

2007 Lee County Parks & Recreation Department Boys & Girls Youth Basketball Rules

Section A- GOVERNING RULES

ALL games in ALL levels of play are governed by the current rules & regulations of the Georgia High School Association with the exceptions of the following local rules.

Section B- LENGTH OF GAMES

8 Minute Quarters for 10-under and above and 6 minute quarters for 8-under. The clock will run continuously with the exception of the last two (2) minutes of the game in the in the (4th) quarter for the 8-Under, 10-Under, 12-Under, and 14/17-Under divisions. The only exception is if one team is ahead by ten (10) or more points at the 2-minute mark. In this case the clock will continuously run.

Section C- SPECIAL PROVISIONS

- I. A team must have four (4) players to start a game. If a team starts with four (4) players the opposing team must play with 4 as well.
- II. **NO** use of tobacco in any form is permitted on the playing court or on the bench area by participants, coaches or officials.
- III. Backcourt press: will be allowed **ONLY** in the 2nd & 4th quarters in the 10-under age group.
- IV. All higher age groups can utilize the backcourt press the entire game.
- V. In all age groups, an official will stop the clock with an official's time-out at the 3-minute or 4-minute mark of a quarter to allow substitutions into the game. No substitutions will be allowed during the game except at the 3-minute or 4-minute mark, unless injury.
- VI. The Free throw line in the 8-Under and 10-Under age groups is 12-feet and the size of the lane is inside the 12-ft. Line.
- VII. The Height of the goal in both the 8-Under and 10-Under age groups is 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet.
- VIII. Each team has Three (3) 45-second time out per half.
- IX. The official basketball for the 8-Under, 10-Under, 12-Under and ALL girls' age groups is a 28.5 or 285 official youth or ladies basketball. Regulation size basketballs are used for 14/17-Under boys.
- X. Tennis shoes must be worn at ALL times. **ONLY** rubber bottom tennis shoes will be allowed on the gym floors.
- XI. A coach has the right to question an official's "interpretation" of a rule provided he or she does it immediately and before the next live ball. If the coach is correct in that the official has misinterpreted the rules, the time out will be charged as an official's time out; however, if the coach is wrong it will be charged as a team time out.

- XII. The **MANDATORY** playing time for ALL youth basketball players in ALL youth basketball leagues is Two (2) FULL quarters per game. The following are exceptions to the rule:
Injury; Player who consistently misses practice and player who is being penalized for misconduct. The coach must alert the official scorer and the opposing coach of any of these instances prior to the start of a game. The penalty for not adhering to this rule is **AUTOMATIC FORFEITURE** of the game!
- XIII. In the 8-Under age groups, players may not press at any time. No player can play all 24 minutes of the game.
- XIV. 8-under age group: Once the child has the ball, no jump ball will be allowed, players must back off until shot reaches goal.
- XV. All lineups must be turned in to the official scorer 10-minutes prior to start of the game.
- XVI. An ejection of a player or coach will result in that player or coach being prohibited from playing or coaching in the teams "next game". The coach will not be allowed to be in the gym during that game. If the coach does not adhere to this rule, the game will result in a forfeit. TWO ejections during the season will result in a player or coach being suspended for a total of 3-games and THREE ejections during the season will result in a player or coach being suspended from the league indefinitely.
- XVII. **ALL** games will be played at Lee County Parks and Rec. Gym, Lee County Elementary, and Lee County Middle School, and or Lee County High School. No food or drinks are allowed in any of the school gyms during practice or play. Coaches please stress to your team the **NO DRINK AND FOOD RULE** in the **SCHOOL GYM**. There will be no team drinks or snacks allowed in the school gyms at any time.

ALL-STARS: Coach will be determined by the Season Champs or by LCRD. Tie in the league will be determined first by head to head, then point differential, or coin toss.

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8-under	6 minute quarters	Continuous Clock
All ages	8 minute quarters	Continuous Clock (2 min)
8-12	28.5 Size Ball	14-17 Boys Regulation Size Ball
Timeouts	(3) 45 second	

****Home team provides the OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER**

****Visitors' team provides the OFFICIAL CLOCK KEEPER**