

# METROPOLIS OF BOSTON

## GOYA BASKETBALL LEAGUE

**PURPOSE:** *To bring Orthodox Christian athletes closer to Christ by providing a mature, safe, moral and sportsmanlike environment in which a healthy level of athletic competition can be enjoyed.*

### **RULES & REGULATIONS**

1) Council of Coaches shall rule on all rights and claims pertaining to player eligibility and playing rules...

- a. Players must be Orthodox Christians.
- b. All players must be present and dressed for 60% of regular season games in order to be eligible for playoffs.
- c. A player that turns 19 years of age before September 1<sup>st</sup> is no longer eligible or if player has graduated High School.
- d. Players must be active members of his/her parish as determined by the parish priest.
- e. **Players are responsible to the local High School District on whether he/she may participate in all levels of GOYA basketball.**
- f. Player's family must be active stewards in the parish for which the player is playing.
- g. Each team must submit a roster of eligible players, signed by the parish priest, signifying his approval of all names on the roster. The roster must also be stamped with the church seal.
- h. The roster is to include the name, address, telephone number, age and birth date of players.
- i. Roster unlimited as to number of ball players.
- j. Only eligible players can dress for each individual game.
- k. To be eligible, a player must be on his/her team's roster. If a player is not on the official roster he/she may not participate.
- l. To be eligible to play in a game, a player must attend Church, Sunday School, and Divine Liturgy on the day of the game.
- m. 20-minute halves, the last 30 seconds of the first half will be stop time and the last two minutes of the second half
  - 7 team fouls before one and one
  - 5 personal fouls before disqualifications
  - 10 team fouls shooting two
- n. If an injury occurs, the player must obtain a medical note from his/her doctor and submit it to the Director of the League.
- o. All eligible players must participate and receive playing time during game situations

2) **It is the player's responsibility** to know and understand the rules and regulations governing this M.Y. B. L.

3) **UNIFORMS:** No player will be allowed on court without a full uniformed numbered jersey and shorts. The switching of jerseys will not be allowed. No

cutoff jerseys are allowed. If any player is without uniform the team will be assessed a technical foul at the beginning of the game. If team has at least 12 players in uniform, no technical foul will be assessed.

4) **EJECTIONS:** Any player ejected from a game might potentially be disqualified from all further competition in M.Y. B. L.

5) **NO PLAYER ON ANY TEAM IS ALLOWED TO SWITCH TEAMS:** A team that uses such a player will incur a forfeit and said player will be given an indefinite suspension from M.Y. B. L.

6) Starting time for a game will be posted on the schedule. After official game time has begun, one point will be added per minute to the opposing team until the end of the first half. Once the first half is over, said team will incur a forfeit.

7) Any player arriving after half time of their game the team will be assessed a team technical foul upon said player entering the game.

8) Coaches shall be responsible for seeing that each player has been recorded in the scorebook prior to reporting to the official scorer for play. A technical foul will be called against any player who reports to the scorer for play without having been recorded present.

9) Officials shall act with full authority of M.Y. B. L. Any overt act (physical, verbal, etc.) against the person or property of an official or scorer-timer shall be considered an overt act against M.Y. B. L. Penalty for overt acts shall be prescribed by the Director. **Any team failing to attempt to restrain an abusive player will also be subject to penalty.**

10) Protests will NOT be considered on judgment call by a referee.

11) Dunking will be permitted only during live ball situations.

12) Any player(s) or parent caught drinking, or in the official's judgment acting under the influence of alcohol or drugs, before, during, or after a game will be ejected from current and all future M.Y. B. L. games.

13) The Metropolis of Boston, Hellenic College or any of the Metropolis of Boston Parishes where all league organized activity (basketball games or practices) are being held assume no financial responsibility for Doctor or Hospital bills in connection with accident to players.

14) A prayer should be given before every game.

15) At the end of the game both teams should shake hands.

16) In the case of a forfeit; the team must contact the league 48 hours prior to the game time in order to provide appropriate time to notify the opposing team.

17) In the case of **Severe Weather Conditions**, the coach of the team which is unable to attend must notify the Youth Director immediately (Sunday morning before Church so that the other team's coach can have enough time to notify his/her players.) If games are cancelled because of weather conditions then the Youth Director will send out an email to all of the coaches, a text to all of the coaches, and a phone call if necessary. Coaches should reply back to the email or text so as to let the Youth Director know that he/she has received the message. If a coach is unsure of a cancellation then he/she should call the Youth Director at Eleni Kalioras at 603-344-4449.

18) **Abusive behavior** by members of the crowd, parents(s), fan(s), player(s), coach(es), or anyone from a given parish or parishes must be reported **IN WRITING** to the Youth Director immediately following the incident. Complaints submitted in writing will be sufficient cause for review by the Youth Director and the Executive Committee, resulting in possible forfeiture of game(s) and/or suspension of the Parish from the League and/or other sanctions to individuals that are disruptive to the program.