

SIYAA K-2 Beginners Basketball Rules

1. **LENGTH OF GAME:** Games will be played cross-court in gymnasiums that are equipped to do so, otherwise full court will be utilized and will consist of four 6-minute quarters. We will be running the clock except for all foul shots and the last 2 minutes of the game.
2. Will use Junior Ball (27”).
3. **NUMBER OF PLAYERS:** 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.
4. **FOULS:** will be as follows: Measured & marked 10 feet from basket. 2 foul shots if fouled during the act of shooting. Non shooting fouls; the ball will be taken out of bounds
5. **PLAYING TIME: 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.**
 - a. An 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.**
 - b. If a player habitually misses practice or has other disciplinary issues, the coach may declare a player ineligible for that game. The coach must notify the child’s parents prior to game day and declare player status to game officials/other team prior to start of game. If a player is declared ineligible, player status may not be retracted during that game.
 - c. 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.
6. **TIME OUTS:** Each team will be allowed 2 times outs per half.
7. **BACKCOURT:** This rule will not be used in K-2 Beginners Division.
8. **NO pressure** will be allowed in the backcourt.
9. **LANE VIOLATION:** This rule will not be used in K-2
10. **JUMP BALLS:** Possession will alternate each time.
11. **OVERTIME/SUDDEN DEATH:** There will be no overtime in this league.
12. **DOUBLE DRIBBLE AND TRAVELING:** Double dribble and traveling will only be called if a player gains an advantage. Referees will encourage the children to dribble.
13. **DEFENSE:** All teams must play a zone defense. Each player must keep 1 foot inside the basketball lane when playing defense.
14. **SCORE:** No score will be kept in K-2 Beginners Division.

15. **COACHES:** There are only two coaches per team. Coaches must remain on the side of the court with their team bench, and only coaches and team members are allowed in the “bench” area.
- a. Coaches or team representative must attend SIYAA coaches meeting when announced prior to beginning of the season. Failure to attend meeting may result in forfeiture of games.
 - b. 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.
16. **TECHNICALS:** If you receive one technical during a game, you will be dismissed for that game and the next two. If you should receive a second technical during any other game, you are dismissed for the rest of the season. SIYAA K-2 Beginners Basketball Rules 10_06_14 2 of 2
17. **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).

MODIFIED BY SIYAA BOARD APPROVAL

10/06/2014 5 (a) Minimal Play Time & 18 Aggressive Forceful Action

01/2014 – Clarification & editing of Rule #4 Fouls

12/2013 – Removed - Advanced K-2; now have separate rules

01/2012 - Clarification of (4) Foul line per SIYAA K-2 Coaches Meeting

11/2011 - Modified by SIYAA

11/16/16 Changes to rule 5, removal of 6 (substitutions) and changes to rules 15