

Age Division Rules

	Ages 5-6 (coed)	Ages 7-8 (coed)	Ages 9-10	Ages 15-18
Ball size	27.5"	28.5"	29.5"	29.5"
Basket height	8ft	9ft	10ft	10ft
Game length	<p>8 minute quarters</p> <p>Running clock except the last minute of each half</p>	<p>8 minute quarters</p> <p>Running clock except the last 2 minutes of each half. If a team is up by 15+ points in the last 2 minutes of the second half, the clock will only stop for timeouts, injuries & free throws until the opposing team gets within 8 points</p>	<p>8 minute quarters</p> <p>Running clock except the last 2 minutes of each half. If a team is up by 15+ points in the last 2 minutes of the second half, the clock will only stop for timeouts, injuries & free throws until the opposing team gets within 8 points</p>	<p>18 minute halves</p> <p>Running clock except the last 2 minutes of each half. If a team is up by 15+ points in the last 2 minutes of the second half, the clock will only stop for timeouts, injuries & free throws until the opposing team gets within 8 points</p>
Overtime	No Overtime	<p>3 minutes</p> <p>After 1st overtime – first team to score wins; clock stops last 2 minutes</p>	<p>3 minutes</p> <p>Clock stops last 2 minutes</p>	<p>3 minutes</p> <p>Clock stops last 2 minutes</p>
Defense	ZONE	ANY	ANY	ANY
Pressing	No Pressing	<p>No backcourt press until the last minute of the game and overtime period</p> <p>Defense may be played on a natural fast break</p>	<p>No backcourt press until the last 2 minutes of regulation and OT period.</p> <p>Defense may be played on a natural fast break</p>	May press at anytime
Free throw	8ft	12ft	15ft	15ft
Stealing		Defense can start at the 28ft line. May steal anytime.	May steal anytime	May steal anytime

Rule Specification

4.1 Governing Rules

Play will be governed by GHSA rules with the following modifications. It is the coach's responsibility to understand the modifications for their age group.

4.2 Equipment

- 4.2.1 Athletic shoes must be worn by all participants
- 4.2.2 No jewelry will be allowed (Ex: watches, necklaces, earrings, etc....)
- 4.2.3 Game balls will be provided by the Parks and Recreation Department

4.3 Fouls, Double Dribbles and Traveling

- 4.3.1 Fouls
 - 4.3.1a Fouls will be called for all age groups as violations occur
- 4.3.2 Double Dribble and traveling violations
 - 4.3.2a Ages 5-6 – Will generally not be called (Players will get an opportunity to take free throws at half time)
 - 4.3.2b Ages 7-8 – Will be called in the following instances:
 - a. Inside the 3 point line when there is a clear advantage
 - b. Throughout the season, as player's skills and abilities should be improving.
 - 4.3.2c Ages 9-18 – Violations will be called as they occur

4.4 Defense

- 4.41 See rules sheet for age group specific backcourt defense rules
 - 4.41a 9-12 year olds only: Teams who are up by 15 or more points cannot play defense outside of the 3-point line. Once the opposing team has gotten within 8 points, any type of defense may be played.
 - 4.41a. i The penalty for any defensive violation will go as follows:
 - a. The first violation will result in a warning. A technical foul will be called on each subsequent violation. The technical foul will be given to the bench, not the player committing the violation.

4.5 Playing Time

- 4.5.1 No player may play the entire game unless substitutes are not available.
- 4.5.2 Each player will be required to play a minimum of half the game.

4.6 Coaches

- 4.6.1 Head coaches must remain in the coach's box
 - 4.6.1a Coaches will be warned if they are outside the coach's box, unless they are conferring with personnel at the scorer's table.
 - 4.6.1a. i After the warning, a technical foul will be given to the coach.

4.6.1b One assistant coach is allowed in the bench area and must remain seated during the game unless the head coach receives a technical foul and is o sit.

4.6.1b. i No other parents or siblings are allowed in the bench area during the game.

4.7 Technical Fouls

4.7.1 If a coach receives a technical foul, he or she must remain seated for the remainder of the game.

4.7.2 A second technical foul will result in the coach being ejected. Please refer to the 'Coaches Handbook' and the 'Coaches Code of Conduct' section to review the enforcement procedures for a coach breaking the 'Coaches Code of Ethics.'

4.8 Ejections

4.8.1 Player: if a plyer is ejected from a game, they must remain on the sideline with their team under the supervision of their coach.

4.8.1a Any player who is ejected will be suspended a minimum of one game; additional punishment may be given pending review by DPRD staff.

4.8.1b Following the suspension, the player and their parent must meet with DPRD staff before allowed to play in the team's next game.

4.8.1c If a player receives a second ejection, he will be suspended the remainder of the season. An additional penalty may be given pending review by DPRD staff.

4.8.2 Coach: if a coach is ejected from a game, they must leave the facility within two (2) minutes.

4.8.2a Any coach who is ejected will be suspended a minimum of one game; additional punishment may be given pending review by DPRD staff. The suspended coach may not participate in any team activities held at Bunten Road Park, including practices and games.

4.8.2b Following the suspension, the coach must meet with the DPRD staff before being allowed to coach in the team's next game.

4.8.2c If a coach receives a second ejection, he/she will be suspended the remainder of the season. An additional penalty may be given pending review by DPRD staff.

4.8.3 Ejection Review Process: Within 48 hours of a player or coach being ejected, the Athletic board will initiate a review process to determine if a greater penalty needs to be assessed. The review process for coach and players will consist of:

4.8.3a Gathering written reports and documentation of events that took place from individuals who were involved; this may include the site supervisor, game officials and other players or coaches.

4.8.3b Reviewing if all documentation by DPRD staff to determine the severity of the situation and penalty.

4.8.3c The ejected person will be informed by the Athletic board of the penalty.

4.8.3d Please refer to the 'Coach's Code of Conduct' section of the Volunteer Coach's Handbook for detailed information regarding the review process for ejections.

4.9 Other Rules

4.9.1 For age groups 7-18 only; if a team in up 15 or more points in the last two (2) minutes of the second half, the clock will only stop for timeouts, free throws and injuries until the opposing team cuts the lead to eight (8) points.

4.10 Division Standings/Single Elimination Tournament

4.10.1 A single elimination tournament will be played for age groups 9-18 year olds.

4.10.1a All regular season rules will apply in the tournament

4.10.2 Division standings will be determined using the following tiebreakers.

a. Head to head

b. Win percentage

c. Points allowed

d. Points scored