



## **YOUTH BASKETBALL RULES**

### **Purpose**

The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas Parks and Recreation Youth Sports Programs are non-competitive with the emphasis on basics, fundamentals, and sportsmanship. The idea is to provide knowledge of the game that will stay with them later on in life and to provide youth with encouragement so they will learn how to compete, not to destroy one's confidence to participate in athletics.

**All games will be governed by the National Federation High School rules, with exception to where parks and recreation has added or modified the rules.**

### **Uniforms**

- All participants will be given a team t-shirt. Shorts or sweat pants may be worn.
- Players will not be permitted to wear equipment which might lead to the injury of another player, examples being: special braces, casts of any kind, or pads while protecting the player wearing them, often injure other players in the game.
- As a safety precaution, Parks and Recreation suggests that a player who must wear glasses should have shatter-proof lenses and an eye-glass strap.

### **Rainout Number     913-573-8398**

In case of inclement weather, please call our rainout line. The rainout line will be updated as needed to inform teams of changes. If the games are cancelled due to weather once the day has begun, we will notify the team's contact person as soon as possible.

### **Rainout Dates**

Rainouts will be played at the end of the schedule in the order of the rainout. If more rainouts occur than rainout dates, schedules will be revised to accommodate and create multiple games on those dates.

## Awards

There will be **no** participation awards given.

## Team and Player Conduct

Sponsors, coaches, players, parents, and spectators all play an important part in providing wholesome, active recreation for all concerned. Smoking, profanity, gestures of poor sportsmanship, and general bad behavior will not be tolerated on or off the court. We have a zero tolerance policy on unsportsmanlike conduct, and will not hesitate to eject any coach, player, or fan that is in violation of this rule. A player or coach will receive one warning, if a 2<sup>nd</sup> warning is placed upon the same player or coach, they will be suspended for the remainder of the game and must leave the gym immediately, and they could be suspended for the next game at the Recreation Specialist's discretion.

There are laws governing alcoholic beverages in all Unified Government facilities and any person in violation of this law are subject to prosecution.

In accordance with the youth gaining a good sense of good sportsmanship, we expect each coach and player to shake hands at the conclusion of each game. If a player or coach opts not to shake hands or does so in an aggressive manner, they will be penalized the following week and not be allowed to coach or play.

**As a coach of the team, you assume responsibility for the conduct of your players, coaches, and fans.**

## Team Roster and Contracts

All youth teams will be limited to 10 players on each team. The coach must turn in for each player a completed contract and entry fee. The contract must include the signature of his/her parents or legal guardian. A contract is not valid until entry fee is received and receipt number recorded on contract by a parks and recreation representative. **No team will be allowed to play until all players have turned in contracts and entry fees have been paid in full.**

No roster changes will be allowed after the second week of play. Any and all roster changes have to be approved by the Recreation Specialist. In the event of illness or injury a doctor's note must accompany a roster change.

# Game Guidelines

## AGE DIVISIONS

All divisions will be age and gender based. Each of the ages will have their own unique set of guidelines, but will fall under the same playing rules.

- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys and Girls
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys and Girls
  - 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys and Girls
  - 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys and Girls
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- Baskets will be 10 feet in height for all grade levels.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> grade players will be allowed to shoot free throws from 14 feet, all other grade levels will shoot from 15 feet.
  - In the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade leagues, the defensive team will not be allowed to press beyond the center court line until the last six (6) minutes of the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) half. **Once a team has possession, the other team must move back behind the center court line. If the defensive team has a 10 point lead, they can not press until the lead is less than 10 points.**
  - In the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade leagues, every player that is physically able and dressed for the game must play in each half. If a player has not played by the last two (2) minutes of each half, the clock will be stopped and each player who has not played will finish the half.
  - A player or coach receiving two (2) technical fouls in one (1) game will be automatically suspended for the remainder of the game and must leave the gym, and may be suspended for the next game at the Recreation Specialist discretion.

## TIME LIMIT

- Game time is forfeit time. No grace periods are allowed. Any team not able to field five (5) players at the scheduled starting time will forfeit the game.
- Each team coach or manager must present his or her line-up of all players ten (10) minutes before the scheduled game time.
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade plays two (2) twelve (12) minute halves. 9<sup>th</sup> and above plays two (2) sixteen (16) minute halves.
- The timer's clock will only be stopped during the last minute of play in 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades, and the last two (2) minutes of play for 9<sup>th</sup> grade and above, for foul, jump-ball or time out only.
- Time-outs will be for one (1) minute or a shorter duration if requested when both teams are ready to resume play. Each team is allowed four (4) time-outs per game.
- Substitutions may be made only on a jump-ball, foul or time-out, when the referee signals the player to enter the game.

**ANY OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES THAT ARISE DURING THE SEASON WILL BE HANDLED BY THE RECREATION SPECIALIST, PROGRAM COORDINATOR, OR RECREATION SUPERVISOR.**

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