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- Each quarter will be seven minutes.
- If needed, only **one** overtime period of four minutes allowed.
- There will be a two minute break between quarters and a five minute break at half time. If overtime period is needed, there will be a two minute break prior to overtime.
- Each team is allowed **two** 1 minute time outs per half and **one** 1 minute time out in overtime period.
- The referee will call an official time out at approximately **3 min.**, **30 sec**. into each quarter for substitutions. Players must be ready to sub at the whistle. **This is not an instructional time out.** The referee may put the ball into play even if one team is not ready to play.
- **Substitutions** can **only** be made at the three and a half minute official time out in each quarter or if a player is injured or fouls out. You may also substitute in **overtime** during your team's or the opposing team's time out.
- Three point shots will count on the courts that have a three point line.
- Pressing is allowed during the last two minutes of the second and fourth quarter only. Pressing is not allowed after a team is up by 15 points. A player must make a basketball move once he has the ball. Example: attempt to dribble or pass. ** This is at the referees discretion**
- Fouls: A player fouls out after the sixth personnel foul. One and one starts on the seventh team foul and two foul shots are awarded on the tenth team foul per half. Two shots plus possession are awarded on the second or greater foul in the backcourt during press time or after a technical foul is called on a team. Coaches are responsible for their players and parents during games. A technical foul will be called against the team if the coach, players, or parents are harassing the referees or opposing players and coaches.
- A fouled out player cannot play in overtime.
- Playing Time: Minimum playing time is four of eight periods. (½ of the game) Maximum playing time is six of eight periods. (each quarter is two periods) If a player comes in as a substitute for an injured or fouled out player it will count as an eighth, no matter how little time he has played in that period. No player may play a seventh period until all other players have played at least six periods. (may occur if only 5-7 players show up) Any player may play overtime no matter how many periods he has played. The game may be considered a forfeit if a team is not following the above playing time rules.
- Player and team fouls as well as baskets and foul shots should be maintained by coaches on both teams for both teams. These should be reviewed between quarters and discrepancies brought to the attention of the referee. The final decision will be made, without question, by the referee based on the coach's documentation on record.

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- The referees are **only** responsible for controlling the game and calling fouls. **They will not get involved in any playing time discrepancies.** Playing time should be maintained by the coach and it is optional for the opposing team to maintain.
- Assistant coaches cannot stand up during the games nor address the referees with issues. Only the head coach can address the referees with issues.
- 1 coach and 1 asst. coach are the only non-players allowed on the player 'bench'. The coach, asst. coach or a person associated with the team must keep the book for the game. If a non-coach person is keeping the book, that person may not sit on the 'bench'. If a scorer table is present, they may sit there.

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