

# 2018 WYB 3RD THROUGH 6TH GRADE BASKETBALL GAME RULES

Ohio High School Basketball rules apply, with the following modifications:

Games:

1. All participants must play half the game. Players also must play in each quarter of the game. Exception being any team with 11 or more players on the team.
2. Each quarter will last 10 minutes. The clock will be stopped at the 5 minute mark or as close as possible for substitutions. This time stoppage is for substitutions only and is not to be treated as a time out.
3. The game will consist of 4 quarters, with a 10 minute running clock. There will be a 1 minute break between quarters and 5 minutes for halftime.
4. The clock will be stopped for all whistles ONLY during the last 5 minutes of the game as in a normal basketball game for balls out of bounds, violations, and during foul shots.
5. Each team has 2 time outs to be used during the game. Each time out is 1 minute long.
6. Should there be a tie at the end of regulation, we will play one 2 minute overtime. The clock will stop for dead ball situations as it does during the final 5 minutes of the game. Each team will have 1 timeout in overtime, no carryover from regulation. Should the game remain a tie after the overtime session, then we will play sudden death, first point wins. If a foul occurs during sudden death where a free throw would be given, the automatic one point is NOT awarded, so the player would have to make a free throw for the win.

Defensive Rules/Restrictions (NOTE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN 3RD/4TH & 5TH/6TH GRADE GAMES):

7. Only man-to-man defense is permitted.
8. All players on offense must be clearly covered by a defensive player once the player on offense is positioned inside the three-point arch. "Switch-off" defense is permitted. Double teams are not permitted.
9. Help defense is permitted and encouraged in the lane area when a dribbler is moving toward the basket. Double-teaming away from the basket is not permitted. After two official warnings, the dribbler will be given a one shot free throw.
10. When a player controls a defensive rebound, the defending players must drop back to mid court to pick-up their defensive assignment when full court pressing is not allowed to be played.
11. In 3rd & 4th grade games, Backcourt defense (i.e. full court pressing is not allowed).
12. In 5th & 6th grade games, Backcourt defense (i.e. full court pressing) will be allowed during the second half of the game ONLY if behind by any amount or ahead in the game by less than 10 points. If a team is winning by 10 points or more, they are not allowed to press. You can only press full court man to man. Double teams are not permitted.
13. In 3rd & 4th grade games, stealing off the dribble is not permitted. Stealing of a pass is permitted. However, a player holding the ball or dribbling in place for more than 5 seconds without passing is a violation and will be considered a turnover.
14. In 5th & 6th grade games, stealing off the dribble is permitted. Please note that referees will be calling reaching fouls when they occur. Emphasize playing defense with hands out and only stealing the ball when it is in front of the offensive player.
15. In a fast break, double teams are allowed, since clear defensive position has not been established. This is to teach the players how to transition from Offense to Defense.

Foul Shooting (During Running Clock Situations, i.e. first 3 quarters of the game and first 5 minutes of 4th quarter):

16. The offensive team will be awarded 1 point and 1 foul shot on all shooting fouls.
17. For shooting fouls when the basket is also good, the offensive team is awarded 1 additional point with no free throw needed.
18. In 3rd & 4th grade games, Free Throw line can be moved up from 15 feet to 12 feet.
19. On all common fouls, the ball is taken out of bounds.

Foul Shooting (During last 5 minutes of 4th quarter and Overtime):

20. Scorekeepers will need to keep track of team fouls during the last 5 minutes of 4th quarter and Overtime only.
21. All shooting fouls will be shot as in a regulation game with the player fouled being awarded two free throws.
22. For shooting fouls when the basket is also good, then the offensive team must shoot the foul shot to complete the old fashioned 3 point play.
23. On the 5th team foul, the team in the bonus situation will shoot a 1 and 1 free throw where they need to make the first free throw in order to get a second free throw. After the 7th team foul, two free throws are awarded.

The decisions made by the game officials are final.

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