and no more than 7 years of age as of September 1st of the current year. (The Recreation Supervisor has the right to change a child's division.)
4. **9 & Under Division** - consists of boys and girls who are at least 8 years of age and no more than 9 years of age as of September 1st of the current year. (The Recreation Supervisor has the right to change a child's division.)
5. **11 & Under Division** - consists of boys and girls who are at least 10 years of age and no more than 11 years of age as of September 1st of the current year. (The Recreation Supervisor has the right to change a child's division.)
6. **13 & Under Division** – consists of boys and girls who are at least 12 years of age and no more than 13 years of age as of September 1st of the current year. (The Recreation Supervisor has the right to change a child's division.)

Division I

1. Division I consists of teams that are hand-selected by the coach or who are formed to create tournament teams or all-star teams, or who return four (4) or more players from the previous seasons roster.
2. Participation in a TAAF Member or Affiliate sponsored or co-sponsored league is NOT required of a Division I team. However, if a team does not participate in a TAAF league, the team must register and participate as a Division I team.
3. Division I teams will NOT be required to qualify through a regional tournament and can advance directly to the state tournament.

Division II

1. Teams must have played in a TAAF Member or Affiliate sponsored or co-sponsored recreational league, and must have played in at least four (4) league games.
2. Division II consists of teams that are hand-selected by the coach, or who return five (5) or more players from the previous season's division II roster.
3. Division II youth basketball rosters are limited to no more than twelve (12) players.
4. Any team that is misclassified as Division II may be disqualified or reclassified at the discretion of the Commissioner.
5. The Division II teams will be divided into a Recreational Division and a Competitive Division, if the amount of teams allow the divisions to be created. The coaches will decide which division their team will be put into. (The Recreation Supervisor has the right to move a team to a different division.)

Division III

1. Teams must have played in a TAAF Member or Affiliated sponsored or co-sponsored recreational league, and must have played in at least four (4) league games.
2. Division III consists of teams that are formed through some type of draft system (conducted for the current season of play).
3. Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches will be allowed to bring in one (1) Player each. Coaches with more than one child per house hold within a single age division wanting to be placed on the same team will be evaluated on a case by case basis.
4. Division III youth basketball rosters are limited to no more than ten (10) players. All players must be from the recreational league roster. No pick up players are allowed for postseason play.
5. Any team that is misclassified as Division III may be disqualified or reclassified at the discretion of the Commissioner.
6. Any team that is classified as Division III may not return more than four (4) players from the previous season's roster including when a team moves from one age division to another. Any team with five (5) or more returning players must be classified as Division I or II. It does not matter how a player is returned to a team (protected by coach, drafted, blind drafted, placed by staff, etc.) for the player to count towards the returning player limit.

B. SCHEDULES

1. The schedules for practices and games are determined by the San Angelo Recreation Division.

C. GYMS

1. The Recreation Centers and area gyms will be used for this program. The following guidelines should be adhered to at all times.
 - a. No smoking or alcoholic beverages allowed on school property.
 - b. No food or drinks allowed in the gyms.
 - c. Athletes and coaches can bring in water in sport drink containers only.
2. If a team/coach practices outside of what is scheduled by SARD, use of any San Angelo ISD or other facilities must be obtained separate from the SARD program. (This is also at the SAISD's discretion). Any fees will be the responsibility of the coach/team.

D. GAME RULES

The National Federation Rules and UIL Guidelines will apply to San Angelo League play with the exception of the T.A.A.F. Rules published here. T.A.A.F. Rules will override any others in our league.

BASKETBALLS

1. Pee Wee and 5 & Under divisions shall use the official Rookie size basketball. (27.5)
2. 7 & Under Boys and Girls, 9 & Under Boys and Girls, 11 & Under Girls, and 13 & Under Girls divisions will use the official women's regulation size ball (28.5).
3. 11 & Under Boys and 13 & Under Boys divisions shall use the official regulation size basketball (29.5).

BASKET SPECIFICATIONS

4. Pee Wee Division will shoot at a 6'6" basket and no free throws. For all others see the chart below:

Age group	Division	Height	Free Throw Distance
17 & Under	N/A	10'	15'0"
15 & Under	N/A	10'	15'0"
13 & Under	N/A	10'	15'0"
11 & Under	Boys & Girls II & III	10'	15'0"
9 & Under	Boys & Girls II	10'	15'0"
9 & Under	Boys & Girls III	10'	13'6"
7 & Under	Boys & Girls II & III	8'6"	13'6"
5 & Under	Boys & Girls	7'6"	12'6"
Pee-Wee	Boys & Girls	6'6"	None

GAME LENGTH

All divisions have a running clock with the exception of the final two (2) minutes of each half and:

5. Pee Wee, 5 & Under, and 7 & Under divisions will play four (4) six (6) minute periods.
6. 9 & Under, 11 & Under, and 13 & Under will play four (4), eight (8) minute periods.
7. Half time will be a minimum of three (3) minutes and a maximum of five (5) minutes.
5. The clock stops only on timeouts and free throws for all divisions. It will be official's discretion for injuries, ball retrieval, etc.
6. **POINT SPREAD RULE:** If one team is ahead by fifteen (15) or more points during the last two (2) minutes of each half in the 5 & Under, 7 & Under, and 9 & Under divisions, the clock will remain a running clock, except for time-outs and official timeouts (injuries, ball retrieval, etc.). If one team is ahead by twenty (20) or more points during the last two (2) minutes of each half in the 11 & Under and 13 & Under divisions, the clock will remain a running clock, except for time-outs and official timeouts (injuries, ball retrieval, etc.).

SCOREBOARD POINT SPREAD RULE:

6. A fifteen (15) point cushion will be kept on the scoreboard for the 5 & Under, 7 & Under, and 9 & Under divisions. A (20) point cushion will be kept on the scoreboard for the 11 & Under and 13 & Under divisions. The actual score will continue to be kept in the scoresheet.

TIMEOUTS:

7. Each team is entitled to four (4) one minute timeouts per game. Timeouts may be used at anytime. During the extra period, each team is entitled to one (1) timeout, as well as any timeouts remaining from regulation. During the timeout period the scorekeeper will sound one horn (Teams must get on court), second horn (the ball will be put into play by the official), Delay of game will be called for the first warning, second time will be a technical foul.

OVERTIME:

8. A maximum of one (1) overtime period will be played. The overtime period for 5U, 7U, and 9U will be two (2) minutes. In 11U and 13U, a three (3) minute period will be played. The second overtime will be sudden death. Clock will only stop in the last minute of overtime.

FULL COURT PRESS RULES

9. **Pee Wee Division** will have no full court press at anytime.
10. **5 & Under and 7 & Under all divisions** will be allowed to full court press in the last (1) minute of the 2nd and 4th quarter and at all times during the overtime period. Before then they will be allowed to play defense at Red Line (Red Line Rule only applies to the games played at the Recreation Centers). 7U DII teams will be allowed to play defense at the half court line; 5U & 7U DIII teams will play defense at Red Line.
11. Once the ball crosses the red line, the red line rule is voided until the next possession.
12. **9 & Under Division III** will be allowed to full court press in the last two (2) minutes of the 2nd Quarter and 4th Quarter and at all times during the overtime period. Before then they will be allowed to play defense at half court.
13. **9 & Under Division II** may play full court defense until a 15 point lead is obtained, trailing team at this time may continue to press.
14. **11 & Under** will be allowed to play full court press at anytime, unless a team is ahead by 20 points.
15. **13 & Under** will be allowed to play full court press at anytime, unless a team is ahead by 20 points.

VIOLATION

A. 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 mid-court opposite the scorers table and team benches. Additional violation shall result in a technical foul.

INDIVIDUAL PLAYING TIME

14. 5U, 7U, 9U, 11U and 13U DIII division must abide by the following playing time rules:
 - a. Each player must play a minimum of 2 quarters.
 - b. Any players who did not play the first period will be required to start the second period.
15. Division II have free substitutions throughout the game and no minimum playing time.
16. Division III teams must abide by the following minimum playing time rules:
 - a. During the first period of every game there will be **NO** substitutions. The five that start will finish.
 - b. During the second period any remaining players who did not start the first period will be required to start and play the entire period.

- c. During the second period, if a team has less than 10 players, the coach may substitute only for those players who already played the entire first period.
- d. In the case of an injury to a player who is playing their required full period, a medical substitution will be allowed. However, if that player can not finish their period, they will be required to play a full period in the second half.
- e. Free substitutions for the third and fourth (4) period.

FOULS

- 16. There will be five (5) personal fouls per player for all divisions.
- 17. **Personal** and technical fouls count toward disqualification.
- 18. Bonus free throws (one-and-one) begin at seven (7) team fouls per half. Automatically two shots awarded after ten (10) team fouls per half.

OTHER RULES

- 19. A team must begin a game with four players. Teams without five players at the start of a game will forfeit that game. There is no grace period. If a team has no substitutes to replace disqualified or injured players, it must continue with fewer than five. When there is only two players participating for a team, the team shall forfeit the game, unless the referee believes that team has an opportunity to win the game.
- 20. Jump balls will be used at the beginning of the game and the extra period. The “alternating” out-of-bounds procedure will be used on all jump ball situations.
- 20. 3 second lane violation will be in effect for 11 & Under and 13 & Under divisions, but for 5 & Under, 7 & Under and 9 & Under divisions it will be a 5 second lane violation.
- 21. **Players in the lane positions will be allowed to enter the lane on the release of the free throw shot.**
- 22. The ten (10) second rule is in effect for all divisions when bringing the ball across the center line.
- 23. **Blood Rule:** Any player who has a blood injury during the game must leave the game and may not return until the injury has been properly cleaned and bandaged.
- 24. First aid kits will be furnished by the San Angelo Recreation Division and will be available at all gymnasiums.

E. Regional Tournament

- 1. All teams are eligible to play in the Regional Tournament.

F. COACHES REQUIREMENTS

- 1. All coaches that are participating in regional and state competitions representing TAAF member cities, affiliates, or unattached teams and athletes must be approved through a criminal background check process.
- 2. Coaches can be approved through three options:
 - a. Approved through the TAAF state office background check process.
 - b. Approved by completing and passing a background check through a TAAF approved third party organization that performs background checks.
 - c. Approved by the TAAF member organization by signing the “TAAF coaches background check affidavit” confirming that checks were completed at the local level.
- 3. TAAF approved coaching status is valid for 1 year. Coaches can re-certify following the process outlined above.

F. COACHES

- 1. There will be one Head Coach and one Assistant Coach allowed on the player’s bench during the game. During gameplay, only one coach will be allowed to stand the other must be sitting.
- 2. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their teams and spectators during practices and games.
- 3. Coaches are responsible for their team’s picking up their trash and clearing the court for the next two teams to get ready to play. Due to COVID-19, staff members will be escorting teams that just played to leave the gym to minimize mixing of cohorts.
- 4. Reports of coach’s misbehavior/misconduct will be reviewed by the Recreation Supervisor before and during the season.
- 5. **If a coach, player, or parent receives a technical foul OR is ejected from the game, he/she must call and schedule an appointment with the Recreation office to review their conduct prior to their team’s next practice or game.**
- 6. Coaches will remain at the facility until all players have been released to their parent’s care following practices and games.

7. Coaches will follow all guidelines as outlined in the Coaches Information Packet/Application and San Angelo Youth Basketball Rules.

GOOD LUCK AND HAVE A GREAT SEASON!

Thank you for volunteering and making our youth basketball program a successful one!

