

## 2023 - 2024 Boys Basketball League Bylaws

### Program Philosophy:

The Ocean City Recreation and Parks Department's Boys Basketball program is designed to provide a positive basketball experience for boys in 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade living within Ocean City and its surrounding communities. The philosophy "everybody plays" is put into practice through participation of all players regardless of their level of talent and skill. Individual skill development is encouraged and the playing hard to win is stressed over the winning itself. Feedback from the parents, coaches and players concerning potential problems, ways to improve the program, and positive encouragement is always welcome and appreciated.

### General Information:

#### Equipment:

- Team jerseys will be given to each participant and should not be defaced in any way such as: cut, marked on, etc.
- Shorts, socks, and sneakers should be worn. Shoes that leave black marks on the floor will not be permitted.
- Players should come with their own refillable water bottle marked with their name.
- **No jewelry or hard hair accessories.**
- Synthetic leather balls will be provided.
- All personal basketballs should be left at home.
- All personal belongings should be left at home.

### Team Organization:

- A maximum of five players will participate in a game at any one time. Teams with only four players present will be permitted to play. Five against four will be permitted, four against four will also be allowed.
- All players should receive equitable playing time. Coaches should make an attempt to play each player in every quarter.
- The league is split into three divisions.
  - Division I is for 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grades
  - Division II is for 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades
  - Division III is for 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades
- Players should arrive 10 minutes before scheduled game time.
- Parents are encouraged to attend games and follow our league philosophy.
- League coaches are required to be certified through NAYS and complete a background check.

### Playing Rules:

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- National High School Federation Rules will apply in regard to all game procedures unless modified in these rules.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Profanity, fighting, and other such actions will result in IMMEDIATE ejection. Depending on the severity of the altercation the league coordinator will determine the penalty awarded. Any player or coach who is ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct will not be permitted to play or coach the next scheduled game.
- Players belong on the bench during the game unless the coach gives permission to be excused. No one else will be allowed on the bench except for players and coaches.
- Each game will consist of four eight-minute quarters for Division I.
- Each game will consist of four ten-minute quarters for Division II, and III
- The clock will stop during all foul shots in all divisions.
- In all Divisions the clock will stop the last two minutes of the **fourth quarter** on dead balls.
- Each team will receive four (4) one-minute time-outs per game.
- There will be two-minute intermissions after the first and third quarters and a five-minute intermission at the end of the second quarter, if time permits.
- Any game that ends in a tie will remain a tie. No overtime periods.
- Substitutions must report to the scorer's table before entering the game. Failure to report to the scorer's table may result in a technical foul.

### NHSF UPDATED RULE

- 2 free throws will be awarded for all fouls on the 5<sup>th</sup> team foul per quarter.- No longer any “1 and 1” situations
- Fouls will reset at the start of each new quarter.
- Offensive fouls are recorded as personal fouls, but no free throws awarded.
- The three-point shot will be in effect. If the player is fouled in the act of shooting, three shots will be awarded.

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- Half court pressure will be allowed in divisions II and III. No full court pressure at any time.
- Defense must be played at the second line after mid-court for Division I
- During the last 10 seconds of the game the clock will not start until the ball comes over half court.
- Division I, 3rd & 4th graders will be allowed to shoot foul shots from the line in the key below the original foul line.
- During a free-throw, players on the lane may enter the lane on release of the ball. The free throw shooter and all others must wait until the ball hits the rim before entering the lane.
- The basket height will be 9 ft. for division I and 10 ft. for divisions II& III.
- A coach from Division I (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade) age group may be on the court to help with offense, defense, lining up for foul shots, etc. up until the mid-point in the league. After that point coaches must remain on the sideline at the bench area.

\*\*\* Any information not covered in these by-laws will be under the discretion of the league supervisor.

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