

INTER-FAITH BASKETBALL LEAGUE GUIDELINES

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ELIGIBILITY AND LEAGUE REQUIREMENTS

Grade 2nd – Instructional League

Grades 3-8- Junior Conference

Grades 9-12- Senior Conference (CYO)

1. All League fees and entry fees will be assessed by the IFBL board of directors prior to the start of the season.
2. No team will be allowed to participate unless all fees are paid PRIOR to the first scheduled game.
3. A player may compete in only one division of the League.
4. There will be a \$150 late registration and waiver fee once registration ends. The Board will only accept late registrations and waivers up to one week after registration ends.
5. To be eligible all players and coaches must be registered with the IFBL by the registration deadline and format as designated by the Board of Directors. No players may be added after two (2) League games without a request of exception of The Board of Directors. Any additions to the roster after the start of the season must be given to the League with 48 hours notice (i.e. player listed on Friday, may play on Sunday). Exceptions cannot be requested for The Board of Directors review after the fourth game of the season.
6. All participants must be valid members of an approved IFBL Member organization. The Pastor/Principal or Athletic Director must verify that players are members of your organization. Only allowable exception to this rule is the 'Grandfather' Provision, which states: A player that has a history of participating on an organization's teams may continue to do so as long as the cycle is not broken. Players that are members of organizations that participate in the league, but cannot participate on a team through that organization, may participate through another organization as long as the board is advised of the player's status. (i.e. a non-Catholic student attending a school within the diocese will play at nearest Catholic parish) Any other exceptions to this rule must be brought to and approved by the Board of Directors. Violation of this rule shall result in immediate expulsion of the violating team from the League for the rest of the season.
7. Any student playing for a middle school, junior high, or high school team is not eligible to play in the League.
8. All members of your organization, who desire to participate, must be a parishioner or member of their organization prior to the registration start date in order to participate and make a team. There is a no cut policy as this is a recreation league. All teams will be divided equally by grade and ability. Violation of this rule shall result in immediate expulsion of the violating team from the Inter-Faith Basketball League for the rest of the season. If a parish or organization has more than one team in a division, they need to have a mandatory draft for those divisions that consists of a skills assessment of the players.
9. Two players may play down one grade, only if there is no team available in their age group or in the next older age group. The 2nd grade instructional league players are not allowed to play up for any reason.
10. There is no maximum roster limit put on any team regarding the number of players however participating organizations may set their own limits. A team must have a minimum of 7 players to register.
11. A player must play in at least one half the regular season games to be eligible for the League tournament. The IFBL Board must approve exceptions to this rule.

12. *Must Play Rule –Define Junior rule*

Junior Conference –Each member of a team will play a minimum of one full quarter per game. No substitutions will be allowed until each player has played a full quarter except in the case of injury. See the attached “Must Play” matrix. Additionally any team with less than 10 players participating in a game must sit each eligible player out 1full quarter, except in the case of injury.

Senior Conference - Each member of a team will play a minimum of one full quarter per game.

Coaches / Bench Personnel Requirements.

1. Each Coach must be registered with the league and meet all qualifications as established by their individual parish/organizations. They must attend the mandatory Coaches meetings that the IFBL Board member(s) will attend before the season. In addition they must sign the IFBL Coaches Commitment letter.
2. Junior Conference - Each Team must have a coach at least 21 years of age on the bench during the game.
Teams with no adult supervision – min age 21 -will forfeit the game
Senior Conference – all coaches and Bench personnel must be 25 years of age. Teams with no adult supervision-min age 25- will forfeit the game.
3. In addition to the players, only three (3) persons will be allowed on the team bench during the game; the head coach, assistant coach, and the team scorekeeper. Absolutely no one else will be allowed to occupy the team bench during a game
4. Only one coach can stand at any point during the game. Only the Head Coach can address the Official with questions.
5. Team Scorekeepers do not keep the official book and discussions with the table are limited to nothing more than a cursory review of the official book *at half time*.

Coaches, Bench Personnel and Player Conduct.

1. All coaches, players and bench personnel are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsman-like manner. Any players, coaches or Bench Personnel showing unsportsmanlike conduct toward the officials or other players, or use of offensive language will be issued a Technical Foul pursuant to the current High School Rule Book. Any two (2) technical fouls violations will result in ejection from the game in progress and suspension from the next game. If any player, coach or BP is ejected from a game for any reason, the ejected party will be automatically suspended from participating in the immediately succeeding game in which their team participates.

Technical fouls are accumulative for the season. One technical fouls player/coach sits out next game. Second Technical Foul by same player/coach the entire team sits out the next game. Third Technical foul by same player/coach will result in expulsion of the team from the league for the remainder of the season.

2. Fighting, as determined by the officials, will result in an automatic suspension from the game in progress. Additionally this may result in suspension/expulsion from other regular season games and/or tournament games. The IFBL Board will determine any Suspension/Expulsion from the league. The Officials in charge will notify the Commissioner of all suspensions and ejections within 24 hours of occurrence.
3. Violations of any of the above Player Eligibility and/or League Requirement Rules shall result in forfeiture of all games in which the violation(s) occurred.

Any Social Media that is used by any Coaches or Players against members or organizations of the Inter-faith Basketball League, in a threatening, derogatory or lude manner will face consequences. The Board of Directors will determine these consequences that could result in expulsion from the league.

RULES, GYM REQUIREMENTS, AWARDS

1. National Federation of State High School Associations Rules Book will govern the rules of play with those exceptions noted on the “Rules Matrix” most recently adopted by the Board of Directors. It is the responsibility

of all Athletic Directors, Gym supervisors and all Coaches to familiarize themselves with the National Federation Rules and all the exceptions to those rules as provided in the most current IFBL rules matrix.

2. All Gym facilities will be approved by the Board of Directors prior to the start of the season.
3. Each gym will have 1 official scorer, 1 timer and 1 gym supervisor for each game. There will be a designated scorer's table with Home and Visitors benches on either side.
4. Each gym must supply game scrimmage vests in the event that both teams scheduled to play each other have the same color uniforms. Whenever this occurs, the designated visiting team will be required to wear the scrimmage vests.
5. Each Gym will also maintain an alternative scoring and timing system should the main scoreboard fail.
6. **The League will award each member of the team metals to the first and second place teams in each age group for the Regular Season. If there is tie for first place metals will be awarded to the first place teams only. Metals will be awarded to the first and second place teams in the end of season tournament. This will only be for the Junior Conference. There will be no metals awarded in the CYO league.**

FORFEITS

The Commissioner must be notified 72 hours in advance by the AD if a team expects to forfeit a scheduled game(s). Failure to do so will incur a \$100 penalty for each infraction on that teams association and further disciplinary action should a team forfeit on more than one occasion during the season. Forfeiting Coach/AD must notify the opposing coach of the forfeit.

PROTESTS

To lodge a protest the coach must adhere to the following:

1. Coach lodging protest must obtain name and phone number of all participants involved.
2. There will be a 72-hour cooling off period. **No cooling off period the last week of the season and playoffs.**
3. After this period the coach will have 24 hours to submit the protest to his basketball director with a copy to the Commissioner via E-mail
4. The protest must be typewritten or printed, naming the infraction and the rule to which it applies. Email is preferred
5. The protest information must be accompanied by a \$25 check for "protest fee". The check will be returned if the protest is upheld.
6. He (she) may submit names of witnesses and any documents to support the protest.
7. The burden of proof belongs to the protesting coach, and lack of proof will be cause to dismiss any hearing.
8. Judgment calls by the officials will not be allowed as reason for protest.
9. Poor officiating is not cause to protest any game.

JERSEYS

1. Must be solid colors and legal numbers on the front and back of the Jersey. No tie-dye or hand written t-shirts.
2. Shorts must be similar in color to Jersey and the other players on the team. No tights or leggings can be worn under shorts.

