

INTER-FAITH BASKETBALL LEAGUE GUIDELINES

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ELIGIBILITY AND LEAGUE REQUIREMENTS

Grades 3-8- Junior Conference

Grades 9-12- Senior Conference (CYO)

1. All League fees and entry fees will be assessed by the IFBL board of directors prior to the start of the season.
2. No team will be allowed to participate unless all fees are paid PRIOR to the first scheduled game.
3. A player may compete in only one division of the League.
4. To be eligible all players and coaches must be registered with the IFBL by the registration deadline and format as designated by the Board of Directors. No players may be added after two (2) League games without a request of exception of The Board of Directors. Any additions to the roster after the start of the season must be given to the League with 48 hours notice (i.e. player listed on Friday, may play on Sunday). The league must receive the name of each player added. Exceptions cannot be requested for The Board of Directors review after the fourth game of the season. It is the responsibility of the Athletic Director to ensure players are inputted in the official roster on Sportability.
5. All participants must be valid members of an approved IFBL Member organization. The Pastor/Principal or Athletic Director must verify that players are members of your organization. Only allowable exception to this rule is the 'Grandfather' Provision, which states: A player that has a history of participating on an organization's teams may continue to do so as long as the cycle is not broken. Players that are members of organizations that participate in the league, but cannot participate on a team through that organization, may participate through another organization as long as the board is advised of the player's status. (i.e. a non-Catholic student attending a school within the diocese will play at nearest Catholic parish) Any other exceptions to this rule must be brought to and approved by the Board of Directors by your league representative. Violation of this rule shall result in immediate expulsion of the violating team from the League for the rest of the season.
6. The IFBL only allows students to participate in the gender league that a child was identified as, at birth, on their original birth certificate.
7. Any league participant playing for a middle school, junior high, or high school team is not eligible to play in the League.
8. All members of your organization, who desire to participate, must be a parishioner or member of their organization prior to the registration deadline in order to participate and make a team. There is a no cut policy as this is a recreation league. All teams will be divided equally by grade and ability. Violation of this rule shall result in immediate expulsion of the violating team from the Inter-Faith Basketball League for the rest of the season. If a parish or organization has more than one team in a division, they must conduct a draft for those divisions that consists of a skills assessment of the players. The teams must be evenly divided in terms of talent and be approved by the Athletic Director.
9. Two players may play down one grade, only if there is no team available in their age group or in the next older age group. Exception to this rule is a 9th grade (CYO) playing down to 8th grade division (Junior Division).
10. There is a maximum roster limit of 13 on any team. A team must have a minimum of 7 players to register.
12. A player must play in at least one half the regular season games to be eligible for the League tournament. The IFBL Board must approve exceptions to this rule.

13. *Must Play Rule –Define Junior rule*

Junior Conference –There are two aspects to this rule. First, each player is required to play a full continuous quarter per game. No substitutions will be allowed until each player has met the must play requirement. The second part of this rule requires players to sit one full quarter per game. Teams with 10 or more players will not be able to substitute until each player has played a full quarter. Teams with less 10 players participating in a game must sit each player out 1 full continuous quarter. The only exception is in case of an injury. Teams with six or less players at a game must play every player 1 full continuous quarter. Once the must play has been met, playing time as well as sitting time should be evenly dispersed.

Senior Conference - Each member of a team will play a minimum of one full quarter per game.

Coaches / Bench Personnel Requirements.

1. Each Coach must be registered with the league and meet all qualifications as established by their individual parish/organizations. They must attend the mandatory Coaches meetings that the IFBL Board member(s) will attend before the season.

2. Junior Conference - Each Team must have a coach at least 21 years of age on the bench during the game.

Teams with no adult supervision – min age 21 -will forfeit the game

Senior Conference – all coaches and Bench personnel must be 25 years of age. Teams with no adult supervision-min age 25- will forfeit the game.

3. In addition to the players, only two (2) persons will be allowed on the team bench during the game; the head coach and assistant coach/team scorekeeper. Absolutely no one else will be allowed to occupy the team bench during a game

4. Only one coach can stand at any point during the game. Only the Head Coach can address the Official with questions.

5. Team Scorekeepers do not keep the official book and discussions with the table are limited to nothing more than a cursory review of the official book at the end of quarter and half time. Approaching the scores table during any other time of the game is prohibited and could result in penalties.

6. Each coach is required to present their official printed roster, from Sportability, prior to the start of their warm-up period to the scores table. The roster should include First Name Initial, Full Last Name and Jersey Number. Failure to comply with this rule could result in a technical foul to start the game.

Coaches, Bench Personnel and Player Conduct.

1. All coaches, players and bench personnel are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsman-like manner. Any players, coaches or Bench Personnel showing unsportsmanlike conduct toward the officials or other players, or use of offensive language will be issued a Technical Foul pursuant to the current High School Rule Book. Any two (2) technical fouls in the same game will result in ejection from the game in progress and suspension from the next game. If any player, coach or BP is ejected from a game for any reason, the ejected party will be automatically suspended from participating in the immediately succeeding game in which their team participates.

Technical fouls are accumulative for the season. Any player, coach, bench personnel or others who receive a technical foul for behavior, attitude, disrespect & flagrant intentional fouls (but not limited to) will be suspended from their next game. If the same player, coach, bench personnel at anytime during the season gets a 2nd technical foul, that player, coach, bench personnel will be suspended from the next 2 games. If the same player, coach, or bench personnel receives a 3rd technical foul, then they will be removed from the team. This rule will carry over to the next season if the player is not a 12th grader. The IFBL Board will reserve the right to suspend a team if that team receives multiple technical fouls.

2. Any coach or assistant coach/scores keeper who is ejected from a game will forfeit the remainder of their current game. In addition, they will not be able to coach or attend their next game and will lose coaching privileges during the tournament. Any coach ejected during the tournament will forfeit their current game as well as be unable to participate in next year's tournament.

3. Fighting, as determined by the officials, will result in an automatic suspension from the game in progress. Additionally this may result in suspension/expulsion from other regular season games and/or tournament games. The IFBL Board will determine any Suspension/Expulsion from the league. The Officials in charge will notify the Commissioner of all suspensions and ejections within 24 hours of occurrence.

3. Violations of any of the above Player Eligibility and/or League Requirement Rules shall result in forfeiture of all games in which the violation(s) occurred.

4. Social Media - Any Social Media that is used by any Coaches or Players against members or organizations of the Inter-faith Basketball League, in a threatening, derogatory or lude manner will face consequences. The Board of Directors will determine these consequences that could result in expulsion from the league.

RULES, GYM REQUIREMENTS, AWARDS

1. National Federation of State High School Associations Rules Book will govern the rules of play with those exceptions noted on the "Rules Matrix" most recently adopted by the Board of Directors. It is the responsibility of all Athletic Directors, Gym supervisors and all Coaches to familiarize themselves with the National Federation Rules and all the exceptions to those rules as provided in the most current IFBL rules matrix.

2. All Gym facilities will be approved by the Board of Directors prior to the start of the season.

3. Each gym will have 1 official scorer, 1 timer and 1 gym supervisor for each game. There will be a designated scorer's table with Home and Visitors benches on either side.

4. Each gym must supply game scrimmage vests in the event that both teams scheduled to play each other have the same color uniforms. Whenever this occurs, the designated visiting team will be required to wear the scrimmage vests.

5. Each Gym will also maintain an alternative scoring and timing system should the main scoreboard fail.

FORFEITS

The Commissioner must be notified 72 hours in advance by the AD if a team expects to forfeit a scheduled game(s). Failure to do so will incur a \$100 penalty for each infraction on that teams association and further disciplinary action should a team forfeit on more than one occasion during the season. Forfeiting Coach/AD must notify the opposing coach of the forfeit.

PROTESTS

To lodge a protest the coach must adhere to the following:

1. Coach lodging protest must obtain name and phone number of all participants involved.

2. There will be a 72-hour cooling off period. **No cooling off period the last week of the season and playoffs.**

3. After this period the coach will have 24 hours to submit the protest to his basketball director with a copy to the Commissioner via E-mail

4. The protest must be emailed to the organization's AD to be forwarded on to the commissioner.

5. He (she) may submit names of witnesses and any documents to support the protest.

6. The burden of proof belongs to the protesting coach, and lack of proof will be cause to dismiss any hearing.

7. Judgment calls by the officials will not be allowed as reason for protest.

8. Poor officiating is not cause to protest any game.

9. All player eligibility protest will only be considered during the regular season. Player eligibility protest during the post season will not be considered.

JERSEYS

1. Must be solid colors and legal numbers on the front and back of the Jersey. No tie-dye or hand written t-shirts.
2. Shorts must be similar in color to Jersey and the other players on the team. Tights or leggings can be worn under shorts. The colors will need to be white, black, grey or match the color of the jersey.
3. Shorts length should be at minimum as long as the fingertip of their longest finger when a participants arms are by their side.