

MORGAN COUNTY YOUTH BASKETBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS

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A. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of the Morgan County Youth Basketball League shall be to offer the youth of rural Morgan County an organized activity with the opportunity to improve one's basketball skills and Playing ability and learn good sportsmanship.

B. LEAGUE RULES

1. The league shall consist of four age divisions, 5 & 6 Year Olds, 8 & under, 10 & under, 12 & under.
2. Each team must submit an official roster. The official roster shall contain the name and birthdate of the players and the name, address and phone number of the coach. The roster shall be signed by the school principal. The roster will be checked and verified by the League Board and /or the Morgan County Parks and Recreation Dept. The official roster shall be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Dept on or before the said date set at the annual organization meeting. The annual league organization meeting will be set by the Parks and Recreation Dept. At any time the Parks and Recreation Dept. May require age verification of the child. If a birth certificate is not on file at the Parks and Recreation Dept. office, then the child in question will have to present a birth certificate for proof of age. Also, the Park and Recreation Dept. may require proof that the child in question attends a specific school.
3. The only exceptions to adding players after the County Wide Cut-Off Date are:
 - A. If a player moves into your community and enrolls in your school.
 - B. If during the season a drops below 7 players, a coach can add new players back to 7, to finish the season. (The coach must present proof a player loss to the Parks & Rec. Dept)
4. All games will be played by official high school rules except for those league rules passed by a majority vote of the communities in the league. Each community, not each team, shall have one vote.
5. No game will be postponed without mutual agreement on the part of the COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES from both teams involved. All games will be CANCELED if a tornado warning is issued for Morgan County by the National Weather Service during the time of our scheduled games. If schools are closed due to inclement weather, games that day will be cancelled.
6. An official, player, fan or coach will be disqualified for the remainder of the season for striking another official, player or coach. An official player, fan or coach will be placed on probation or disqualified for the remainder of the season for exhibiting bad conduct. **The home team will have someone present at all games to take care of problems and support the referees in disputes that may arise.** Whenever the Morgan County Parks & Recreation Department acts to discipline anyone involved in a violation of rules or policy, that action will be endorsed by the Morgan County Schools. This certainly includes removing, suspending, or expelling violators of your rules from the school property at which the offense occurs.
7. Each community will furnish 2 officials for all of their home games. The league will attempt to utilize the same officials association for all sites where the league plays.

8. Admission charges. League: Children under 6 get in Free / \$ 2.00 for ages 6 and up. Tournament: Children under 6 get in Free / \$2.00 for ages 6 and up. 9-3-08 Morgan County School Board issued Senior Citizen Cards are accepted for free admission to all county youth basketball games. NOTE: No admission will be charged for 2 coaches per team, 2 cheerleader sponsors/coaches, team players and cheerleaders.
9. Each community will be responsible for providing their own insurance coverage accident and liability. 9-3-08 Insurance verification must be turned in with the rosters.
10. All rosters must have at least 7 players when turned in.
11. ALL PLAYERS MUST PLAY WITH THEIR CORRECT AGE DIVISION. The only exceptions are:
 - A. For communities with ONE team in a specific age group, For the purpose of meeting roster requirements (7 players). A team may add younger age players, up to 7, that are not on a younger age division roster.
 - B. If there are not enough players to fill a team that meets roster requirements (7 players) they may be moved up to the next age group.NOTE: If you move a younger child up to fill an older team (7 players) then that team will not be allowed to add any more players to its roster.
12. All players are required to wear other than their game shoes, into the gym. Players have to change into their game shoes before going onto the gym floor.
13. All star coaches will be the league winners. In the event there is a tie then the coach will be determined by head to head winner. If the teams are still tied after head to head then a coin toss will determine who is the head coach.
14. All players will play in all games the equivalent of one quarter. If reported and verified by that community representative, the coach will be suspended for one game by the league. If reported and verified an additional time, it is a forfeit of the game, and the coach is suspended for an additional game.
15. All teams will play in East / West Divisions. 9-3-08

C. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1. If a child attends a Morgan County School or lives within a Morgan County School Community, then he or she is eligible to participate in the Morgan County Youth Basketball League on a team from the school they are attending or the school community in which they live. If the Child isn't playing for the school they are attending, this need to be noted on the roster when turned in and an explanation given. If a community does not offer a team in a specific age group then those players may move up to the next age group or go to another community for the current season only. (9-6-06)
2. A player participating in an official game of another basketball program in Morgan County this season will immediately become ineligible to participate in the Morgan County Youth Basketball League for the rest of the season.
3. A player's age group is determined by the age the player as of September 1st (The September prior to practice/season starting). See Section E for season specifics.

D. GAME RULES

1. All games will be played by official high school rules and/or by the rules as noted herein...
2. Quarters and rest periods: Each age division will play 4 quarters with 1 minute rest periods between quarters and 5 minute rest periods between halves.
3. No games will begin with less than 5 players per team. Games will be forfeited after 15 minutes from scheduled starting time. If a game runs longer than the allotted time of 1 hour, the following game will begin immediately. Example: First games ends at 7:10 there will not be a 15 minute forfeit time. There will only be a 5 minute warm up period.

Age Group Game Specifics					
Age Group	Boys / Girls	Ball Size	Time Per Quarter	Free Throw Distance	Press Available?
5 & 6	Co-Ed	Junior	4:00 9-3-08	(see D.8)	No (see D.8)
7 & 8	Boys / Girls	Junior	5:00	12 feet	No (see D.3)
9 & 10	Boys / Girls	Girls HS	6:00	12 feet	4 th only (see D.5/D.6)
11 & 12	Girls	Girls HS	6:00	Regulation	Entire Game (see D.6)
11 & 12	Boys	Boys HS	6:00	Regulation	Entire Game (see D.6)

4. Goal height for 7 & 8 Boys and Girls is 8 ½ feet (9-6-06)
5. There will be no full court pressing at any time for the 8 & Under division. If the offensive team call a time out in the last minute of the game the ball has to be thrown in the front court at the five second line, failure to do so is a violation (the other team gets the ball). During the last one minute of the forth quarter and overtime, the clock will stop on every made basket until the ball crosses half court. Also the clock will not start until the ball crosses half court following a dead ball. 9-3-08
6. In the 10 & Under division there will be no full court pressing until the last quarter. Violation of this rule will be a team technical foul. One warning will be given each quarter before the foul will be called.
7. MERCY RULE: 10 & UNDER (4th quarter only) - 12 & UNDER. No full-court press by a team when they are up twenty (20) or more points. Officials should stop play and move the pressing team to their defensive half of the court. No personal or technical foul will be charged to the violating team. Opposing team may continue full-court press as desired. A team may resume regular play when point spread drops below 20 points (until it goes above again).
8. 5 & 6 GAME RULES:
 - a. Regulation Clock to be kept with 4 minute Quarters. 9-3-08 One coach per team will be allowed on the court during play.
 - b. Practice will start on December 1st. 9-3-08
 - c. For the tournament it will be regular play. No coaches on the court and scores will be kept.
 - d. No LANE VIOLATIONS.
 - e. Free throw line will be from the bottom of the circle.
 - f. Goal height is 8 ½ feet (9-6-06)
 - g. Score will be kept. 9-3-08
 - h. Teams will be seeded by record for the Tournament. 9-3-08

9. Cheerleaders will follow High School Rules. The rule states: “ Cheerleaders will not be allowed to stand along the sidelines or endlines during a “live” ball of a basketball game. The cheerleaders should be seated in front of their student section and will only be allowed on the floor or sidelines during time-outs and between quarters of the game.

Cheerleaders may use the sideline and endline areas before games so long as they do not interfere with warm-up.”

E. DATES FOR SEASON

Dates for 2007 – 2008	
Rosters Due (with proof of Insurance): 5 & 6 also	October 14 th
8, 10, 12 Groups, Practices May Begin:	October 16 th
Last Day to Add Players (except by rule B.3):	October 21 st
5 & 6, Practices May Begin:	December 1 st
8, 10, 12 Groups, Season Begins:	November 13 th
5 & 6, Season Begins	January 3 rd

PLAYING AGES		
Age Group	Playing Age	Birthday Falls between
5 & 6	5	Sept 2, 2002 thru Sept 1, 2003
5 & 6	6	Sept 2, 2001 thru Sept 1, 2002
7 & 8	7	Sept 2, 2000 thru Sept 1, 2001
7 & 8	8	Sept 2, 1999 thru Sept 1, 2000
9 & 10	9	Sept 2, 1998 thru Sept 1, 1999
9 & 10	10	Sept 2, 1997 thru Sept 1, 1998
11 & 12	11	Sept 2, 1996 thru Sept 1, 1997
11 & 12	12	Sept 2, 1995 thru Sept 1, 1996

Trophies will be given out after each game in the county tournament finals.

For the finals, the host site WILL have a deputy on site

For 5 & 6 year olds, the tournament score table will need to remain neutral (someone independent of the participants play).

2009 Tournament sites:

7 & 8 Boys & Girls East

7 & 8 Boys & Girls West

Girls Division 1

Girls Division 2

Boys Division 1

Boys Division 2

5 & 6 Year Olds

All to be set at a later date