



# City of Brownsville

## Parks and Recreation

### Youth Basketball League Rules

#### General Rules:

1. Each player shall be required to participate in each game.
2. Each player shall wear the league issued uniform once received. Any player that has received their shirt but does not have it for the game cannot play, or game may result in a forfeit. League coordinators have final say on decision.
3. Players can move up in a division but cannot move down. e.g. A 10-year-old child may play in the 10-year-old division, and 12-year-old division with both parent and coaches' consent. ***Players may only play for one (1) team per division they are participating in.***
4. All team rosters must include first and last name and be turned in at the scorekeeper's table before each game.
5. Each team roster is required to carry a minimum of (10) ten players. This requirement is based on game management (See rule #7)
6. The teams who show up with less than 8 players will be penalized by giving the opposing team 3 or 5 points after the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter and the half way minute of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. (The 6u & 8u year-old age division will be 3 points and 10u year-old age division will be 5 points). If the 8<sup>th</sup> player shows up before the substitution opportunities the team will not be penalized.
7. Teams may start a game with (4) four players. The game will result in a forfeit if a team does not get a 5<sup>th</sup> player by the start of the second half.
9. Any coach, player, guardian/spectator ejected from a scheduled game shall be required to leave the gym within (1) one minute. Failure to comply may result in a forfeit. Officials and gym attendant(s) will fill out an incident report and turn it in to the league coordinator. League coordinator will review and hand out disciplinary action if necessary.
10. **Profanity, Vulgarity or misconduct of any kind will not be tolerated. Players, coaches, parents, guardians, or spectators shall be ejected from the game and the gym area or grounds.**
11. Any coach involved in a fight shall be suspended from coaching the remainder of the season.

12. No foul language, intimidation or harassing of player(s) will be tolerated. Parents and other offenders will be removed from the gym.
13. Any coach who constantly objects to the decisions of a game official could be ejected from the game and the team's next scheduled game. Should a coach pursue a game official to complain about a call and to make profane remarks, said coach will be suspended from the next scheduled game.  
Offense will result in an indefinite suspension from the league.
14. Any coach seen by an official, league coordinator, gym supervisor, or parent consuming alcoholic beverages before or during a scheduled game shall not be permitted to participate in said game and will be suspended for the remainder of the season.
15. Any team using ineligible player(s) will forfeit the games said player(s) played.
16. If a situation arises that is not covered in the rules, the league coordinator or gym attendant will have the final decision on interpretation of rulings.

### Playing Rules:

1. **Roster:** A team roster shall be frozen once the season begins. No additions are allowed unless the league office gives you player(s).
2. **Game length:** 6u & 8u division will have (6) six-minute running clock the 10-12 divisions will have (8) eight-minute running clock. The clock stops on timeouts, during the 3rd quarter substitution (for 1 minute) and in the last two minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. The game officials may use their discretion to stop the clock for injury, ball retrieval, etc...
3. **Game Rules:** 6u games will not be called as strict and will be up to refs discretion. 8u will be called a little stricter and everything inside the 3pt line will be called tighter. For the 10u and 12u divisions everything will be called.
4. **Point Spread Rule:** If one team is ahead by (15) fifteen or more points during the last (2) two minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, the clock will remain a running clock, except for time-outs.
5. **Forfeits:** Teams must have 4 players to start a game. At a team's second unexcused forfeit, the team will be withdrawn from the league and no refunds will be issued. League coordinators will have final say on decision.
6. **Time Outs:** Each team shall be allowed (2) two-time outs per half. In case of overtime, each team shall be allowed (1) one time out. No time outs from regulation will carry over. If a coach wants to question a call made by an official, they may do so by using a timeout
7. **Overtime:** If the score is tied at the end of regulation play in the 6u, 8u & 10u divisions of play, there will be a (2) two-minute overtime period. In the 12u divisions of play, there will be a (3) minute overtime period. If the game is tied after the first overtime, then a second overtime game will be played if the game is still tied at the end of the second overtime we will continue the overtime play until a winner is decided. Clock stops only in the last minute of said overtime.

7. **Coaches:** Only (1) one coach may be standing during the game. There may be an assistant, but that person must remain seated during the game (except during time-outs). No parent(s) may be on the bench area during game time.

8. **No 7th graders**

**Basketball Specifications:**

Ball size: 6u will use the youth size 27.5, 8u-10u Boys & 8u, 10u, and 12u Girls will use the official women's basketball size 28.5, and 12u Boys will use a 29.5.

**Free Throw Distance:**

6U will be shooting from volleyball back line (all gymnasium floors have it marked) 8U will be shooting 36in back (midpoint between Volleyball back line & free throw line) 10U and 12U will be shooting at the regulation free throw line.

**Offensive Lane Violations:**

10u-12u boys and girls division will have (3) three second lane violations. 6u-8u boys and girls will have (5) five second lane violations.

**Full Court Defense (press):**

1. In the 6u-10u, there will be no full court press until the start of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. If a team is winning by (15) fifteen or more points, the team ahead will not be allowed to press until the point spread goes down less than (15) fifteen points. The team winning must be behind their own 10 ft volleyball line. (It will be marked at all gyms)
2. In the 12u divisions there will be full court and half court pressing allowed throughout the game. If a team is winning by (15) fifteen or more points, the team ahead will not be allowed to press until the point spread goes down less than (15) fifteen points. The team winning must be behind their own 10 ft volleyball line. (It will be marked at all gyms)

**Substitution:**

6u, 8u, 10u divisions will have 5 starting players the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, 5 different players in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, and the remaining 2 players play the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (if you are a team of 12). The third quarter will have substitutions at the 3:00 minute mark or 4:00 mark depending on the division, only the kids who need a quarter of play will stay in for the remainder of the quarter, the rest of the players will sub for each other. Only the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter will have open substitutions.

12u divisions will have open substitution. Keep in mind coaches are responsible for the amount of playing time a player receives.

**Technical Foul:**

If a player is guilty of committing a technical foul, player must sit out for (5) minutes of playing time. If a player commits a second technical foul, player will not be allowed to play the remainder of the game and the teams next scheduled game.

**Sportsmanship:**

All players and coaches will lineup and shake hands with the opposing team no matter the outcome of the game.

## **Protest:**

**There will be no protesting an official's call.** The team's coach must completely fill out an official protest form and turn it in with a \$30.00 fee to the Parks and Recreation Office by 4:30 PM on the day after the protested game. If the game you are protesting is played on a Friday or Saturday, the protest must be filed the following Monday. If the protest is allowed, the protest fee will be refunded.

Any player suspected of being older than the division's requirement may be brought up to the onsite Gym Attendant or game official. Decisions will be made before the said player's next scheduled game.

For any coach using illegal player(s) said coach and illegal player will not be allowed to participate in any other City of Brownsville Parks & Recreation Department league, sport, or activities.

**For any further questions or concerns about the rules, please feel free to reach us at our Oliveira Park office at 104 El Paso Rd, Brownsville, Texas 78521 Monday-Friday 8:30AM-5:30PM or at (956) 547-6861**