

CATOOSA COUNTY ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUE

2011 – 2012

LEAGUE GUIDELINES AND RULES

1. Teams will play 7 to 10 games (combination of League and Tournament play) depending on the total number of teams entered. Open Division teams will compete only against the other Open Division teams. Church Division teams likewise. The season commences on **Monday, January 2nd, 2012**.
2. Teams choosing to participate in the Post-Season Tournament will be seeded according to their WIN-LOSS record. League Standings will be posted on the Catoosa County Website at www.catoosarec.com. If two or more teams have identical records, the tiebreaker system for seeding purposes will be:
 1. Head-to-Head record among the teams tied
 2. Points allowed
 3. Coin toss
3. **'Individual League Scoring Awards'** will be given out at the end of the season for the player in each Division who leads their respective division in average points per game. A minimum number of games played will be required for scoring awards.
4. Entry fee is \$395 and must be turned in by **Friday, December 9th, 2011**. Make checks payable to: **Catoosa County Adult Basketball League**. Any team that drops out of the League after the 'League Schedule' has been created will receive "no refund" of entry fee money.
5. **Clock format and Game duration:** Each game will consist of two (2) 20-minute 'running halves'. The clock will only be stopped for team or official timeouts. In addition, the clock will revert back to a 'regular clock' format during the final two (2) minutes of the 1st and 2nd Halves. **Mercy Rule:** The clock will run continuously in the 2nd half if a team has a 20 point or more lead. If at any point the lead slips to 19 points or less during the final 2 minutes of the game, the clock will revert back to 'regular clock' format. **Halftime will be 5 minutes.**
6. **Regulation game Timeouts:** Each team will have two (2) full timeouts (1 minute) in the 1st half, and two (2) full timeouts (1 minute) plus one (1) 30-second timeout in the 2nd half (for a total of three (3) timeouts for 2nd half). Timeouts cannot be carried over from the 1st half to the 2nd half.
7. **Short-Handed Rule:** A Game **CAN NOT** ever start with less than five (5) players. Teams with less than five (5) players on hand at game time **MUST** inform the opposing coach. The opposing coach has two (2) options: **1)** Choose to Win the game by Forfeit, or **2)** Allow the Short-Handed team to "pick-up" one (1) non-roster player to equal five and play the game as an official contest.
8. League games will be officiated by two (2) certified High School officials. The Playoffs will utilize a 3-man crew of officials.
9. Teams tied after 'Regulation play' will play 'Overtime'. Overtime periods will be handled accordingly:
 - a) **Length of 'Overtime'** = 2 minutes operating under 'Regular Clock' format.
 - b) **Overtime Timeouts** = Each team will have one (1) full timeout (1 minute), and one (1) 30-second timeout during each overtime period. Regulation timeouts cannot be carried over into overtime.
 - c) only three (3) overtime periods shall be played. The game will end in a 'tie' if teams are still tied after the 3rd overtime.

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ADDITIONAL LEAGUE GUIDELINES

1. Georgia High School Association rules will govern our league other than what is outlined below. Any 'League Guidelines' not covered or discussed will revert to the GHSA rulebook. **Any ejection results in a 1-game suspension.** If you receive two (2) technical fouls you are automatically ejected. A player or coach can be ejected (without any technical fouls) for any unsportsmanlike act/conduct. Also, flagrant acts or conduct can result in ejection from the game.

2. **Profanity/Fighting Rule:** Any coaches/players who engage in a fight will be suspended from the league. No exceptions! Any coaches/players who use explicit profanity will be ejected from the current game and must serve their 1-game suspension. A second offense by the same coach/player will result in suspension from the league. In addition, players who leave the bench during an altercation will be suspended.

3. **Eligibility Rules:** Rosters are due on January 2nd, 2012. A line will be drawn under the last name on each roster after they have been turned in. Then, the names on the official roster will be transferred to scoresheets that will be present at each game. No player shall play in a league game if their name is not on the official scoresheet at gametime. Players can be added to the official roster up until January 24th, 2012. In addition, players must be added to a team's roster at least 24 hours prior to that team's next scheduled game. **No exceptions.** Please call the Recreation Office @ 706-891-4199 to add players.

*****Playoff eligibility:** In order to be eligible for the Men's League Playoffs at the end of the season, player(s) must have played in a minimum of three (3) League games. This stipulation was discussed and approved at the Coaches' meeting on Monday, December 9th, 2002.

4. A player cannot play on 2 or more teams within the same division of the Catoosa County Adult Basketball League.

5. Age requirement is 15 yrs of age and older. **No Exceptions!** Players must turn 15 before playing in a League game. Any player under the age of 18 MUST have their parent/legal guardian come by the Recreation Office at 749 Pine Grove Road, Ringgold and sign a Waiver of Liability in order to be eligible to participate in this league.

6. This League is for amateur players only. Any players who receive remuneration, benefits, or any type of compensation for playing the game of basketball are not eligible.

7. **Mandatory:** All players must have matching jerseys with legal numbers. Legal numbers are **0, 00, 1-5, 10-15, 20-25, 30-35, 40-45, and 50-55**. Players are **NOT ELIGIBLE** to play in a game if they do not have a jersey. Players wearing jerseys with illegal numbers are subject to a technical foul. Players **CAN NOT** switch jerseys during the game or after a player has fouled out.

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SPECIAL RULES GOVERNING LEAGUE DISCIPLINE & PROTESTS

The Catoosa County Adult Basketball League is an organized athletic program for recreation only. It is not, however, set up to create conflicts between players of each team, or between players and officials. The sole purpose of this league is to offer a leisure program of basketball exercise for men and women.

Officiating basketball games is a difficult and uncompromising task. Although basketball officials are expected to make and see every call that the ten players on the court do, it will not happen. Players of this league need to understand that their own personal judgment of the game of basketball can be extremely keen and sharp, but it is the judgment of the assigned game officials that governs each game. Of the ten players on the court, the coaches, and the substitute players on each team bench, each person has his/her own personal judgment of the game of basketball, therefore: it is virtually impossible for two basketball officials to satisfy all the participants of each game! Officials that are assigned to all Adult League games are instructed to **NOT TOLERATE** any verbal abuse or unsportsmanlike conduct.

1. If a team uses an ineligible player in a league game, the game will be ruled a **FORFEIT**. The ineligible player will be suspended and the offending team will be placed on probation for the remainder of the season. If a second offense occurs, the team will be suspended from the league.

2. **PROTESTS:** Protests are allowed only for player eligibility and rule interpretations only. Officials' judgment on the court and all judgment calls are NOT PROTESTABLE. If there is logical reason enough to follow through on a protest the following process must be followed:

A) The game officials must be informed that you are playing the game under protest. In addition, the scorekeepers should be notified of the desire to protest.

B) A written statement detailing the reason for protest signed by the team manager/coach must be turned in to the Recreation Department along with a \$50.00 fee. The written protest and fee must be turned in **WITHIN 48 HOURS** of the incident.

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