

Western Maine Youth Basketball League
2018-19 By-Laws and Rules
(Updated 11/5/18)

- 1) A board of representatives shall govern the league. This board shall consist of one representative from each league member, plus one Executive Director, who will be appointed by the board annually. The Executive Director shall conduct all league meetings.
- 2) Two-thirds of the league representatives must be present for a quorum. Any majority vote of those present will be considered a legal vote.
- 3) Board members will represent both boys and girls teams and both divisions (3-4 grade & 5-6 grade)
All towns or programs from the previous season must have a representative at the preseason meeting preseason meeting or pay an extra \$25.00 entry fee.
- 4) The Executive Director (**Joe Trybus**) shall receive a \$400.00 from the league to offset time and expenses. The treasurer (**Carl Lueders: 14 Maxwell Farm Rd. Canton Me. 04221**) will receive \$100.00.
- 5) The teams hosting the end of the season tournaments will receive \$50.00 per game for tournament officials.

League Rules-All divisions

Games will be played under the "National Federation of High School Rules". Except for the following:

- A) Eligibility: Only students in 2nd - 4th grade (3-4 division) the fourth to sixth grade (for 5-6 division) **who attend or will attend the same middle school can play on a team. The exception would be if a town does not have a team in the league, then a player from a neighboring town could join that team.** A player must play in at least fifty percent of the regular season games to eligible to play in the playoff games. Any injured player is to present a doctors note to the Executive Director for an eligibility rule exemption.
- B) **Official team roster with name, grade, birthday, phone number, town, and t-shirt size must be sent to the Director and Statistician at least one week prior to the first scheduled league game. Any team not submitting a roster before third game of regular season will not participate in league playoffs.** Additions may be made to a roster after the season starts if a team drops below 8 players. Those players must play in five regular season games to qualify the playoffs, and must be sent to the Executive Director for approval.
- C) Proof of eligibility may be requested at any time by the league Executive Director.
- D) Grade/age violations will result in forfeiture of all games in which the player participated. **Players cannot turn 11 (3-4 division) or 13 (5-6 division) before the end of the season.**
- E) Players may be registered to play one team only. If co-ed team, must play in the boys league.
- F) Both the boys and the girls will play with a 28.5 size ball.
- G) The home team shall be responsible for furnishing two officials for each game. At least one official is to be board certified. If unable to get a board official, the **home team must notify the visiting team at least 24 hours in advance** unless there are extreme circumstances such as a last minute cancellation, etc. Visiting team may bring an official with them in this situation of their choice. Games may be rescheduled if visiting does not want to play without board official. Or they can take a forfeit if the 24-hour notice is not given. (Wilton will not have board officials.)
- H) Schedule: The schedule will be approved during a meeting of the board **(2018-19 season opens on December 2nd and regular season concludes Feb 3rd with playoffs being the weekend of Feb. 9-10)** The teams concerned shall settle any conflict in the schedule, once established, with notification sent to the Executive Director.
 - 1) Postponed games will be made up within ten days of the postponed date, if possible. The game will need to be made up before the last scheduled game. If the game is not made up it can be considered a loss for either or both teams at the Executive Director's discretion.
 - 2) Playoff format will be set up so that no team plays more than two games in one day.
 - 3) Tie breakers for playoff seeding will be as follows
 - a) Head to head record
 - b) Who defeated the next highest seed
 - c) Fewest points allowed head to head
 - d) Fewest points allowed to the next highest seeded team

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- I) Awards: the board of representatives will determine post-season tourney awards annually. Each team will submit \$175.00 for 3-4 division and \$175.00 for 5-6 division if the team had a rep at the preseason meeting and an additional \$25.00 if not **(non- refundable)** entry fee due before the schedule is made. Schedule will be made two weeks after the first meeting. Entry fee will be use for purchasing trophies and/ or t-shirts. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: *WESTERN MAINE YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE* and mail to the treasurer (Carl Lueders.) **Checks are due November 18th.** For a team to be included in the schedule. This fee is non-refundable once a team is placed in the schedule.
- J) Publicity: statistician shall maintain standings and publicize weekly in local paper. **Winning team must call or email results to the director on game by 9 am Monday.** Please provide game score and the top two scorers from both teams. **If a team does not report a score more than twice they may be ineligible for playoffs.** Home teams and visiting team must keep a scorebook with first and last names of all players involved.
- K) Four (4) eight (8) minute time periods will be used. An optional 5th period 8 minutes running time (which does not affect the outcome of the game) can be played. The decision to play a 5th quarter will be determined by both head coaches prior to the beginning of the game. The 5th quarter is to be played by non-starters unless a team has less than 10 players. **As long as one team wants to play the 5th quarter it must be played.**
- L) Overtimes will be 3 minutes and (1) timeout added for each extra session.
- M) One hundred percent of the gate goes to the team hosting the post-season tournament.
- N) No admission will be charged for regular season games, but the league will decide playoff admission.
- O) **All uniforms must have numbers on front and back of the jerseys starting 2012-13 season.** (voted 2010)

5-6 Grade division rules

- P) 15-point rule: Any team reaching a fifteen-point lead at anytime during the game must not press or half court trap. Teams may apply full court press again when having less than a 15-point lead but should use discretion when doing so. A coach may call a timeout to address the 15-point rule if their team is behind by 15 points or more. This timeout will not be assessed to that team if the coach is correct.
- Q) *Both man-to-man and zone defenses are allowed.*

3-4 Grade division rules

- R) Man to Man defense with switching, help and recover as well as “basket line defense” and double teaming in the paint is allowed. Full court pressure is allowed in the 4th quarter. A team with a lead of 10 or more points cannot press. Full court pressing is to be man to man only. **Teams double teaming other than allowed as above will result in a team warning and after that the offending player will leave the game and can return on the next dead ball.**
- S) *Only man to man defense is allowed.*
- T) Free throw line will be moved 1 foot closer to the basket, marked by tape, **for girls division.** Free throw shooters must start behind the line, but are allowed to jump over the line when they shoot. **Shooter cannot be the first person to touch the ball. Boys will shoot from regular line and go over.**