

BASKETBALL

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- A. All basketball games will be played by the basketball rules as published by the National Federation of State High School Associations.
- B. The number of basketball games allowed (not including tournaments) is twelve (12) regular season games.
- C. The season shall begin with practices as set by the Middle School Athletic Directors.
 1. The basketball season ends for a team or individual when that team is eliminated from the playoffs, or wins the Championship.
- D. The following limitations exist for basketball games played on a day and/or night before a school day:
 1. Only one (1) day and/or night preceding a school day per week may be used for playing basketball. EXCEPTION: county championship tournament.
 - a. 8th grade will play 7 minutes and 7th grade will play 6 minutes.
 - b. Overtime periods will be two minutes.
 - c. Warm-up time between the girls and boys games is set at seven (7) minutes.
 - d. The host team will start the clock between games when the last players from the first game have left the floor.
 - e. Half time will be 5 minutes.
- E. MERCY RULE: The second half of a game may be reduced to a running clock if:
 1. The point differential at halftime is forty (30) points or greater, and the coach of the trailing team wishes to have the "Mercy Rule" imposed.
 2. The point differential at the beginning of the fourth (4th) quarter is thirty (30) points or greater, the "Mercy Rule" will be invoked automatically.
 3. Quarters will not be reduced in minutes. A running clock will be used.
- F. All basketball games shall be played with basketball officials who are registered under the GHSA plan for the registration of officials.
 1. The host school must provide some type of dressing facilities for officials at the game site, which can be used to hold the pre-game conference without interruptions.
 2. The host school has the responsibility for providing security escorts for officials at all regular season games and tournaments.
- G. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:
 1. Cheerleaders at basketball games shall be restricted from the area at the end of the court during the time a game is in progress unless they are more than eight (8) feet from the boundary line of the court.

- a. This includes when cheerleaders are in an "L" shape with part of them on the sideline and part on the end line.
 - b. The host school or tournament director is responsible for enforcing this rule.
2. The throwing of souvenirs (such as small basketballs, t-shirts, etc.) into the stands is prohibited until after the final basketball game of the day.
3. No artificial noise makers (excluding megaphones) shall be allowed in the gym during basketball games.
4. School bands shall not play while the game is in progress, and the home school is responsible for enforcing this rule.
5. The practice of cutting or removing nets, or hanging on the rim or backboard is prohibited at all GHSA basketball games.
6. We waive the pregame and 2nd half penalties and violations rule (center circle and other teams half court rule).
7. A countywide tournament will determine county champions for girls and boys in each grade. Season Record will determine seed in tournament (If teams split during the season and are tied for a seed a coin flip will determine higher seed).
8. Home Team Responsibilities:
 - a. Clock operator
 - b. Score keeper
 - c. Game ball
9. 3 Full Timeouts per game and 2 (two) 30 second timeouts per game.
10. Waive the center line mark (Circle).
11. We will waive the uniform and undershirt color requirement rules.

Signature of Attending Official for the rules meeting

Date

Printed Name of Attending Official for the rules meeting