

7th/8th GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL RULES

- Each quarter will be seven minutes.
- If necessary, only **one** over time period of four minutes can be played.
- There will be a two minute break between quarters and four 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.
- One two minute time out in over time.
- The referee will call an official time out at approximately three and 1/2 minutes into each quarter for substitutions. Players must be ready to sub at the whistle. **This is not an instructional time out. ** This is at the referee's discretion****
- The referee may put the ball in play even if the other team is not ready to play.
- Substitutions can **only** be made at the 3 1/2 minute official time out and/or a player fouls out or is injured. You may also substitute in **overtime** during your team's or the opposing team's time out.
- All players must meet the minimum playing time requirement (see below).
- Pressing is allowed during the last 2 minutes of the second and fourth quarter as well as last minute of overtime. **A player must make a basketball move once he has the ball. Example: attempt to dribble or pass.** (no press if team is up by 20 points or more)
- 3 point shots are allowed
- **Fouls:** * player fouls out after **Five** personal foul; * one and one starts on seventh team foul per half; * two foul shots are awarded on the tenth team foul per half or on second or greater foul in the back court during press time (plus possession).
- Coaches are responsible for their players and player's parents during games. A Technical foul will be called on the coach if he, his players, or his player's parents are harassing the other players or referees.
- A fouled out player cannot play in over time.

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- **Playing time:**
 - 1) **Minimum** playing time is four out of eight periods.
 - 2) **Maximum** playing time is six out of eight periods.
 - 3) if a player comes into a game to replace an injured or fouled out player it will count as an eighth, no matter how little time he has played in that period.
 - 4) **No** player may play a seventh or eighth period unless all the other players played a sixth.
 - 5) Any player can play over time even if he has max'd out his time during regulation play.
- Player and team fouls as well as playing time should be maintained by coaches. These should be reviewed between quarters by a parent or assistant coach. If there are discrepancies in fouls the referee should be notified and will decide (in favor of memory recall or home team). If there is a discrepancy of playing time this should be worked out between the coaches, assistant coaches or parent recording this without involving the referee. The discrepancy must be resolved without any delay of game, otherwise the teams may lose a 1 minute time out to correct the discrepancy.
- The referees are **only** responsible for calling fouls and controlling the game. They will only get involve with foul discrepancies when they cannot be worked out. If asked to make a decision, it will be final and cannot be questioned. In no way will the referees get involved with any playing time discrepancies.
- 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.