

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

BY LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS

1. Administrative Organization

- a) All administrative and policy making functions of this organizations shall be under the supervision of the Central Oklahoma Youth Basketball League.
- b) There shall be at least one representative from each host town and that representative must be at least the commissioner/coordinator of basketball.
- c) Any matters related to the administration policy making functions of the league shall be voted on by the commission. Each town shall have one vote. Majority will prevail on any vote. In the event of a tie there will be no changes made to the administration or policy in question.

2. Duties of Commission

- a) To approve the admissions of teams and townships into the league.
- b) To establish and enforce game rules and regulations and rules pertaining to eligibility.
- c) To provide a schedule for all games.
- d) To serve as the judicial body for the association. As such, the commission shall have authority to suspend or remove permanently from the Association any team, coach, or player who, in the opinion of the Commission, exhibits conduct detrimental to the purposes of the league.
- e) To provide a weekly update during the regular season of team standings as they relate to playoffs.
- f) Cost of trophies for post season league tournament winners (1st through 3rd place) will be split between each host town.
- g) To take such actions as necessary in any situation not specifically provided for in these rules and regulations.

3. Duties of Townships

- a) To mandate league fees that will cover player insurance, and any other expenses.
- b) Each township shall govern any specific cases of hardships for their towns.
- c) Ensure OSSAA certified officials, one timekeeper and, 1 scorekeeper is present for their home sites.
- d) To take such actions as necessary in any situation not specifically provided for in these rules and regulations.
- e) To provide each team with two coach's passes and each gate keeper with a weekly sign in sheet for said coach's

4. League Organization

- a) League organization shall consist of several teams from each represented town
- b) There will be separate boys and girls divisions.
- c) Divisions will be separated into groups based on grade and gender.
- d) Divisions will be: 1st grade, 2nd grade, 3rd grade, 4th grade, 5th grade, and 6th grade.
- e) All games shall be played at the scheduled time and on the scheduled date of the scheduled gym as authorized by the Commission. If a game is postponed because of inclement weather, or other valid reason, the Commission may reschedule that game. Any games that cannot be made up will result in a forfeit by both teams. Any changes in the schedule must be communicated and approved by the Commission in advance.
- f) Failure of a team to appear for a scheduled game will result in the forfeit of that game. If any team shall not be on the court and ready to play within 10 minutes of the scheduled starting time, the officials may forfeit the game. It is the coach's responsibility to ensure their teams appear for all scheduled league games. In the event of forfeiture, a fee of \$35.00 must be paid to the host town. If the fee is not paid at least 24 hours in advance of that team's next regularly scheduled game, their next game will be forfeited too.
- g) Only appropriate basketball footwear will be allowed on the gym floors. Absolutely no boots, cleats, or colored soles that can mark the gym flooring. It is strongly recommended that gym shoes be brought to gym to be put on prior to the game to avoid dirt, and small rocks from damaging the playing surface.
- h) Host sites will have a set of two hanging goals for 1st – 2nd grade games.
- i) Gate fees will be \$3 for 16 & older. 65+ and veterans are free
- j) Each township will be responsible for each player, parents, and coach's ethics and sportsmanship.

5. Player participation rules

- a) In all grades, participation is to be encouraged. Proof of grade, documentation, and verification must be provided on official letterhead from each town's school district.
- b) No player will be eligible to participate on more than one league team.
- c) The coach must notify the referee and the scorekeeper prior to the game if a player on the roster that is dressed out will not be participating in the game. Valid reasons for a suited roster player not to play would include injury, sickness or disciplinary action.

6. Team Rosters

- a) No team shall have a roster of more than 10 players or less than 6 players.
- b) Team rosters containing player name and uniform number must be provided to the scorekeeper at least 10 minutes prior to the start of every game.
- c) No player shall participate in an organized practice or game before he or she are lawfully bound with insurance through their townships league.
- d) All players must provide proof of grade within 48 hours after a game to the Commission if that player's grade is in dispute. If that player is found to be illegal, all games participated in will be forfeited and the team will be placed on probation. Length of probation will be decided by the Commission.
- e) There are no restrictions on jersey numbers

7. Game Rules

- a) Regulation high school rules will be followed unless otherwise noted.
- b) There will be two officials provided for each game. In the event there is only one official, the game shall still be played.
- c) Regulation ball sizes
- d) A. Girls sizes are 27.5 for 1st through 4th grade and 28.5 for 5th & 6th
- e) B. Boys sizes are 27.5 for 1st & 2nd grade and 28.5 for 3rd through 6th
- f) Lane violation rules – 3 seconds
- g) Free Throw Rules are as follows – 1st, 2nd grade will shoot from the second rung down from the standard free throw line. 3rd grade will shoot from the closest rung to the standard free throw line, all others will shoot from the standard free throw line
- h) All grades will shoot 1-1 upon the 7th team foul by the opponent and 2 shots upon the 10th foul.
- i) All game times will have 4 quarters of 8 minutes. Halftime will be 5 minutes. There will be one minute between quarters and 10 minutes between games.
- j) Clock will run continuously with the exception of time outs and free throws.
- k) Pressing rules – 1st & 2nd grade will play half court defense only. 3rd grade is allowed one player in the backcourt to pressure the ball. 4th grade is allowed two players in the backcourt and 5th & 6th grade is not limited on how they choose to press
- l) Overtime – All grades will play 4 minute quarters with a running clock. One timeout will be given to each team at the beginning of each overtime period. Timeouts do not carry over.
- m) Timeouts – Each team will be granted 2 time outs per half. Time outs will not carryover.
- n) Goal Heights- Boys and Girls in the first and second grade play on an 8' goal. All others will play on a regulation 10' goal

8. Start of Season – End of Season

- a) Signups can begin on September 1, 2011 and go until the first league game.
- b) Practices of any kind may not begin until October 1, 2011.
- c) League games will run from the 1st Saturday after New Year's day and end in early March
- d) Preseason tournaments if played will be the week of November 14
- e) Post season tournament will be the week after season ending.

