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2009/2010 Basketball Rules

I. ELIGIBILITY

A. Individual

1. Player may only play on one team in each individual league.
2. Player must be at least 18 years of age and out of high school.
3. Player must have played in at least 2 games during the regular season to be eligible to play in playoff games. **Captains-** Please try to keep track of when your players participate because once the game starts, if you have an ineligible player, you will forfeit the game. It is your responsibility!
4. Player cannot be a current member of a college basketball team.
5. Misinformation to this department regarding a player's eligibility will result in his/her suspension from the league, a forfeit of all previous games in which he/she participated, and exclusion from tournament play for the team involved.

B. Team

1. No team will be permitted to play unless the entry fee is paid in full prior to the established deadline. Games scheduled during this period will be forfeited. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
2. Each team in a league must have matching color shirts with numbers in order to assist officials and scorekeepers. Those numbers must be a permanent fixture on the shirt and clearly seen. **No tape is acceptable** (unless given permission from the sports coordinator). Please advise the department of the shirt color you will be wearing to make sure there is no conflict. Two teams may not have the same color shirt. Teams who have been in the league longer have shirt color priority. The first player on a team that does not meet the above specifications, a team technical foul will be assessed. Any additional players who do not meet the above specification will not be allowed to play. This may take place once during the course of the season, and after that all players must have on their specified shirts or they will not be permitted to play. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Opposing teams have the right to waive this rule for the other team.
3. No team will be permitted to play unless a roster has been completed and delivered and all fees have been paid to the Department Office prior to the established deadline. All players who play in the league must be listed on the roster. This includes substitutes.
4. No roster changes after the 4th game of the season. If you need to change your roster prior to the 4th game, notify the coordinator before the game begins.
5. Players using an assumed name will automatically suspend the team from the league.
6. Teams may have a maximum of 15 players on the roster.
7. **All children must be supervised at all times by a non-league player. If any issues arise, we have the right to suspend individuals and teams from league play.**

II. THE GAME

- A. Current Ohio High School Athletic Association Basketball Rules will be followed with the exceptions as noted herein.
- B. Dunking is **not** allowed before, during, or after a game. Dunking will result in a technical foul against the offending team and will also result in an ejection from the game of that player and a suspension for the next two league games including the playoffs. Flagrant disregard of this rule will be cause for dismissal from the basketball program. This includes any kind of grasping of the rim; this is the official's judgment. If it's not close they won't have to decide!
- C. Each team must have **four** players to start a game. A team may finish with less than five players. A team may play with 4 players if a team member is injured and there is no sub. A team must forfeit a game if a player is removed by the official and there is no sub.
- D. All games will consist of two 20-minute halves with a 2-minute half-time intermission.
- E. Each team is permitted three one-minute time-outs per game with one additional time-out granted during each overtime period. Time-outs not used during the course of the game **cannot** be carried over into overtime periods.
- F. The time clock will run continuously until the last two minutes of **each half** and the last two minutes of any overtime period. The clock will stop for all whistles, fouls, violations, and jump balls in the last two minutes. **However, if the game is running over into the next game, we will discontinue this rule and change it back to only the second half.**
- G. In case of a tie, all overtime periods will last three minutes. If the overtime period runs into the next game, the game will be postponed until a later date. It will be picked up at the spot of postponement.
- H. The clock shall also stop for any unusual delay in the game, such as injury on the court, official's discussion or explanation of a rule (official's timeout), technical foul, ball rolling out of the gym, and other related circumstances.
- I. On foul shots, players may move after the release of the ball.
- J. On the seventh team foul, the 1 and 1 rule goes into effect and **on the tenth team foul the 2 shot rule goes into effect.**
- J. Back court violations after a basket need not, but may be, handled by the official.
- K. Back court fouls will be handled by the official as well as all front court violations and fouls.
- L. Teams forfeit a game if not ready to play at their scheduled time.
Two forfeits by any team may disqualify that team from the league. If a team has 4 players at their scheduled start time they **must** begin play.
- M. **Captains-** Your players **must** check in at the scorekeepers table before entering the game.

III. SPORTSMANSHIP

- A. Any player, manager, or spectator causing, directly or indirectly, any attack upon the person of a game official or threatens an official with bodily harm by word or act at any time, will subject him/herself to indefinite suspension from all activities conducted by the Gahanna Parks & Recreation Department.
- B. Officials shall eject from the game any player or manager guilty of foul, obscene, profane or abusive language. **Such language need not be directed towards a game official to draw the ejection.** This language is not part of any sporting event.
- C. *Scorekeepers are officials and are entitled the respect and consideration as other officials.* Any person arguing with the scorekeepers may be asked by the officials to

move away from the table or they will be ejected from the game. If there is a question with the score/game/play - **CAPTAIN'S ONLY** go to the table!

- D. A player or manager ejected from a game shall be recommended for suspension by the official(s) on duty and/or the league supervisor. The Recreation Supervisor will enforce suspension of the player for the **next scheduled league contest**. Depending upon the severity of the infraction, longer or indefinite suspension may be enforced.
- E. Any player or manager that is suspended from league contests and proceeds to enter and or play in the following contest will receive an indefinite suspension from the league and a disqualification of that team from the league.
- F. Any player who receives **2 technical fouls** in one game will be **suspended** for the rest of that game.
- G. Any player or manager receiving **4 technical fouls** during the course of the season will be **suspended indefinitely** from the league.
- H. Any player, manager, or team involved in unsportsmanlike act/acts on school grounds before, during or following the game and that is judged detrimental or degrading to the Department of Parks & Recreation program will be suspended indefinitely from further participation in the program. Suspension will be recommended by the official(s) on duty and/or the league supervisor. The Recreation Supervisor will enforce the suspension.
- I. A player or manager that is ejected from **2 games** during the course of a season will be suspended indefinitely from the basketball league.
- J. Individual penalties incurred towards the end of a season will be carried over into the next season.

NOTE: Suspended Players May Not Attend Any Games.

V. PROTESTS

- A. Protests may only be of ineligible players. These protests must be made to the Department in writing by 12 noon the next business day following the game. A **\$25 processing deposit** must accompany a protest. This deposit will be returned if the protest is allowed. Protests involving anything else will not be taken.
- B. Protests must include the date, time and location of the game; final score, manager's name, and signature of the protesting player. Player's name that is being protested.
- C. **Any official's decision which involves judgment is final.** No player, manager, coach, substitute or follower shall abusively or continually object to such a judgment. *This objection need not contain foul or obscene language to draw ejection.* Offenders will be removed from the game and will be subject to further disciplinary action by the Department of Parks & Recreation.
- D. If protest of ineligibility of a player is sustained, all games in which that player participated shall be forfeited, and the team shall be excluded from tournament play for the season.
- E. The Department has the right to establish a player's eligibility. **Rosters will be checked!**
- F. In protesting use of an ineligible player, the burden of proof lies with the protesting team.

Thank you for all of your cooperation and good luck this season!