

# WWBA

## General Rules for All Leagues

TSSAA rules apply except where noted below and in specific league rule adjustment.

### **-Playing time (minimum quarter requirement)**

Each player must play at least one uninterrupted quarter in the first half with only the following exception:

-Player becomes ill or is injured to the extent it is not prudent for uninterrupted play.

Substitution for a player in this case is at the coach's discretion.

-Players that have played a full quarter in the first quarter may substitute for another player in the second quarter that played in the first quarter, but not for one that did not play the first quarter.

For example: Players 1,2,3,4,5 play the first quarter.

Players 6,7,8 start the second quarter with Players 1,2

Players 3,4, or 5 may substitute in the second quarter for Players 1 or 2 ONLY Players 6,7,8 have then fulfilled their one uninterrupted quarter

-If Player 3 is removed in the first quarter for the exception listed above by Player 6 BOTH of those players must start and play the entire second quarter unless they are injured.

-All players must play in the second half, with the only exception being if they foul out of the game. Amount of playing time is at the discretion of each coach.

Any player not playing a full quarter in the first quarter must do so in the second quarter. If a player does not play a full quarter in the first half of a game that player is not allowed to play in the second half of the game. Any coach attempting to play a player in the second half that did not play a full quarter in the first half will be assessed a one shot technical foul and be reported to the Ethics Committee.

### **-Free Throws**

-One and One begins on the 7th team foul in each half.

-Two (2) shots on the 10th team foul in each half.

**-Timeouts:** 4 allowed per game. Any unused plus 1 per overtime period can be carried into overtime.

### **-Game Clock**

-Five minutes for warm-ups will be put on the clock at the conclusion of the previous game

-One minute allowed between quarters (administered by the game official)

-Three minutes put on the clock at the conclusion of the second quarter for halftime

-Timeouts are one minute (administered by the game official)

-Division rules for time of each quarter apply as noted in the "League Rule Adjustments"

### **-Personal Fouls**

-Five (5) fouls on any player disqualifies him/her from the remainder of the game.

-Technical fouls on a player are counted as a personal foul and recorded as such

### **-Free Throw Lane**

-Free throw line distance is noted in the "League Rule Adjustments"

-Free throw lane for each age group (for lane violations) extends only to the active free throw line. -Not more than 3 players allowed to line up on either side of lane for free throws.

-All other players must remain behind a line extending from sideline to sideline at the top of the three point arch (top of the key)

-No player may cross the top of the key until the ball has touched the rim.

-Players on either side of the lane may enter the lane once the ball leaves the shooters hand

-Shooter must remain behind free throw line until ball has touched the rim

## **-CONDUCT**

**-Fighting** will result in ejection of guilty player (s) or coach (es.)

**-Technical Fouls** on coaches will result in two free throws and possession of the ball be given to the opposing team. Any coach receiving two technical fouls in a game will be ejected from the gym and suspended from his/her next game, not to be allowed in the gymnasium.

All technical fouls in a game are to be recorded as one team foul for determining bonus shoot situations. Any ejections (including parents) will incur a suspension for the next game.

Referees are responsible for notifying school director of an ejection within 24 hours (preferably in writing.)

Practices will only be assigned by each school's director and will only be at an authorized WWBA facility. Scrimmages between teams will be considered a practice for both teams. Practices will be allotted in specific number, one hour long, determined by the WWBA board of directors. A 2 hour-long practice will be considered 2 practices. A gathering of 3 or more players from the same team with a coach/acting coach involved will be considered a practice. Unauthorized practices may result in forfeiture of games and render the coach suspended from coaching in the WWBA.

WWBA bylaws will not allow a player to be involved in any other organized basketball program during our season. For the purposes of this rule, our season will start as of first practice for WWBA and end the last tournament game of the WWBA season. Any player found to have practiced with or played a game with any team other than their assigned WWBA team will be ruled ineligible immediately for WWBA basketball for the remainder of the season. Additionally, any coach and/or parent knowingly trying to violate this rule will face suspension from the league for the remainder of the WWBA season.

Any flagrant disregard for WWBA rules may result in game forfeiture/suspension. Each school director will take responsibility for and handle small problems "in house," but shall forward any problems requiring possible disciplinary action to the Rules and Ethics committee. That committee will in turn report their findings to the board to determine what action will be taken regarding that coach and/or player. The director and/or board member of school/team/coach/player involved in disciplinary action may advise the committee and/or board, but will abstain from voting in the board's ruling.

School directors are responsible for administering these rules and instructing referees about any game rule adjustments for the league. Referees will preside over their games and use discretion in implementing or enforcing these rules, but at no time will be authorized to override these rules.

1. There will be a one game suspension for any player who is ejected from a game for ANY reason. The suspension will take effect the next schedule game after the ejection. Any player receiving two ejections during the season will be brought, along with his/her parents(s,) before the Ethics Committee for a hearing and may face possible dismissal from the League for the remainder of the season. The Ethics Committee may also recommend permanent dismissal to the Board of Directors depending upon the severity of the offense.
2. A player who is guilty of inappropriate behavior during WWBA activities may be brought before the Ethics Committee, along with his/her parent(s,) and may face sanctions determined by the Committee. That player and parent may then present their case to the entire Board of Directors if they feel the sanctions inappropriate.

3. A player throwing a punch in any way during a game, after a game, or during practice; while on school property, will receive an automatic one game suspension.
4. Verbal threats or physical attacks on a coach, assistant coach, parent, official, or any other member of the association will be brought before the Ethics Committee, which can recommend suspension or dismissal from the league.
5. Parents and Coaches should set an example by conducting themselves in an orderly manner at all times during WWBA activities.
6. Verbal or physical abuse of officials or players WILL NOT be tolerated. Such acts will be dealt with swiftly and sternly. Game officials are in charge of the game AND the venue of the game. Game officials or a WWBA school director have the authority to remove any offender from the building.
7. Parent and Coaches will be held accountable for inappropriate behavior during games and may be reprimanded and subject to review and possible penalty decided by the Ethics Committee and/or Board of Directors.
8. In a single game: All coaches have the responsibility to control ALL of their parents from inappropriate comments and behavior towards game officials. Officials will be instructed to warn the coaches of both teams should a parent be deemed unruly. A second offense will incur a technical foul being assessed to the team represented by the parent. That technical foul will be recorded against that team's coach. Any subsequent technical foul (whether by the coach, assistant coach, or any parent) will result in the coach's ejection and suspension from the following game. The offending parent will also be banned from the gymnasium during the next game. Any ejections will be forwarded to the Ethics Committee and/or Board of Directors for the purpose of control during the remainder of the season and subsequent seasons.
9. Repeat occurrences of inappropriate behavior by parents and/or lack of control by coaches over their parents during a game, may result in the entire team forfeiting all remaining games for the season and the tournament.
10. **ANY** communication (text, email, phone call, etc) that is deemed offensive or disrespectful of WWBA staff or Directors will result in a one game suspension of player AND parent. While it is NEVER our wish to penalize players for the actions of their parents, some of our parents MUST get control of themselves and be respectful of our volunteers.