

BASKETBALL OFFICIATING INFORMATION

Officials

- **Focus** - is to keep all players safe.
- **Preparation** - the teenagers go through regular training and have significant experience.

Games

- **Overtime** - Regular season games can end in a tie.
- **Length** - Four x 10 minute quarters, running clock.
- **Clock** - Only stops for fouls with less than 1 minute left in the game.
- **Timeout** – Coaches have a single 30-second timeout per game.
- **Breaks** - Two minutes between quarters and 5 minutes for half time.
- **Score** - At a differential of 15 points, the score will be removed.
 - **Leading Team** (by 15) - is restricted to defending inside the 3-point line for the remainder of the game.

First Weekend of Games

- **Call** - Travel / double dribble, instruct and give the ball back to the offending team.

Games Second Weekend On

- **Week 2** - We call egregious (skipping, multiple double dribbles, etc.) and start warnings for 5-seconds in the lane.
- **Week 3** - We call travel/double dribble, egregious 5-seconds in the lane.
- **Week 4 through 8** – We call per the rules.

Substitutions

- **When** - There is no free substitution, it must be done during a dead ball and reconized by the official.
- **Officials** - Will attempt to call for substitutes midway through each quarter.
- **Clocks** - Continues to run and coaches may not enter the court.

Defense

- **Defensive Position** - Hands straight up in the air and in an athletic position.
- **Backcourt** - No defense for any ages in the backcourt.
- **Stealing dribble 3rd/4th Grades** – Can only steal inside the 3-point line.
- **Stealing Pass** – After the ball advances past half court.
- **Five Seconds** - In the lane and must fully exit to reset the count.
- **Fouls** – No "hugging" where hands are placed around offensive player.

Offense

- **No Fast Breaks** - Defined as a player with the ball advancing past the free throw line extended before any defender is inside the 3-point line.
- **Fast Breaks** - Doesn't result in a turnover, but a violation and reset out of bounds.

- **Free Throw** (3rd/4th grade) - Free throws from a spot that will be indicated closer to the goal.

Coaches Addressing Officials

- **Active Game Time** – They may not be able to address your concerns/questions immediately.
- **Parents** - Parents should address their concerns with you instead of officials.

Coaches Addressing Players

- **Avoid** - Overly loud or aggressive communication with any players, including your own children.

Injuries

- **Officials** - will stop play for any injuries, they may instruct you substitute the player.