

**Harrison Township Youth Basketball League  
Rec League Rules 2007-2008**

1. Teams

1.1 Divisions

Minors – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade. To be eligible to play in the Minor Division, players must not turn 11 before October 1 preceding the season. Player cannot be in 5<sup>th</sup> grade or higher. Towns may elect to place 2<sup>nd</sup> grade players at this level.

Juniors- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade. To be eligible to play in the Junior Division, players must not turn 13 before October 1 preceding the season. Player cannot be in 7<sup>th</sup> grade or higher. Towns may elect to place 4<sup>th</sup> grade players at this level.

Seniors- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade. To be eligible to play in the Senior Division, players must not turn 15 before October 1 preceding the season. Player cannot be in 9<sup>th</sup> grade or higher. Towns may elect to place 6<sup>th</sup> grade players at this level.

1.2 Placement of Teams

Each community will have to fill out teams as equally as possible to create parity for the League as a whole. **The Executive Board will have the final say.**

1.3 Scheduling

All Leagues involved will work together to achieve a suitable schedule. All Minor Division games to be started at 6:30, with Saturdays being reserved for games against other Leagues.

All Divisions will play the same number of games. The number of regular season games will be as follows:

- ❑ Minors—12 games
- ❑ Juniors—14 games
- ❑ Seniors—14 games

Once the schedules are distributed, games can only be changes for the following reasons:

- ❑ **Functions which involve the gymnasium not being available**

- **A school functions in which the majority of players must attend.**

**Any other changes will be an automatic loss.**

#### 1.4 Proof of Age

Proof of Age must be provided by either a birth certificate or an acceptable document approved by the League. This shall be submitted with the team roster. Once a player is certified the birth certificate is considered on file and shall not have to be submitted again.

#### 1.5 Team Rosters

Team rosters must be submitted at a designated league meeting. The league will supply a Roster Form, which must be filled out in its entirety. Players may only appear on one team roster. Changes to the rosters will not be accepted after the start of the season. If a team roster falls below 7 players, the town representative may submit in writing to the Executive Board a request to add a player to the roster.

There will be no more than 8 players on a team, unless circumstances arise that a ninth player needs to be added.

Teams, which do not submit a roster with the required birth certificates, will not receive their schedule nor be permitted to begin their scheduled games.

Players cannot move to another team once the season has begun. The only exception is if their team folds or if they move to a new community.

Exceptions to the above must be submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

Girls are not permitted to play on boy's teams at any level.

Boys are not permitted to play on girl's teams at any level.

#### 1.6 Eligibility

A player is eligible if she/he meets all league requirements. Athletes that make the league's Travel Team will not be permitted to play in the Joint "Rec" league.

#### 1.7 Coaches

All coaches and assistants must be at least 18 years old.  
Coaches will be held responsible for the actions of their players and spectators.

### 1.8 Proof of Insurance

Each community/organization participating on the Joint League will supply proof of insurance. A Certificate of Insurance must be submitted to the Executive Board at the same time rosters are submitted.

## 2. Equipment

### 2.1 Uniforms

Team shirts shall be of the same solid color front and back. Numbers shall be on the back of the shirt and on the front (if possible). No players of the same team will wear identical numbers. The Executive Board prior to the start of the season will choose colors. This will ensure that no two teams have the same colors.

### 2.2 Balls

The Minor Division (boys and girls), the Junior and Senior Division girls will use the women's regulation basketball. Junior and Senior Division boys will use the men's regulation basketball.

### 2.3 Baskets

Minor Division will use nine (9) foot baskets whenever possible.

All other Divisions will use ten (10) foot baskets.

## 3. Referees

### 3.1 Regular Season Referees

Each Home team will pay for the cost of the officials for each game. If one or both officials fail to show for a game, the coach must notify the referee supervisor. (Yet to be named)

Minor Division will have one (1) Referee per game.

All other Divisions will have two (2) Referees per game.

If all referees fail to show for a game, that game is **NOT** to be played. The teams may elect to scrimmage but this game will not be recognized.

### 3.2 Time Keeper

The home team will provide the timekeeper. **No one under the age of 16 will be permitted to keep time.** The timekeeper must sit at the scorer's table.

If there is not an operating scoreboard, the timekeeper must notify both coaches when there is five (5) minutes left on the clock in each quarter. The visiting team reserves the right to have someone watching the clock.

### 3.3. Score Keeper

**The scorekeeper must be at least 16 years of age.** The scorekeeper will sit at the scorer's table when possible. One scorebook will be kept at each home gym. It is the Home team's responsibility to assign someone to keep the scorebook.

### 3.3 Scorer's Table

The scorer's table will be placed somewhere out of bounds. Only the referees and coaches will be permitted at the scorer's table. No players are permitted at the scorer's table, except under normal substitutions.

**There shall be a copy of these rules supplied by the home team placed at the scorer's table during each game.**

## 4. Games Rules

### 4.1 Rule Book

All games will be played according to the official high school rules with the following exceptions:

- 4.1.1 If a team is not ready to start the game within five (5) minutes of the scheduled starting time by (1) not having enough players or (2) arriving late, this will be considered a forfeit. This does not apply if the prior games runs late.
- 4.1.2 Names (to include first initial and last name) and numbers of all players must be in the scorebook five (5) minutes prior to the start of the game.

#### 4.1.3 Length of Games:

**Minor Level: 10-minute quarters, running clock, except for the last two (2) minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters, all overtime periods and all two (2) foul shots.**

**Junior Level: 10-minute quarters, running clock, except for the last two (2) minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters, all overtime periods and all two (2) foul shots.**

**Senior Level: 10-minute quarters, running clock, except for the last two (2) minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters, all overtime periods and all two (2) foul shots.**

**There will be sixty (60) seconds between each quarter.**

**Each coach is permitted two (2)- sixty (60) second time outs per half.**

**There will be a five (5) minute half time.**

**All Division home games will have a fifteen (15) minute warm-up prior to game start. Games will start promptly at 6:00 PM.**

**The second game of the evening will start 15 minutes after the ending of the first game, but no later than 8:00 PM.**

4.1.4 In the event that the score is tied at the end of regulation play, a Two (2) minute overtime period will be played until a team wins. The overtime period will be played with a stopped clock and one (1) time out for each team.

4.1.5 Minors

At the Minor level the foul line will be twelve (12) feet from the basket (must be clearly marked) and there will be a five (5) seconds in the lane instead of three (3).

4.1.6 Pressing

**Minor Division: The defense is NOT permitted to set up beyond top of the key. There IS NO DOUBLE TEAMING OR**

## **TRAPPING OF THE BALL OUTSIDE OF THE THREE POINT AREA AT ANY TIME.**

Teams violating the above rule will be called for a violation and the ball will be taken out of bounds. If a team continues to violate this rule the official has the authority to call a technical foul.

Junior and Senior Division: Full court press will be permitted the last two (2) minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of the game. for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters, the defense is not allowed to press the ball until the offensive player has passed the mid-court line. (both feet and the ball) The defensive player must allow the offensive player to cross the half-court line. If a pass is being made across the mid-court line, it may be intercepted.

### 4.1.7 3-Point Shots

Minor Division: There is no 3-point shot in this division. Any shot made beyond the 3-point line will count as two (2) points.

Junior and Senior Divisions: Shots made behind the 3-point line will count as 3 points. If there is no 3-point line in a particular gym, then there is no 3-point shot.

### 4.1.8 Fouls

Only five (5) fouls per athlete per game will be allowed at all levels.

## 4.2 Postponements

Postponements of regular scheduled games will be made 24 hours prior to the game, if possible. Postponements will be in the case of inclement weather, loss of the gym or a school related function in which the majority of your roster must attend---such as a school game. No other reasons will be permitted. All cancelled games must be made up. The home team will be responsible for notifying the referee assignor for both the cancelled and make-up games. Games must be rescheduled within seven (7) days through the commissioner.

In the event that a team refuses to make up a game, the team which is trying to reschedule is to contact the division commissioner and provide two (2) dates when that team has a gym available. The division commissioner will attempt to

reschedule the game. If a team refuses to play, a forfeit will be declared by the commissioner. Only the commissioner or member of the executive board can declare a forfeit.

#### 4.3 Fighting

Any player ejected from a game for fighting will be suspended for two (2) games. A second offense will result in the banning of the player from this league.

Any coach involved in a physical altercation with another coach, referee or spectator during a game will be suspended for the rest of the basketball season and put on a two (2) year probation period when the said coach returns.

Any coach involved in any other type of unacceptable behavior should be reported to the executive board. The board has the right to discipline, as they feel necessary.

### 5. Coaches' Responsibilities

#### 5.1 Playing Time

All coaches are required to play all their players equal of two (2) quarters or more, with the exception of injury or disciplinary reasons.

#### 5.2 Injured Players

Coaches must inform the other team when they have a player who is injured or being disciplined prior to the game. These players cannot play in this game once the coach has been informed.

#### 5.3 Court Rules

Home coaches are to inform the visiting team and the referees of any court rule changes. Such changes are (1) backcourt line, (2) out of bounds lines, and (3) foul line for Minors. Foul lines must be clearly marked with masking tape, etc.

#### 5.4 Spectators

The coaches are responsible for the behavior of their spectators. The home coach, as well as the referee, has the right to remove any spectator who is causing a problem. Also, no spectators will be allowed on the court at any time, including between

quarters and between games.

### 5.5 Complaints

If a coach wished to bring an issue before the executive board, they must complete a complaint form and forward this form to their commissioner within 48 hours of the incident. The coach must provide as much information as possible.

The executive board has the right to appoint a Commissioner who would review all complaints submitted and make recommendations to the executive board.

## 6. Registration Costs, Bonds, Scheduling Fees

### 6.1 Registration Costs

Each player will pay a registration fee to play in the league. The cost will be paid to their respective Leagues.

### 6.2 Bonds

There will be no bond fees.

### 6.3 Scheduling Fees

There will be no scheduling fees.