



SIYAA JV & Varsity Basketball Rules

ALL RULES WILL BE THE SAME AS NCHSAA WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

1. EACH PLAYER MUST PLAY A FULL QUARTER. A coach may substitute a player only at the halfway point in each quarter, or in between quarters, until each player has fulfilled the minimum play rule. THE REQUIRED PLAYING TIME MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE START OF THE 4TH QUARTER. The only exception to the above is if he/she is injured or replacing an injured player or if a player received 3 fouls and the coach desires to substitute that player in order to save them for later in the game. A PLAYER WHO COMES INTO THE GAME REPLACING AN INJURED PLAYER OR A FOUL TROUBLED PLAYER IS STILL REQUIRED TO PLAY A MINIMUM OF TWO HALF QUARTERS.
 - a.) MINIMAL PLAY TIME Upon investigation & review by the SIYAA Coordinator of Sport & Executive Board any team found not complying with rules of required minimal play time for each player on their team will forfeit the game in which player did not receive minimal play time.
2. Any defense may be used. In the 3rd / 4th league, the ball must pass TIME line before defense applies pressure.
3. a.) In the 3rd and 4th league no defense may be used in the back court except after the 2 minute warning. If a team is leading by 10 points or more, NO PRESS. If score drops below 10 points, may resume press. Full court pressing is allowed during the last 2 minutes of the game as signaled in the 3rd and 4th league.
 - b.) In the 5th and 6th league full court pressing may be used the entire fourth quarter. If a team is leading by 15 points or more, NO PRESS. If score drops below 15 points, may resume press.
4. Teams violating press rule will be given (2) two warnings per game. Technical fouls will be given for subsequent violations.
5. There will be no 2 minute warning in the 5th and 6th league.
6. 3rd and 4th league will have a 10 ft. goal and use an intermediate basketball and shoot foul shots from a 12ft. foul line. The 5th and 6th league will also use an intermediate basketball and shoot fouls from the 15 ft. line.
7. 3rd and 4th league will use a five second lane violation. 5th and 6th league will use a three second lane violation.
8. a.) There will be 4 six minute quarters in a regulation game for JV (3rd/ 4th grade) league.
 - b.) There will be 4 seven minute quarters in a regulation game for V (5th/6th grade) league.
9. Each team will be allowed 4 time outs per regulation game. One minute for each time out. One time out each overtime plus any unused time-outs. A time out may be called by a player or coach.
10. Overtime will be 2 minutes. There will be 2 overtimes and the third will be sudden death with the team scoring first winning.
11. Between starting times of games there will be a minimum 10 minute break to get other teams ready. Half time will be a minimum of Five minutes, but no more than a maximum of Seven minutes.



12. Games will start at posted time not before. Forfeit time will be five minutes after the schedule starting time, but if five players are present the game shall begin as scheduled.
13. No team can start without four players. However, a game can be finished with less as a result of injury or players eliminated through fouls or ejection.
14. Coaches must turn in complete roster no later than five minutes before game time to scorekeeper and opposing coach. Players that do not show must be removed at half time (SCOREKEEPER WILL INFORM COACHES OF ANY CHILD WHO HAS NOT PLAYED DURING THE FIRST HALF).
15. The clock does not stop for jump balls and out of bounds plays during the first three quarters. The fourth quarter the clock will stop according to High School Rules for 3rd/4th and 5th/6th.
16. A referee's time out will be called in case of obvious injury or danger to the player in the judgment of the Referee.
17. No team should have more than 15 players on the team.
18. AGE LIMITATIONS: 3RD AND 4TH LEAGUE...CANNOT BE 11 YEARS OLD ON OR BEFORE SIYAA V_JV Basketball Rules_edit_12_06_15 Page 2 of 2 OCTOBER 15. 5TH AND 6TH LEAGUE...CANNOT BE 13 YEARS OLD ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 15. NO ONE BEYOND 6TH GRADE IS ELIGIBLE TO PLAY. EXCEPTION TO AGE RULE TO BE REVIEWED BY THE SIYAA BOARD.
19. Each player has a total of 4 years combined of JV/Varsity play; player may only move forward to higher level of play. (Players may not play down to lower level without specific permission from SIYAA board – generally considered if there is a medical condition that holds player back from full potential)
20. Any questions of eligibility must be submitted to SIYAA Board.
21. Players may play on only one team in the SIYAA. Participation in other leagues is not prohibited.
22. Coaches must keep up to date roster and notify Directors in case of any additions or deletions to the roster. No new players may be added to the roster after the first game of the season unless approved by League Directors.
23. Maximum 1 ½ hour practice. Two practices per week prior to the start of the season. Two practices per week after the season begins.
24. Teams tied at the end of the season in each division shall be considered Co-champions. Playoff seating will be determined by win/loss record against each other.
25. THE REFEREE IS THE AUTHORITY ON THE FLOOR AND HIS INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES IS BINDING.
26. Unsportsmanlike player conduct is prohibited and will result in a technical foul and/or IMMEDIATE ejection from the game. Unsportsmanlike conduct includes but is not limited to:
 - Fighting
 - Foul language, either at officials, players, or coaches.
 - Throwing the ball or kicking the ball
 - Taunting the other team or spectators



- Baiting or "confronting" the opponent
 - Making noise during an opponent's free throw attempt
 - Using inappropriate gestures.
 - Harassment of the officials
27. Unsportsmanlike conduct by a fan will also result in the fan's ejection from the game.
28. Any COACH violating these rules will be immediately ejected from the game and receive a warning from the SIYAA board. A second violation will result in the coach being suspended for the REMAINDER of the season.
29. The number of coaches will be limited to two (2): Coach and Assistant Coach.
30. Either the coach or the assistant coach, but only one of them at any given time, is permitted to remain standing during the game. Only the standing coach may address the officials during game play and both coaches may address the players verbally during the game provided they remain within their team bench area. Either the coach or the assistant coach may go to the scorer's table during the game to obtain statistical information only when the ball becomes dead and the game clock is stopped. And either the coach or the assistant coach, but not both, is permitted to inquire with the officials at quarter end or half time.
31. Each school coordinator will supply coaches with rules and schedules.
32. No fans or parents are allowed across the court. They must remain in bleachers or concession area.
33. No jewelry allowed by any player. Headband/Sweatbands are allowed, all must be the same color if more than one player on the team wears them.
34. **AGGRESSIVE FORCEFUL ACTION:** The Executive Board of the SIYAA will investigate any reports of aggressive, forceful action towards a child/player during SIYAA events. Several witnesses must verify the report. After investigation & review, if determined forceful action towards a child/player had occurred, the person/coach will receive an automatic two game suspension. (They may attend the game as a spectator only, not to sit or practice with team during two week suspension).
35. During a Free throw, players on the lane lines are allowed to enter the lane upon the release of the ball by the free thrower. All other players behind the free throw line extended and the three point line, including the free thrower, are required to wait until the free throw touches the ring or backboard or the free throw has ended before entering the lane.

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12/12/2011 (Clarification of Rule 1, 3, 11 & 35); new rule #19 Trial period 2011-2012 season) 10/06/2014

Addition of: 1(a) Minimal play time & 37 Aggressive Forceful Action

12/08/2014 Addition of: 38 Free Throw Rule (per NCHSAA)

12/08/2014 Rules to be added to SIYAA Eligibility, Procedures & Rules Handbook

12/06/2015 Rule 28 - Number of coaches – reduced to two.

11/16/2016 Change of Rule 1, 17, 26 & 27; new Rule #30: deletion of Rules #33-36 and #38