



## **Youth Basketball League Rules**

**\*NO FOOD OR DRINK ALLOWED IN GYMS\***

### **LEAGUE ADMINISTRATOR**

1. The League shall operate under the rules administered by the Clarksville Parks and Recreation Department hereby referred to as CPRD.
2. Duties of the Athletic Coordinator will include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Consider basketball league rule changes
  - b. Approve requests for player additions
  - c. Determine player eligibility
  - d. Investigation of protests and initiating appropriate disciplinary action when necessary
  - e. General League Administration

### **FACILITY MANAGER**

1. The Facility Manager is employed by the City to supervise the facilities and carry out duties and responsibilities assigned by the Superintendent of Athletics. The person does not coach or represent any team in the league.
2. The Facility Manager's duties and responsibilities are as follows:
  - a. All Facility Managers are to see that the rules are adhered to by each team using the Facilities.
  - b. Each Facility Manager, when warranted, prepares and files game conduct reports to include any of the following: player, coach, official and spectator.
  - c. The Facility Manager has the ultimate responsibility for the behavior of spectators, game officials, and coaches. If the conduct of spectator(s) prohibits the orderly continuance of a game the Facility Manager will take whatever action is necessary to restore order.
  - d. This may require the removal of a spectator(s), or the clearing of the court before the game is permitted to continue. If the disruption is not brought under control and the game cannot safely continue, the Facility Manager is advised to suspend or forfeit the game. This action is taken only as a last resort. Games and practices that are suspended will not be rescheduled.
  - e.     The Facility Manager provides all game equipment.

### **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

1. A Recreation Center ID is not required to participate in the Basketball league for games and scheduled practices. However, IF the participant and/ or family wish to utilize any other area of the recreation center, they will be required to have a Recreation Center ID card.
2. CPRD requires that all players' name and parent/ guardian signature be entered on the registration form for liability and insurance purposes **before** participating in any league games. This is obtained during the registration process
3. A player MAY NOT play on more than one team within a league.
4. Line up Sheets are required to be submitted to the referee and scorekeeper **5 minutes prior** to game.



5. No one under 18 (except players, coaches and authorized personnel) is allowed on the court or on the bench area for any reason. Only coaches & assistant coaches are allowed in the bench area during gameplay.
6. Only “Rostered” players (and Facility/Supervisor personnel), may be in the bench/ player area at any times. This is to ensure the safety and continuity of the game.
7. League and Age Requirements – Players’ ages will be determined by their age as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year
8. Age Categories:
  - 7- 8 year olds
  - 9 -10 year olds
  - 11-13 year olds

**If participation is not great enough in any age group, CPRD reserves the right to divide the players into 3-year increments.**

### **Rules of Play**

- 1. TSSAA Basketball rules will govern play except as modified by these rules.**
- 2. Starting the game**
  - a. The team must field at least four (4) “Rostered” players to start the game.
  - b. Game time is forfeit time. There will be no grace period. Games will start at their scheduled times. The referee will be in charge of keeping this time with the Facility Manager having the overall decision if needed. At the Coaches discretion, a player may be loaned to allow the game to be played, however the game will still be counted as a forfeit.
  - c. The scorekeeper will be in charge of keeping the official game time.
- 3. Length of Game**
  - 7-8 & 9-10 year olds**
    - a. A game shall consist of four (4) six (6) minute quarters. There shall be a one (1) minute rest period between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr and the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> qtr. There will be a two (2) minute halftime.
  - 11-13 year olds**
    - b. A game shall consist of four (4) seven minute quarters. There shall be a one (1) minute rest period between qtrs. There will be a two (2) minute halftime.
    - c. Clock only stops for timeouts called by referees or coaches and shooting fouls.
- 4. Point Differential Rule**
  - a. During the last two (2) minutes of either half, if a team is ahead fifteen (15) points or more, the clock will only be stopped for time outs. If the point differential is (15) fifteen points or more, the ball must be brought past half court before pressure may be applied.
- 5. Timeouts**
  - 7-8 & 9-10 year olds**
    - a. There will be two (2) one minute timeouts per half. Timeouts from the first half will not be carried over to the second half.



### 11-13 year olds

- a. There will be two (2) one minute time outs per half and two (2) 30 second timeouts per half. Timeouts from the first half will not be carried over to the second half.

### 6. Overtime

- a. In the event of a tie, there will be one three (3) minute overtime period. If still tied a second overtime period will be played as sudden death. Each team will receive a one (1) minute timeout per overtime.

### 7. Playing Time

- a. **Coaches must ensure that each player that is there for the start of the game plays for at least half of the game.**

## Court Specifications

### 1. Court Size

- a. 7-8 & 9-10 year olds Half Court
- b. 11-13 year olds Full court

### 2. Game Balls

- a. CPRD provides equipment for games only
- b. 7-8 & 9-10 year olds will play with 27.5" ball (size 5)
- c. 11-13 will play with 28.5" ball if co-ed. 29.5" otherwise

### 3. Basket Height

- a. 7-8 year olds: Eight (8) feet. Foul Line ten (10) feet
- b. 9-10 year olds: Eight (8) feet. Foul Line fifteen (15) feet
- c. 11-13 year olds: Ten (10) feet. Foul line fifteen (15) feet

## League Play

### 1. Lane Violations

- a. If a player enters the lane before the shooter has released the ball, a violation will be called.

### 2. Other Violations

#### 7-8 year olds

- a. Double Dribbles and travels will be called, but they will not result in loss of possession. Five (5) second inbound calls will not be made.

#### 9-10 year olds

- a. Blatant double dribbles and travels will be called
- b. . Five (5) second inbound calls will be made.

#### 11-13 year olds

- a. All double dribbles and travels will be called as seen by referees. Five (5) second inbound calls will be made.

### 3. Personal & Team Fouls

- a. Each team shall be allowed seven (7) team fouls per half before the one and one rule shall apply; with the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) foul of each half, players will shoot two (2) shots.
- b. **9-10 & 11-13 year old players are each allowed 5 personal fouls. Once they receive the 6th personal foul they will foul out of the game.**



#### 4. Additional Foul Shots/3 Point Try

##### 7-8 & 9-10 year olds

- a. Three (3) point shots are not allowed. Any foul will fall under the normal shot rule.

##### 11-13 year olds

- b. A player fouled on an unsuccessful 3 point field goal attempt will receive three (3) free throws.

#### 5. Offense

##### 7-8 year olds

- a. Ball must penetrate the defensive zone within 10 seconds after crossing half court before the shot can be taken. When a violation of the offensive restriction rule occurs, the referee will stop the game and explain the violation. The ball will be put back into play where the violation occurred by the offensive team.

##### 9-10 & 11-13 year olds

- b. May play any type of legal offense

#### 6. Defense

##### 7-8 year olds

- a. The defense must retreat inside the 3 point arc before ball is brought across the half court line. Once offense has penetrated half court then pressure is allowed to be applied. When a violation of the defensive restriction rule occurs, the referee will stop the game and explain the violation. The ball will be put back into play where the violation occurred by the offensive team.

##### 9-10 year olds

- a. **During the first, second and third quarters no full court pressure will be allowed.** Full court pressure will be allowed for the entirety of the fourth quarter and overtime if needed.
- b. Violation of the rule will result in the following:
  1. 1st Offense - Warning by the referee
  2. 2nd Offense & After - Team Fouls and loss of possession if the ball is stolen .

##### 11-13 year olds

1. May play any type of legal defense

#### DISCIPLINARY ACTION

1. If any Player or Coach receives one (1) Unsportsmanlike Technical foul, that individual is ejected from the game and will be suspended for **one (1)** additional game.  
**Second Offense:** 1 year suspension.
2. If any Player or Coach receives one (1) flagrant Technical Foul, that individual will be ejected from the game and serve a **two (2)** game suspension.  
**Second Offense:** 1 Year suspension.
3. The Coach is responsible for the Teams action. He or she will be approached by the Referee to address any issues. If a team receives **two (2)** Technical fouls, The game will be forfeited and he or she will serve a **one (1)** game suspension.



## **AWARDS**

1. Awards shall be as follows:
  - a. All Participants receive participation medals
  - b. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place season & tournament trophies

## **GENERAL LEAGUE ADMINISTRATION**

### **1. Uniforms**

- a. Jerseys and shorts will be supplied by the CPRD. The team is responsible for all other apparel.

### **2. Refunds**

- a. A 100% refund will be given where uniforms and/or other equipment have not been ordered normally 30 days before the first game.
- b. A 50% refund will be given where uniforms and/or other equipment has been ordered

### **3. Inclement Weather Policy**

- a. If the Clarksville Montgomery County School System closes schools or is dismissed early due to inclement weather, games/ practices will be cancelled for that day. Coaches may contact CPRD at 645-7476 for any additional information.

### **4. Facility Rules (Recreation Centers & Schools)**

- At any other time beside games and/ or practices an ID card is required to enter the facility and check out equipment
- No smoking
- No one will be allowed in a recreational facility who has been consuming alcohol/drugs or has alcohol/drugs in their possession
- No food or drink of any kind (gum, candy, etc.) in the play area
- No fighting, horseplay, use of profanity or abusive language
- No firearms or knives
- No dunking or hanging on the rims
- One must be in required dress for use of the gym, racquetball court, and weight room. (No hats in the gym area. No gang attire.)
- Patrons under the age of six (6) must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Patrons under the age of thirteen (13) must be accompanied by an adult after 6:00pm
- Patrons must be fifteen (15) or over to use the weight room.
- No radios, CD players, or cassette players can be used without headsets unless the music is provided by the center.
- No personal items will be stored by center staff for any reason. The center is not responsible for lost or stolen items. A locker is available if you bring your own lock.

**\*Rules are subject to change without prior notice at the Parks and Recreation Department's Discretion\***