HYAA Recreation Basketball Rules

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Kindergarten - 2nd grade
3rd & 4th grade
5th - 8th grade
High School

HYAA Recreation Basketball Rules Summary: Kindergarten - 2nd grade

	Boys & Girls K	Boys1	Girls 1-2	Boys 2
Basket Ht.	8 ft. with extension hoop	8 ft.	7ft. start – 8 ft. end	9 ft.
Ball Size	27" / 27.5"	27" / 27.5"	27" / 27.5"	28.5"
Game Time	No Games – 4x4 Developmental Scrimmages can be started sometime in February at the League President's discretion. These are only to be 30 minutes maximum – the first ½ hour should be practice or stations.	No Games – 4x 4 Developmental Scrimmages can be started sometime in February at the League President's discretion. These are only to be 30 minutes maximum – the first ½ hour should be practice or stations.	No Games – 4x4 Developmental Scrimmages can be started sometime in January at the League President's discretion. These are only to be 30 minutes maximum – the first ½ hour should be practice or stations.	No Games – 4x4 or 5x5 Developmental Scrimmages can be started sometime in January at the League President's discretion. These are only to be 30 minutes maximum – the first ½ hour should be practice or stations.
Referees	Coaches ref and are encouraged to stop and instruct on the spot			
Playing Time	Equal playing time for all	Equal playing time for all	Equal playing time for all	Equal playing time for all
Substitutions	No clock – coaches substitute as often as possible to get all players equal time			
Defensive Restrictions	Defense should not pressure ball until it enters the paint area			

HYAA Recreation Basketball Rules Summary: 3rd & 4th grade

	Girls 3-4	Boys 3	Boys 4	
Basket Ht.	9 ft.	10 ft.	10 ft.	
Ball Size		28.5"		
Game Time	 Four 8 minute running quarters or two 16 minute halves. Clock only stops on free throws and starts when the player is handed the ball for the 2nd shot. Clock stops on all whistles in final 2 minutes of the game (in regular season clock only stops if time permits) 			
Clock/Book	Home: clock Away: book			
Intermission	1 minute between qtrs. 2 minutes halftime			
Overtime	One 3 minute overtime – 1 add'l timeout each			
Referees	1 Patch Ref, 1 Student Playoffs: 2 Patch Refs			
Playing Time	Each player must play at least 4 eighths and must sit at least 2 eighths			
Substitutions	 At the 4 minute mark of each qtr. Play is stopped and players not in the game are substituted in. After each player has played their 4 eighths and sat 2 eighths, free substitutions are allowed. 			
Time Outs	3 Per Team			
Team Fouls	• 7 th team foul per half is 1 and 1; 10 th foul is 2			
Indiv. Fouls	5 fouls per player			
3 second rule	Referees may instruct players about the rule but it is not enforced			
Defensive Restrictions	 Defense inside the 3-point line Half court pick up is allowed in the final 4 minutes of the game. 	 Defense inside the 3-point line Half court pick up is allowed in the final 4 minutes of the game. 	 Half court defense Full court defense allowed the last minute of the game 	

Lop-Sided Score	 >= 15: defense must pack it into paint. 1st violation: warning. Subsequent violations: technical foul 2 free throws and possession of the ball. >= 20, travel players must be subbed at the immediate next sub change/qtr, until the score is < 15. Travel player(s) then may re-enter at the next qtr/sub change. If there is an injury or not enough players, then the travel player is permitted to stay in the game. If only 6 kids, but two travel players, the travel players must be subbed for each other.
Technical Fouls	Any player receiving a Technical must sit the remaining 8 th of quarter
Coaches	 Only the head coach may stand. Only HYAA certified coaches & HYAA registered rec players allowed on the bench.

HYAA Recreation Basketball Rules Summary: 5th-8th grade

	Girls 5-6	Boys 5-6	Boys 7-8
Basket Ht.	10 ft.		
Ball Size	28.5"	28.5"	Regulation
Game Time	 Four 10 minute running quarters or two 20 minute halves. Clock only stops on free throws and starts when the player is handed the ball for the 2nd shot. Clock stops on all whistles in final 2 minutes of the game (in regular season clock only stops if time permits) 		
Clock/Book	Home: clock Away: book		
Intermission	1 minute between qtrs. 2 minutes halftime		
Overtime	One 3 minute overtime – 1 add'l timeout each		
Referees	1 Patch Ref, 1 Student Playoffs: 2 Patch Refs		
Playing Time	Each player must play at least 4 eighths and must sit at least 2 eighths		
Substitutions	 At the 5 minute mark of each qtr. Play is stopped and players not in the game are substituted in. After each player has played their 4 eighths and sat 2 eighths, free substitutions are allowed. 		
Time Outs	3 Per Team		
Team Fouls	7th team foul per half is 1 and 1. 10 th foul is 2		
Indiv. Fouls	5 fouls per player		
3 Second Rule	Enforced		
Defensive Restrictions	 Half court defense Full court defense allowed the last minute of the game 	 Half court defense Full court defense allowed the last minute of the game 	 Half court defense Full court defense is allowed the last 5 minutes of the game

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Technical Fouls

Coaches

Any player receiving a Technical must sit remaining 8th of quarter

Only head coach may stand. Only HYAA certified coaches & HYAA registered rec players allowed on the bench

- a. Defense must pack inside the 3 point line.1st violation: warning. Subsequent violations: Technical foul 2 Free throws and possession of ball.
- b. **No fast break**, if the team does it's a turnover and any baskets don't count.
- c. Top 2 players must be subbed out at the next sub change/qtr, until the score is < 15. Top 2 players then may re enter at next qtr/sub change. If there is an injury or not enough players, then the top players are permitted to stay in the game. If only 6 kids, the top 2 players must be subbed for each other. If there is a debate on top 2 players, the opposing coach can decide who should come out of the game.

HYAA Recreation Basketball Rules Summary: High School

Basket Ht.	10 ft.
Ball Size	Regulation
Game Time	 Four 10 minute running quarters. Clock only stops on free throws and starts when player is handed the ball for the 2nd shot. Clock stops on all whistles in final 2 minutes of the game (in regular season clock only stops if time permits)
Clock/Book	Home: clock Away: book
Intermission	1 minute between qtrs. 2 minutes halftime
Overtime	One 3 minute overtime – 1 add'l timeout each
Referees	2 Patch Refs
Playing Time	Each player must play at least 4 eighths and must sit at least 1 eighth
Substitutions	At the 5 minute mark of each qtr. Play is stopped and players not in the game are substituted in. After each player has played their 4 eighths free substitutions are allowed.
Time Outs	3 Per Team
Team Fouls	7 th team foul per half is 1 and 1. 10 th foul is 2
Indiv. Fouls	5 Fouls per player
3 second rule	Enforced
Defensive Restrictions	 Half court defense Full court defense allowed during the last 2 minutes of each half
Technical Fouls	Any player receiving a Technical must sit remaining 8 th of quarter
Coaches	Only the head coach may stand. Only HYAA certified coaches & HYAA registered high school rec players allowed on the bench.