



Renaud Spirit Center Youth Basketball Rules

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GAME/SPORTSMANSHIP/CONDUCT RULES

SPORTSMANSHIP

The City of O'Fallon considers the teaching of good sportsmanship as the most important goal of the program. The proper conduct of the coaches, players, parents and spectators is essential to realizing this goal. The Recreation Specialist and referees monitor the conduct of the persons involved in the program. Listed are conduct guidelines:

PLAYERS:

1. Demonstrate a positive attitude and good sportsmanship toward teammates and opponent.
2. All players will refrain from using abusive or profane language at all times.
3. All players should refrain from fighting with or without provocation. Fighting will not be tolerated and a suspension will be invoked.

COACHES:

1. The prime consideration of the coach should be the development of physical, mental, and moral character of the players.
2. The coach should set a good example both at the games and practices.
3. The coach should have absolute control of his team at all times, but must exercise good judgment and tact in dealing with players, parents and officials.
4. There will be no unnecessary display by a coach as a result of an official's call. Official judgment calls are not grounds for a complaint.
5. Abusive or profane language and fighting will not be tolerated before, during or after games.
6. Coaches are expected to present a demeanor of control and proper sportsmanship during all contests. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the league without refund. Teams or coaches receiving technical fouls will be reported to the league director and depending on the degree of the altercation, may result in additional disciplinary action.
7. Any member of the team or fan who demonstrates poor sportsmanship will be requested to leave the contest facility for the remainder of the day. This will be reported to the league director and appropriate disciplinary actions may be taken. Continual problems with a player, coach, or fan may result in stronger, more permanent disciplinary action.
8. Types of disciplinary action may be probation, dismissal, forfeiture of the contest, and/or elimination of all awards.

Eligibility for PLAYERS

1. Every player listed on the game roster at the start of the game must play the equivalent to at least one full quarter or the game will be considered a forfeit. If a player is injured this rule is waived at the referee's discretion. Any player benched for disciplinary reasons is exempt from this rule.
2. A player may be added to a game roster after the start of the game with a penalty of a 2 shot technical foul.

Games

1. Teams must have **shirts with numbers** on them by the second contest. No Exceptions. Pennies will be provided for teams without jerseys.
2. Games will consist of two **sixteen (16) minute halves** with clock stopping on free throws and the last two minutes of the second half. There will be a **three (3) minute half time**. There is a 20 point mercy rule in which the clock will NOT stop.
3. Teams must have **five (5) players to start each game**. The game will be forfeited if the team is not assembled by five (5) minutes after the hour (Game Time). **Late teams will not receive a warm period**.
4. The games will be governed by MSHSA rules. Two rules will be amended: (1) There will be three (3) time outs per game, (2) Tie games will have a two (2) minute over-time period. After the initial overtime period the game will go into sudden death.
5. **Warm up and practice balls** must be provided by the individual teams.
6. **Game time is forfeit time** (five minutes after the hour).
7. All **game rosters** must be **submitted** to the scorekeeper no later **than three (3) minutes prior to game time**. The **home team** for each game **must provide a score book keeper** if needed.
8. Games will be played using a 10 foot rim and a Ladies size (28.5 in) basketball will be used for all 4th and 5th grade leagues and official men's size for 6th grade leagues unless both coaches agree to use a regulation size ball. 3rd grade games will be played on a 9ft rim and with a Ladies size ball.
9. Teams are to conduct themselves in an orderly manner until the completion of the preceding game. Misbehavior, profanity or unsportsmanlike conduct, on or off of the court will not be tolerated.
10. If two teams have the same color jersey the officials will do a coin flip to determine which team will wear pennies. Failure to comply will result in an automatic forfeit.
11. **No player may be added to a team roster after the completion of such team's first league game.**

12. **Defense: 3rd grade and 4th-5th REC divisions:** Full court pressing will not be allowed until the last 2 minutes of the game and there must be a point differential within 10 points.
13. **4th-5th COMP and all 6th grade Divisions:** Full court pressing will be allowed until the point differential reaches 20 points.