

MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL LEAGUE RULES

I. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- A player may not appear to be on more than (1) one roster in a particular league (grade level).
- There shall be a minimum of eight (8) players on each team roster and a maximum of twelve (12).
- Changes, additions, or deletions can be made prior to the third scheduled game in writing to the League Office. It is the Manager's/Coach responsibility to make sure that all rosters and changes have been received in the League Office.
- Each player on the official roster must have an Individual Player Registration Form and Standards for Spectator Behavior completed, signed by his/her parent, and submitted to the League Office before participating in a league game.
- Any team using an ineligible player shall automatically forfeit all games in which the ineligible player participated. If a team uses a player under an assumed name that team shall be dropped automatically from the League. All games played and all scheduled games not played shall be forfeited to the opponents. Any player who participates under a assumed name or a coach who uses an ineligible player will automatically be suspended from all Montgomery County Recreation Department activities for a period of one (1) year from the date of the incident
- Any coach or spectator who attempts to recruit a player currently participating on another HS League roster at a league game will automatically be suspended immediately for the remainder of the season. In addition, that suspended coach or spectator will be required to schedule and attend a meeting with the League Director before their reinstatement into any Montgomery County Recreation Department activities.
- Only protests regarding player eligibility will be accepted and no protest fee is necessary. The only protest must be submitted in writing to the League Office within 48 hours after the completion of the game. Proof of participation is the responsibility of the protesting team.
- Any team that drops from the League, after the schedule has been completed, or due to league violations, will not receive a refund.

LEAGUE RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

Intermediate: Teams can't have any advanced players on roster.

Advanced: *Teams can have unlimited advanced players on roster.*

(Teams that play in the advanced division may have no more than 3 select players on their roster. A minimum of 8 players are required for a team with a maximum of 12) * A select player is one who plays on a team with tryouts – Rising Star, AAU or I - 270. No jewelry of any kind may be worn during the game.*

II. PLAYING RULES

- Unless modified by these rules, all games of the League shall be played in accordance with the current National High School Federation Basketball rules.
- Substitutions shall be unlimited. (Note: Once a team has met these requirements, a team may finish the game with as few as 1 player providing said team has a chance to win the game.)
- **DUNKING** or **GRASPING THE RING** is not allowed before, during, or after the game. Any player guilty of dunking/grasping ring will automatically be ejected from the game. Each team will be held responsible for replacing any backboard or rim broken or damaged by their players.
- If a team forfeits 3 games during the season due to insufficient number of players, that team may be dropped from the League. All scheduled games not played shall be forfeited to the opponents.
- **NO JEWELRY** allowed at anytime

III. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- A player, manager, or coach who is ejected from a game by an official or for **dunking/grasping** the rim, shall be suspended for at least one (1) additional game (next league game played by that team). A second ejection during the season shall be an automatic suspension for a period of at least one (1) year from the date of the second incident.
- Any player, manager, or coach who approaches an official in a negative manner after the conclusion of a league game shall be suspended for at least one (1) game.
- *A spectator who is ejected from a game by an official or who approaches an official in a negative manner after the conclusion of a league game shall be suspended for at least two (2) additional games (the next league games played by that team). The suspended spectator is also required to schedule and attend a meeting with the league director before their reinstatement into any Montgomery County Recreation Department activities. In addition, the head coach who is present at the league game where the incident with the spectator occurred shall be suspended for at least one (1) game (the next league game played by that team).*
- Anyone who makes physical contact with or threatens an official shall be suspended for at least one (1) year from the date of the incident,
- Any unsportsmanlike conduct may result in barring the player(s) or the team from further participation in the League.
- Any suspension handed out can be appealed to the League Office. The appeal must be submitted in writing within 48 hours after the affected individual has received the suspension letter. A hearing will be called within five working days upon receipt of the appeal in the League Office.
- A coach/manager that pulls a team off the floor for any reason: that team and coach will be suspended for the remainder of that season, plus the following year.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

- **AWARDS** shall be as follows:
League Champion – 12 individual awards

***No schedule changes will be permitted, once schedules are posted. Any team unable to fill a team, after schedules have been posted, will forfeit their entire registration fee; no partial refunds permitted*

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY: In case of inclement weather on the day of the game, call the inclement weather line at 240-777-6889.