**CVYBO Basketball League Rules 2022-2023**

The league will follow PIAA High School Rules Except:

1. Special notes and definitions for 4th and 5th grades.

\*4th grade

- 20-minute halves with a running clock. Clock stops last 2 minutes of the second half on out-of-bounds, foul shots, substitutions, etc. Clock stops on team called timeouts the entire game.

(Overtime Rules, see below \*\*)

- 4th grade is man-to-man only. No organized press at any time.

- Man-to-man defense begins within the three-point line (meaning, defenders don’t have to guard their player all the way out to half court in a spread/clear-out tactic). Players within the three-point semi-circle must play man but they are permitted to play help defense (passing lane, one pass, two passes away). However, a defender is permitted to pressure the ball-handler once he/she has crossed the mid court line.

- Help defense that results in a ball handler being double covered by the primary and help defender is not considered an organized trapping defense.

- Full court one-on-one man defense is permitted in the final 1 minute of play and all of overtime.

- No trapping is allowed at any time on any area of the court outside of the three-point semi-circle of the basket that the team is defending. The team will receive one warning and then a technical foul will be called. Technical fouls for this offense will not count against the coach toward eviction from the game.

- The free throw shooter is allowed to land across the free throw line but can’t be the first to touch the ball on a miss. Players may enter the lane when the shot is released in all grades.

\*5th Grade

- 5th grade half is man-to-man only, no half court zone is allowed.

- 20-minute halves with a running clock. Clock stops last 2 minutes of the second half on out-of-bounds, foul shots, substitutions, etc. Clock stops on team called timeouts the entire game.

- 5th grade is permitted to use an organized press for the last 10 minutes of each half, and all of overtime. Organized presses are not allowed when a team is leading by 20 points. An organized press may resume when the lead drops below 15 points.

\*\*The exception is 5B Girls where a press is allowed the last 5 minutes of each half and all of overtime.\*\*

2. Grades 6th Girls & Boys– Games will have 20-minute halves with a running clock. Half time is two minutes. Clock stops for foul shots, timeouts, substitutions and "on the whistle / official time outs" in the last 2 minutes of each half. Clock stops on team called timeouts the entire game.

* \*\*Overtime will be 3 minutes long with running clock except on foul shots and time outs.   Clock stops at the last minute if the ball goes out of bounds. Each team will have one additional 30 second timeout.
* 2nd overtime can only be played if it is able to begin before 10 minutes till the next hour. (Ex: 5:48=Yes, 5:50=No). The Referee will make this final decision. Otherwise, the game ends in a tie. \*\*

3. Grades 7th-8th Girls & Boys – Due to the elimination of the 1&1 foul shot in middle school on up we are making a change to our 7th & 8th grade to fall in line with that rule. Game are going to be 4 10 minute quarters with a running clock stopping during the last two minutes of the game. There should be 1 minute in between each quarter, even halftime. Since coaches are essentially picking up a timeout in between quarters we are dropping to 1 full & 2 30 sec timeouts for these grades. Overtime rules will be the same as above for 6th grade.

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3. Basketball Size – Boys – 4th/5th grade use a 28.5” size ball. 6th-8th grade uses a 29.5” size ball. Girls use a 28.5” size ball.

4. Two referees for all grade levels. Referees are paid $40.00 each for each game. Referees must sign scorebooks for each game. Any game not cancelled by midnight prior to game time will result in full game fee payment(s) to all Referees by the forfeiting team. Exceptions: family emergency, severe weather, school closings, etc.

5. There will be a 10-minute grace period from game time for all teams to have 5 players on the roster of that specific team to start the game or the game will be declared a forfeit.

6. Disputes during a game must be noted in writing by both coaches and reported to the CVYBO as soon as possible (maximum 24 hours). All challenges will be referred to the CVYBO Board for final determination.

7. Only one person/coach standing per team. Teams are permitted to have TWO coaches on the bench in total - one head coach and one assistant. Only the Head coach may speak with the referees. Coaches are not permitted past half court or on the court area during play.

\*The scorer’s table will consist of the clock operator and HOME scorebook keeper. The AWAY scorebook keeper may sit on the bench if there is no room at the scorer’s table.

8. Mercy Rule: Continuous running clock for leads above 20 points in the 2nd half. Clock stops at normal intervals when the lead drops to 15 points or below.

9. Timeouts: (2) Full and (2) 30 second – except for 7th & 8th grade, (1) Full and (2) 30 second

10. Fouls: 5 player fouls per game (foul out on 5th). Grades 4th-6th: 7 Team/half (Bonus), 10 Team/half (Double Bonus). 7th & 8th grade you will shoot 2 on the 5th team foul each quarter, resetting each quarter.

11. A roster must be submitted to the CVYBO via our website. Each player must play in at least 50% of the league games to qualify for participation in the playoffs. A player new to a school district, or who missed 50% of the league games due to injury, may be permitted to participate in playoffs with CVYBO approval. We will not alter the playoffs for AAU play. Please communicate this to your players. Our playoff dates are communicated well in advance. Playoffs start will start around February 27th and wrap up by March 10th.

12. Conduct Rule: Any coach or player ejected from a game will be suspended for 2 games. Second incident will be a 4-game suspension. CVYBO Board may exclude any person or team at our discretion. Referees will report any suspensions to the CVYBO Board.

13. A “Zero Tolerance” policy will be enforced for all parents and coaches. Any behavior deemed unsportsmanlike in accordance with the CVYBO League Codes of Conduct will be immediately addressed by the officials and/or Board members. One warning will be given followed by possible ejection from the gym. Referees are required to report any in-game player/parent/coach conduct issues to the CVYBO Board and appropriate action will be taken as necessary.