

G.H.A.A.
6th - 7th - 8th Grade Basketball League Rules

GAME REGULATION

A game will consist of four six-minute quarters using stop clock on any whistles and dead balls. At an appropriate time, either a dead ball or a point where neither time has a scoring advantage, around the three minute mark of each quarter, the clock will stop to allow for substitutions. Period substitutions are not considered time outs, therefore no team huddles are allowed with players checking into the game. The team with possession of the ball will retain the ball. If the end of a period comes during a shooting foul situation, the free throws will be attempted with the rebound determining possession. The start of each new quarter will be determined by the possession arrow. A five minute break will occur at the half of each game. All games will start at the designated time unless otherwise specified by the League Director or the League Representative. A team must have four players to start the game but may finish with less than four in the event on an ejection, foul outs, or injuries. A forfeit will occur after five minutes past the designated start time if a team does not have the minimum number of players to start a league game. Two time outs are permitted with an additional time out given in the event an overtime game takes place. Time outs not taken during regulation play do not carry over to the overtime period. An overtime period will consist of a four minute extended play period divided at the two minute mark for substitutions. In December games teams are only allowed to play man to man defense. In January teams can add half court Zone Defenses (Non-Trapping). In February, teams may add Half Court Trapping Defenses. Teams may only play man to man full court defense the last two (2) minutes of each half. If one team gains a 15 point lead, the winning team will not be allowed to play full court defense or play half court trapping defense.

TO START THE GAME

Only one head and one assistance coach will be allowed on the bench during a game. Only the head coach will be allowed to address the officials. The officials reserve the right to remove any coach from the game that does not comply with this rule. It is the responsibility of each coach to see that each team member present for the game is entered into the official scorebook prior to the start of the game. It is the responsibility of each player to register with the official scorer prior to entering the game. Game shirts must be worn (tucked in) in order to play. No watches or jewelry of any kind will be allowed on the court. Because the intent of this league is one of instruction, an equal play rule is implemented. No player can play more than one period more than any other and a strong effort will be made by coaches to rotate all players at the various playing positions. Player substitutions during the game are allowed only in the event of an injury.

DURING THE GAME

The official scorekeeper will keep track of the score and number of player fouls. If one team gains a 25 point lead, the scoreboard will be turned off. All calls or decisions made by league officials during the course of the game are final. Disputes regarding rules interpretation will first be directed to the League Directors. Unless otherwise noted in this document, normal "IESA" rules regarding game play will apply.

CONDUCT

Technical fouls will be assessed by the game officials if needed. A technical foul will result in 2 points being awarded to the opposing team, and the ball will be awarded to the opposing team at half court. A coach that experiences a technical foul must remain in his chair or on the bench the remainder of the game. A coach that receives 2 technical fouls will be automatically removed from the game, and he/she will be subject to review by the League Directors.

FROM THE DIRECTORS

Questions from parents regarding league play or rules should be addressed to the coaches and then the league directors if needed. Parents are not allowed on the court throughout the course of the game unless directed by a league official, league representative or league director to do so. Appeals of any suspension may be made to the league directors.