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BASKETBALL LEAGUE GUIDELINES

Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation Department
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The rules and guidelines below have been developed in order to establish an orderly and organized league with a recreational perspective. All players and coaches should familiarize themselves with these guidelines. Players, coaches, fans, and officials are expected to conduct themselves in a manner appropriate for recreational activities. Players, coaches, or fans that verbally abuse or threaten opponents, spectators, or league officials are subject to suspension or expulsion at the discretion of the League Supervisor whether or not a technical is issued. All such sanctions may be appealed through the office of the Recreation Manager, Olympia Parks, Arts, and Recreation.

All game situations not specifically or generally covered in these directions will be ruled on at the discretion of the game officials using local boys high school rules as a general guideline.

I. Rosters/Eligibility

- a. Team managers should print the names of their players on the roster/registration form. Players must add their signatures. Turn your roster in at your first game. *Players do not need to come to the Olympia Center to sign! They can sign the roster at the gym before their games!*
- b. *Players may be added to the roster through the last Regular season game. In cases where playoffs are involved, players are required to play in a minimum of one regular season game to be eligible for playoffs. Players may remove themselves from one roster and join another **1 time** (must be prior to deadline).*
- c. This is an adult league. Players must be 18 years or older to play.
- d. Players may be on only one OPARD roster per season.
- e. Players must be listed and signed on the roster to be eligible to play. Information must be accurate and complete.
- f. Players must bring picture I.D. (driver's license, etc.) to each game. If necessary, the officials or supervisor may request I.D. from a player to clarify eligibility.
- g. Use of an ineligible player is automatic forfeit of that game and any preceding game the player has participated.

II. Uniforms / Equipment

- a. Team members must wear similar colored jerseys with numbers visible on back.
- b. One player may participate with a numberless jersey - this player will be designated "O" in the scorebook. Other players without legible inked-on numbers or with a duplicate number are ineligible to play.
- c. Players must wear non-marking gym shoes (no dark-colored soles).
- d. All braces (knee, ankle, etc.) must be covered and padded to protect other players from injury.
- e. Players may not wear jewelry. Due to safety concerns, this includes lip and nose piercings.
- f. Home team will provide a regulation-sized leather basketball for each game, subject to the approval of the official.

III. Game Rules

- a. All situations not specifically covered in these regulations will be ruled on at the discretion of the officials using standard high school rules as a general guideline.
- b. Teams must field five eligible, uniformed players to start a game. Five minute grace period from listed game time.
- c. Team captains are responsible for checking that their player's names and uniform numbers are correctly listed in the book before the start of the game.
- d. The player listed as manager (or co-manager if the manager is not present) on your roster is considered the game captain. If neither the manager or co-manager is present, another player must be designated in the scorebook as game captain.
- e. Two, twenty minute halves with running clock except final 2 minutes of each half. Five minute half-time. Each team receives three 60 second timeouts and two 30 second timeouts.
*****NEW***e2. Clock WILL NOT STOP in final 2 minutes of the game when score differential is 25+ pts.**
- f. Three point line in effect for all games.
- g. Bonus on seventh team foul each half. Double bonus is awarded after the tenth team foul (2 shots).
- i. Games ending in a tie will be broken by one, *three-minute (stop clock last two minutes)* overtime period.). If the score is still deadlocked after overtime, the game will be decided by a sudden-death period, ending when one team scores. *During playoffs, the semi-final and championship games will play 1 minute stop clock in place of sudden death for extra overtime periods.* **Each team is awarded one full timeout per overtime (No accumulation of timeouts for overtime use).**
- j. To protect school equipment and other players, no dunking before, during, or after the game. Result will be an unsportsmanlike technical and **automatic 1 game suspension**.

IV. Officials

- a. All league games are scheduled to be officiated by two members of the South Sound Basketball Officials Association and two OPARD employees (park & recreation department employees act as scorekeeper and timer).
- b. If both association officials are not present at game time, teams may wait for five minutes. After five minutes, the game will be started if one official is present. Teams may be refunded the money that would have been paid to the second official upon request.
- c. If no officials show, the teams may use the court time for practice; the game will be rescheduled.
- d. Only game captains can address the official for clarification of a call or of a rule. Captains must approach the official in an appropriate manner and may only ask for clarification, they may not argue a subjective call.
- e. When they deem it necessary, league officials and staff have the right to ask any player, manager, or fan to leave the premises immediately.
- f. The official does not automatically end the game if three technicals have been assessed to a team. However, an official can end a game at any point they feel a team's unsportsmanlike actions are not in line with the purpose and intent of city league play.
- g. Any player or manager may express their opinion of an official's capabilities by calling the League Supervisor (Jeff Johnson, 753-8051, emailing: jjohnson@ci.olympia.wa.us or by sending written comments to Olympia Parks and Recreation, 222 N. Columbia Street, 98501. Calling or writing is the only acceptable method of complaining about an official. Verbal insults, harassment, or threats to (or about) an official before, during, or after a game is subject to sanction (see PENALTIES). The League Supervisor will relay complaints and/or compliments about officials to the South Sound Basketball Officials Association.

V. Schedules, Standings, and Gyms

a. OPARD will make every effort to schedule games on the weeknight designated for your league. However, due to school activities and other variables, it may be necessary to cancel, postpone, or reschedule your game. Make-up games may have to be played on an alternate night or at a different facility.

b. Revised schedules, if necessary, will be mailed to team managers. If a schedule change is made less than 4 days prior to your game, the manager will be notified by phone. Please notify the League Supervisor if there is a change of your address or phone number or if the manager will be unavailable for an amount of time and a different person (co-captain) needs to be notified of changes.

c. If, at the end of the regular season, teams are tied the following criteria will be used for the tiebreaker:

1. Head to Head results
2. Record against common opponents
3. Points allowed (Forfeited games won or lost will be thrown out if it gets to pts allowed. We will use the Avg. pts allowed per game in this case)

Note: point differential is not used so teams are not encouraged to run up the score! Winning by large margins does nothing to help you in the standings.

c. Smoking and alcohol are prohibited at gym sites and grounds. Players and/or fans that disregard these rules are subject to sanction.

d. Food or drink is not allowed inside the gyms. Only water bottles are allowed.

VI. Game Conduct, Penalties, and Sanctions



a. Players and managers are expected to know the league rules.

b. Players, managers, and fans do not have the right to verbally harass, insult, or threaten opponents or officials.

c. All **technical/flagrant/intentional** fouls result in the opposing team being awarded two points and possession of the ball.

d. Player's who receive 2 technicals for unsportsmanlike conduct in a single game or 1 flagrant foul in a single game are automatically ejected from that game and the next game. Dunking is a technical foul. *Appeals must be turned in to the Recreation Supervisor the next day.*

d-1. : Dunking, attempted dunking, or grabbing the rim before, during or after a game is an AUTOMATIC 1 game suspension!

e. Players who accumulate 2 technicals for unsportsmanlike conduct over the course of 2 or more games are automatically suspended from the next game. *Dunking is included! Appeals must be turned in to the Recreation Supervisor the next day.*

f. Players who accumulate 3 technical fouls for unsportsmanlike conduct are suspended for the remainder of the season and must apply to the League Supervisor for reinstatement the following year.

g. A team whose players accumulate FIVE technical fouls for unsportsmanlike conduct, is suspended for one game and placed on probation for the remainder of the season. *Dunking is included.*

h. A team whose players accumulate SIX technical fouls for unsportsmanlike conduct, is suspended for the remainder of the season (with no refund). *Dunking is included.*

i. Technical fouls can be awarded for conduct before, during, or after a game. Points are not awarded to the opposing team for technicals given after the game is over.

j. Officials and gym supervisors have the right to eject players, managers, and fans for inappropriate behavior.

k. Ejected persons have 5 minutes to leave school grounds. Failure to leave results in immediate forfeit of the game.

l. Any player, manager, or fan is subject to league suspension, at the discretion of the League Supervisor, for the following infractions: 1) Verbal/Physical abuse of any league official, employee, or player 2) Threatening a league official, employee, or player 3) Fighting during or after a league game 4) Possession of alcohol or illegal drugs on school property 5) Abuse of equipment 6) Giving false information to league officials 7) Failure to follow the direction of a league official.

m. All sanctions and suspensions for unsportsmanlike conduct may be appealed to the Recreation Manager, 753-8380.

n. Infractions/Incidents/Suspensions will be handled as follows: League Supervisor may discuss matter with player(s) involved, gym supervisors, referees, and Referee Assignor. Assignor may contact officials who worked the game in question. The Assignor may ultimately take matter to the Associations Board of Directors and make suggestions to League Supervisor on appropriate actions to be taken. League Supervisor will make final decision on disciplinary measures.



VII. Children at Games

Children brought to the gym must be accompanied by a non-playing adult who supervises the child's activity. On a first offense, team captain will be given a warning. On a second offense, team captain is issued a technical. A third interruption will cause your team to forfeit the game. Sorry to be so strict, but we have seen too many kids get hurt from falling off bleachers and we've had too many games interrupted by kids running on the court. Also, our use of the gyms is dependent on keeping kids (and players!) in the gym and out of the rest of the building. In the event fines or damages are a result of a player's child, the player will be held responsible. Thanks for your cooperation.

VIII. Team Standings and Awards

League standings are available from your gym supervisor each week and also posted on our website: www.olympiawa.gov They are typically also published in the Daily Olympian on Tuesdays. Division champions will be awarded t-shirts at end of season. *To keep costs lower, trophies are not a part of the awards package.*

Olympia Gym Locations:

Reeves Middle School	2200 N. Quince St NE	596-3400
Jefferson Middle School	2200 Conger Ave NW	596-3200
Washington Middle School	3100 Cain Rd SE	596-3000
Marshall Middle School	3939 20th Ave NW	596-7600
The Olympia Center (TOC)	222 N. Columbia	

Phone Numbers:

Olympia Parks and Recreation, The Olympia Center, 753-8380

Open Gym / Schedule Info: 753-4444 x. 7370

Jeff Johnson, League Supervisor: 753-8051 jjohnson@ci.olympia.wa.us

Fax: 753-8334

Good Luck this Season!