

Northwest Georgia Youth Basketball League

Rules & Guidelines 2017

Officers of each association must make their coaches, players and parents aware of the provisions of these rules. We expect fair play and good sportsmanship from everyone involved. This league is for recreation and is an organized program for boys and girls to enjoy.

1. Rookie League (Co-Ed)	5/6 Division	8 ft. goals
Pee Wee League	7/8 Division	8 ft. goals
Mite League Girls	9/10 Division	10 ft. goals
Mite League Boys	9/10 Division	10 ft. goals
Midget League	11/12 Division	10 ft. goals

All age divisions' play 6 minute quarters

- Birth date cut off for eligibility is January 1st.
- All players must play an amount of time equal to one (1) full quarter or more in each game. This rule is strictly enforced! Any player not starting first quarter must start the second quarter and play and stay in at least 2 minute.**
Any team that has a player that has not started 1st or 2nd quarter must start 3rd quarter (teams with more than 10 players.)
- A team should consist of a minimum of eight (8) players per team. It is important to know that if a team does not have five (5) players on hand to start a game, it will be a forfeit. Games will not be rescheduled because of not having enough players.
- 7/8, 9/10 and 11/12 girls' age groups will use the 28.5 youth size basketball. 5/6 division will use the 27 youth size ball. 11/12 boys will use regular size 29.5.
- The 5 - 6 division free throw lines will be moved in by 4 ft. The 7 - 8 division free throw lines will be moved in by 2 ft. All other divisions will shoot from the regular free throw line.
- Players cannot play in 2 recreation leagues, be on 2 rosters or have been a part of an organized basketball team in the same school year to participate. This is a rule out-lined in the by-laws of the Georgia Parks & Recreation Association and Georgia schools system. Middle School JV team players can play on recreation teams after their school season is over and should be divided equally. Limit 2 per team. (As long as you don't have a J.V. team)
 - J.V. team may be formed through each association if possible. Rosters must be turned in by the local middle school in your area.**
 - Coaches will be permanently suspended if playing an illegal middle school player.**
 - Short-handed rule: A team may pick up a maximum of two, non J.V. players, which are registered recreation league players, to total five(5) upon approval of opposing team.**
 - The league must have a minimum of four (4) JV Teams to make a league.**
- Admission prices are \$3.00 adult and \$2.00 Senior Citizens and children 5 & under are free. No passes from gym to gym are allowed.
- Only two (2) coach's passes per team allowed. If a coach has more than one team, he or she will receive only one pass.
 - There may be 2 coaches only on side line. Only one can be standing at a time. 5/6 coaches must stay on sideline, NO coaches on the floor. All coach passes must be visible at all times on the sidelines.
- Teams must be dressed alike. Associations should make sure their teams have matching shirts with proper numbers, etc. Legal numbers are 0, 00, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10-15, 20 - 25, 30 - 35, 40 - 45 & 50 - 55.
- Each team will have two (2) time outs per half. They cannot be carried over from the 1st half to the 2nd half. Three (3) over-time periods are allowed but if teams are still tied after the 3rd over time, the game will end in a tie. One (1) time out per team is allowed for each over time period. Over time periods are two (2) minutes each.
- Neutral site games when necessary and available.

13. The host gym and its association are responsible for getting and paying the referees and the official scorekeepers. Referees are prohibited from officiating a game in which he/she is related to the coach or player in that particular game.

b. Official will be lenient the first half of the season in officiating. This is to encourage coaches and players to work on fundamentals. February 1st, officials will return to normal officiating according to specific age group.

14. There will be NO press on fast breaks. 10U age divisions.

15. The 5/6, 7/8, 9/10's cannot press full court except during the final 1 minute of the 2nd and 4th quarters. 8 & under age division must allow teams 10 feet past center court before they can press. 9/10 age division must allow teams 5 feet past center court before they can press. **Upon referee's discretion of stalling ball, offense will have 5 seconds to penetrate line. This violation will be called a jump ball according to Georgia High School Regulation Rules.**

16. All 5/6 & 7/8 teams do not jump ball at center to start game. A coin toss will determine who gets the ball out of bounds to start game. All other divisions will start game with jump ball at center and will be alternating possession on the out of bounds after that.

17. Games results, from each association, must be emailed to www.lrd@cityoflafayettega.org . Standings will be updated every Tuesday.

18. Each association is required to draft all players. When drafting teams, players should be divided fairly. Stacking teams is not permitted in this league.

19. Tennessee teams or recruited players are not eligible to participate.

20. If a player, coach, or fan causes a problem which is serious enough to be a league problem this situation will be handled by a committee made up of the official officer from each organization in a called meeting. The individual in question may be suspended for one year from the date of the incident and his/her association may be placed on probation for the remainder of the season. If the situation is serious enough, the person in question may be banned from the league.

21. If a player or coach is ejected from a game, they will not be allowed to participate in the next game the team plays. This includes tournament games. If a player or coach is ejected from a tournament game with no games remaining, the individual is ineligible for the first game of the next year's game.

22. If an illegal player is used in a league game, the game will be forfeited. The illegal player will be suspended and the guilty team placed on probation for the remainder of the season. If the same offense occurs again a 2nd time, the team will be suspended from participating in any other games during the season.

23. Protests are not allowed on any type of judgment calls by referees. The only thing, which can be protested, is player eligibility and rules interpretation. If there is reason enough for a protest, the following steps must be followed:

A. The pending protest must be put in writing and approved by the officers of the association involved one officer from each other association in the league will meet to make a final decision.

B. **A \$50 fee is required for any protest. The money is only refundable if protest is won.** The fee must accompany protest in writing and above measures pertaining to the protest within 48 hours of the protested incident. If the protest is won, the fee is returned. If the protest is lost, hosting gym keeps the fee.

C. Organizations must produce birth certificates within 48 hours of notification for any player protested due to age classification.

D. **No show fee \$100 per game. Association is responsible!!**

24. Videos and cameras will not be used to support protest.

25. Each gym is required to have responsible personnel present at all games to make sure everything runs smoothly and problems are handled, including disciplinary. The association hosting the games will be responsible.

26. Teams which reach 20 points ahead at any time during a game **must not press** all ages. **If in the 4th quarter a team gains the 20 point advantage, the clock will run continuously for the balance of the game except during time-outs. If the losing team gets within 10 points during the 4th quarter, the clock will be operated by regulation for the balance of the game.**

27. Post Season Tournament will be at the end of February. Locations will be TBA due to league standings. The Host of the post season tournament will be responsible for the trophy expense.

Trophy specification - 1st place individuals are 10 inches and 2nd place individuals are 8 inches.

**Organizations must have 48 hours notice or school functions to cancel games.
If school is canceled, ALL games will play if you can play. Per hosting gym.**