

Westchester/Putnam County CYO Basketball Rules for 2018-2019

During the Westchester/Putnam CYO League Season, these WPCYO Basketball Rules override, clarify, or are in addition to the general Archdiocese of NY CYO Basketball Rules.

1. PRESSING RULE:

Teams may use front court press only under these conditions:

Grade	A and B Divisions	C Divisions
3	Last minute of 4th Quarter Less than 15 points ahead	Last minute of 4th Quarter Less than 5 points head
4	Less than 15 points ahead	Last minute of 4th Quarter Less than 5 points head
5	Less than 15 points ahead	Less than 15 points head
6	Less than 15 points ahead	Less than 15 points head
7	Less than 15 points ahead	Less than 15 points head
8	Less than 15 points ahead	Less than 15 points head

2. THREE POINT LINE:

For all 6th, 7th and 8th grade teams, if the court has the 3 point line, then the game must be played with the 3 point shot.

3. BALL SIZE:

Teams	Ball Size
Girls 3 rd - 8 th Grade	28.5" (Woman's standard)
Boys 3 rd - 5 th Grade	28.5" (Woman's standard)
Boys 6 th - 8 th Grade	29.5" (Men's standard)

4. FOUL LINE:

Teams	Foul Line
Girls 3 rd - 6 th Grade	12 Feet from backboard
Girls 7 th - 8 th Grade	15 Feet from backboard
Boys 3 rd - 5 th Grade	12 Feet from backboard
Boys 6 th - 8 th Grade	15 Feet from backboard

5. FOUL BONUS:

Bonus situation begins with the 7th team foul, free throws are one-and-one. The Bonus moves to two free throws on the 10th team foul.

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6. FOUL SHOOTING/ENTERING LANE:

Players may step in on the release of the foul shot for ALL divisions. (Revised July 2015)

7. AMOUNT OF TIME IN A QUARTER and OVERTIME:

Teams	Time
Girls and Boys 3 rd - 6 th Grade	6 minutes
Girls and Boys 7 rd - 8 th Grade	7 minutes

- A 3 minute overtime to break a tied score will be used by all age groups.

8. SCORE:

- Opposing coaches are asked to communicate with each other in keeping the score respectable in unbalanced games. The table below outlines the allowed victory margin:

Teams	Final Score
Girls and Boys 3 rd - 5 th Grade	No more than 15 points
Girls and Boys 6 rd - 8 th Grade	No more than 20 points

- Each Parish Coordinator is responsible to make sure his/her coaches, or another volunteer, update results for Home games on the WPCYO website within 24 hours after a game is played.
- Exact scores should be reported. In previous years, CYO game scores were reported as a 2 for a Win and a 0 for a Loss. This is change is being made to better monitor scores and assist in creating balanced Divisions. Point spread will not be used to break ties or determine standings. Our general CYO philosophy is retained: Emphasis rests not on the number of games won or lost, but on the participants' attitude in victory or defeat. Learning how to lose is just as important as learning how to win. Learning how to win graciously is more important than winning itself.
- In ALL cases where the final score differential exceeds the victory margin limit, the Coordinator of the winning team MUST send your County Commissioned an explanation.
- If the point differential in the final score is much greater than the limit set above, the game may result in a forfeit.

9. TIME OUTS:

Four timeouts per team per game are allowed.

10. COACHES PER TEAM:

Up to two coaches ONLY may sit on the bench.

11. C DIVISIONS

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- C Orange Division is for more competitive C teams and will be eligible for season-end playoffs.
- C Blue Division is for less competitive C teams and/or ones with a .5 or lower record in a C Orange Division in the previous season. Teams in this division will not be eligible for season-end playoffs.

12. CENTER TEAMS

- Any WPCYO League Team that does not meet the CYO NY Eligibility Rule of **no more than 3** non-parishioners or players who do not attend the Parish school, is considered a Center Team. (See website under Rules and Policies).
- CYO Coordinators must inform the County Director if any of their registered Teams are Center Teams
- CYO Coordinators should contact the County Commissioner if uncertain of Center Team status.
- CYO Rosters will be reviewed/verified for Center Team status
- Center Teams are ineligible for Playoffs.

13. PLAYOFFS:

- Any team with two forfeits during the season will be ineligible for playoffs.
- All team fees must be paid before a team is eligible for playoffs.

14. MOVING TO NEW DIVISION:

- Regular Season 1st and 2nd place teams must move up to the next higher division the following season. A list of teams that must move is available in the Coordinators Only section of the WPCYO website.
- A Team with a record of .5 or greater in the previous season may **not** move down a division. A Team with a record of less than .5 during the previous season may move down to a lower division.

15. OFFICIALS

Official Fees per game (contract through 2020):

# of Officials	Elementary School	High School
2	\$50 per official	\$60 per Official
1	\$75 per official	N/A

- Each team (Home and Away) will pay one official
- A Parish Coordinator should contact their Supervisor of Officials to discuss a problem involving an official at the parish's gym.
- No official can work more than 4 games at your gymnasium.

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- Please make sure to have the officials sign their full name in the scorebook. All Supervisors of Officials have been notified of this requirement.

16. GAME CANCELLATIONS:

Games Cancellation due to reasonable reasons must be called in to your Official Supervisor by 7pm on the Wednesday preceding a weekend game, or by 7pm on the day 3 days prior to a weekday games. If this procedure is not followed, the team cancelling is at risk of forfeit and both Official Fees must be paid by the cancelling team.

Reasonable cancellation reasons include unplanned circumstances such as loss of gym time due to maintenance/repairs, school or parish events that require use of a gym, and community/family emergencies. The following are not acceptable cancellation reasons: a team has a game in an outside league which conflicts with the CYO schedule, missing players due to vacations/parties, and other personal reasons.

Due to some parishes that are paying rental fees for gym use - If a team forfeits a game, they are not only responsible for both the ref fees, but also an additional \$75.00 if the parish has gym fees to pay.

Inclement Weather:

If there is inclement weather, the decision on playing will be made by the CYO Coordinator of the HOME team. However, no Coordinator can require a team to travel to an AWAY Game if the team does not want to risk going out in bad weather. Games can be cancelled, by either team, without forfeit, if the weather prevents safe travel. The Coordinator for each team should be involved in any game cancellation. Weather cancellations should be made within at least 2 hours of game time, to give teams and referees enough notice. All parties will be notified by email of game cancellations.

17. HIGH SCHOOL PLAYER CYO ELIGIBILITY:

The Westchester/Putnam CYO High School League is open to Boys and Girls in grades 9 to 12. The only exception is Boys that play on their High School Varsity Team are not eligible, this does not include a HS Boys Varsity B Team. If a Boy is brought up to Varsity **after** the regular season, for post-season play only, he may continue to play on his HS CYO Team. If a Boy is brought up to Varsity **during** the regular season, and plays in any regular-season game, he is no longer eligible to play on a HS CYO Team. The NY Archdiocese limit on the number of non-parishioners per team applies to HS.

Players on any Boys and Girls High School Varsity team who have participated in any league or non-league game, are ineligible to participate in CYO leagues grades 8 and below. Exception: Once the Boys' and/or Girls High School Junior Varsity/Freshman season ends, players who are brought up to play in High School Varsity sectional, intersectional, regional, semifinal or final are eligible to continue play on their CYO team.

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