

# **MONOCACY YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION RULES**



**2009- 2010**

**I. A GOALS**

- I.A.1 The goal of the Monocacy Youth Basketball Association (MYBA) shall be to provide youth basketball parity play among similar age groups, promote good sportsmanship, and promote a good understanding of the game's methods, tactics and rules to all participants.
- I.A.2 It shall be a goal of the MYBA to assign players to neighborhood teams who practice at their neighborhood schools.
- I.A.3 It shall be a goal of the MYBA to make every effort to honor a player's request for a particular coach or team however, the member organization reserves the right to assign or reassign players to whatever team as may be necessary to achieve reasonable parity among teams within the overall program.
- I.A.4 It shall be a goal of the MYBA that **during the regular season all players must play at least half of each game**, subject to regular practice and game attendance. During the playoffs, all players must play in each game. Referees and opposing coaches are not expected to enforce this rule. This rule is best enforced by interaction between the coach and the parents of his or her players.

**I. B PLAYERS AND ELIGIBILITY**

- I.B.1 Divisions and eligibility shall be established as of September 1 of the league year as follows and as depicted in the "Player Eligibility Table" below:
  - I.B.1.1 U10 players shall be under 10 on September 1 of the league year.
  - I.B.1.2 U12 players shall be under 12 on September 1 of the league year.
  - I.B.1.3 U14 players shall be under 14 on September 1 of the league year.
  - I.B.1.4 U16 players shall be under 16 on September 1 of the league year.
  - I.B.1.5 U19 players shall be under 19 on September 1 of the league year.
  - I.B.1.6 All players must be in attendance at a public or private school or home school in grades 1-12.
  - I.B.1.7 Issues involving eligibility shall be resolved by an Eligibility Steering Committee established by the President with the concurrence of the Vice President. The Steering Committee shall consist of three individuals from any community participating in the League not involved in the issue in dispute. The decision of the Steering Committee shall be promptly rendered and is not subject to appeal.
- I.B.2 Players shall provide proof of eligibility to their area coordinator to be kept on record and furnished to MYBA upon request.
- I.B.3 Players that fail to provide proof of eligibility shall be ineligible for game participation until they submit the required documentation.
- I.B.4 Proof of eligibility shall consist of a copy of the player's birth certificate or other such documentation acceptable to the League.
- I.B.5 The Area Coordinator shall be responsible for the collection and maintenance of the proof of eligibility.
- I.B.6 After January 1 of each year, teams shall not unilaterally add players without the approval of the Association.
- I.B.7 Teams shall be comprised of at least 6 but no more than 12 players
- I.B.8 Late signups shall be taken until January 1 of the current league season. Area coordinators shall assign individuals signing up late.
- I.B.9 Each Area Coordinator shall submit to the Association a roster for each of their respective teams prior to the beginning of the current league season, which may be amended at any time up to January 1 of such season. Rosters shall consist of the player's full name, address, telephone

number and birth date. Birth certificates are not required to be submitted with the roster but must be available on request by the Association. The League may accept exceptions to the eligibility rules provided such exception shall be placed in writing to the League. Teams that fail to submit a copy of their complete roster by January 1 shall be ineligible for game participation in the end of season tournament.

- I.B.10 MYBA players shall not participate in any other organized select basketball program.
- I.B.11 Players may play for only one team within their age division.
- I.B.12 Protest of eligibility may be made by any coach in the League and shall be made in writing to the President who shall promptly organize a Steering Committee for the purpose of resolving the issue. Protest may also be made up to the start of any game by written notice to the Referee, such protest to be followed up in writing to the President within two days. Players who are the subject of an eligibility protest may continue to play until the issue is resolved, however the offending team shall play at risk of forfeiting the protested game if such protest is later upheld. Protests concerning eligibility made during a playoff situation will apply only to the protested game. Results from previous games will not be affected.
- I.B.13 Coaches found in violation of eligibility may have their team declared ineligible for all tournament play and may be precluded from MYBA participation in any capacity for the succeeding league year subject to the discretion of the Eligibility Steering Committee.

### **I. C SCORING AND TIME KEEPING**

- I.C.1 Each team shall cooperate in providing either an official scorer or timekeeper during each game.
- I.C.2 Prior to the start of the game the scorebook of the home team shall be designated as the Official Score Book unless otherwise designated by the referee or agreed to by the teams for that game. When it is not clear which team is the home team (i.e., teams playing on a neutral court) the referee shall designate the home team. The score recorded in the Official Score Book is the official score. Accordingly, where the Official Score Book and the scoreboard are found to be different, the score reflected in the Official Score Book shall take precedence.
- I.C.3 Also, prior to the game, both scorebooks shall have the full team roster written with full name and jersey number. Even if a player is not present or playing in the game, his name and number MUST be listed.
- I.C.4 The time clock shall run during all out of bound dead ball situations however, the referee may stop the clock when any inordinate delay occurs when returning the ball to play. During the final minute of each quarter and any over time period the clock shall stop for all out of bound and dead ball situations.
- I.C.5 The clock shall be stopped in all foul situations (both shooting and non-shooting) or when otherwise directed by the referee.
- I.C.6 The clock shall stop during all time-outs, substitutions, and at the end of each quarter. Substitutions must be made in a prompt fashion. Coaches are not allowed on the floor during substitutions, except for the U10 age group.
- I.C.7 Games shall consist of four eight minute quarters with one minute between quarters and any overtime periods and five minutes between halves.
- I.C.8 The referee may shorten the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter by not less than one minute in order to keep games on schedule.
- I.C.9 Each team shall have two time-outs per half and one time-out for each overtime period. Unused timeouts shall not carryover from one period to the next.
- I.C.10 Time-outs shall not exceed one minute in duration.
- I.C.11 When a game is tied at the end of regulation play, a maximum of two, three-minute overtime periods shall be played without change of baskets. A Jump Ball shall determine possession at the beginning of any overtime period.
- I.C.12 Overtime periods shall be considered as an extension of the fourth period in regard to fouls.

- I.C.13 If a three-point circle is properly marked on the court at both ends, three point shots shall be awarded. If a three-point circle is not present on the court, three point shots shall not be awarded.
- I.C.14 During a game when a team is ahead by 15 points or more, the team in the lead may not press. Game officials shall warn the coach upon the initial violation. Any further violations may result in a two shot technical foul being assessed against the team involved. Coaches are requested to do their best to not "run up the score" when ahead by a large margin.

## **II. PLAYING RULES**

- II.1 The National Federation of State High School Association Rules of Basketball shall control play unless otherwise modified herein.
- II.2 All play shall be with baskets set at ten feet above the floor.
- II.3 Teams must have a minimum of five players present to start a game. A team with fewer than five players present five minutes after the scheduled start time must forfeit the game. The time may be extended if the referees and both coaches agree. In the event of a late start, the game must terminate at the scheduled time if other teams are waiting to play. Once a game has started however, either team may play with less than 5 players.
- II.4 A "Jump Ball" shall determine the initial direction and possession of the ball. Possession shall alternate for a Held Ball, at the beginning of each quarter, and during any overtime period. Direction shall alternate at the beginning of the second half. Possession at the beginning of any overtime period shall be determined by a "Jump Ball".
- II.5 The head coach and only those players on the floor and in the game shall be permitted to call a time-out. Teams may call a time-out only when in actual possession of the ball or during a stoppage of play prior to the opposing team's possession of the ball.
- II.6 The referee may call an "Official Time-out" at any time, which shall not be charged to either team. Coaches may substitute during an "Official Time-out" but may not call their team over to the bench nor enter the playing area.
- II.7 Players entering a game shall check in at the Scorer's table and shall not enter the game until the referee so indicates.
- II.8 Ten seconds are allowed to bring the ball across the mid-court line. The player bringing the ball up court must have both feet across the mid-court line or must pass the ball to a player with both feet across the mid-court line in ten seconds or less.
- II.9 A backcourt violation shall be called when the offensive player controlling the ball has crossed the mid-court line with both feet and the ball and then retreats back across the mid-court line by placing the ball or any part of the body on the floor on the mid-court line or in the backcourt area. There is no backcourt violation on a throw in occurring between the key line and the mid-court line.
- II.10 A change of possession shall be called when the offensive player controlling the ball is prevented from passing or dribbling the ball for a period of more than 5 seconds by the defensive player located within 3 feet of the offensive player with the ball. This rule shall be liberally applied keeping in mind the ages of the players involved.
- II.11 As a result of the referee's possession call, possession of the ball shall alternate between teams as determined by a "Possession Arrow" maintained at the Scorer's table. The "Possession Arrow" shall indicate the direction of the next possession. The team gaining possession shall inbound the ball from the closest sideline or baseline to where the possession call occurred.
- II.12 Any player accumulating five personal fouls during a game, including all overtime periods shall be required to withdraw from the game.
- II.13 A team accumulating seven or more team fouls in any half shall be in the "1 and 1" or bonus free throw situation. A team accumulating ten or more team fouls in any half shall be in a two shot bonus free throw situation.

- II.14 Technical fouls count as personal and team fouls. Referees are instructed to strictly assess technical fouls for poor sportsmanship or abusive or improper language by any player, coach, parent or spectator and may remove the offending party or terminate the game at any time.
- II.15 During an in bounds situation the referee shall designate an area approximately three feet away from the player passing in bounds in any direction. No player on either team may approach within three feet of the passer when the ball is thrown in from the sidelines.
- II.16 The player throwing the ball in bounds shall have a period of five seconds to release the ball on a pass onto the court.
- II.17 The front, sides, top and bottom of the backboard are in bounds. The back of the backboard and the backboard supporting structure are out of bounds.
- II.18 A player who is charged with a technical foul for fighting or is ejected from the game for any reason shall be suspended from playing in the following game. A player who is charged with a technical foul for fighting or is ejected from the game for any reason for a second time during the season shall be suspended from playing for the remainder of the season.

### **II.A – Overtime Periods**

- II.A.1 When a game is tied at the end of regulation play, a maximum of two, three-minute overtime periods shall be played without change of baskets. A Jump Ball shall determine possession at the beginning of any overtime period.
- II.A.2 There shall be 1 minute between quarters and any overtime periods.
- II.A.3 Each team shall have 1 time out for each overtime period.
- II.A.4 Overtime periods shall be considered as an extension of the fourth period in regard to fouls.
- II.A.5 Any player accumulating five personal fouls during a game, including all overtime periods shall be required to withdraw from the game.
- II.A.6 A team accumulating seven or more team fouls in any half, including all overtime periods, shall be in the "1 and 1" or bonus free throw situation. A team accumulating ten or more team fouls in any half, including all overtime periods, shall be in a two-shot bonus free throw situation.
- II.A.7 During the final minute of any over time period the clock shall stop for all out of bound and dead ball situations.

### **II.B - U10 DIVISION**

#### **REGULAR**

- II.B.1 #27.0 size (youth) basketballs shall be used.
- II.B.2 During any time-out or substitution situation and at the beginning of each quarter or any overtime period, either coach may request that the players line up opposite each other in their respective positions for the purpose of "matching up" the defensive and offensive player.
- II.B.3 No pressing in the backcourt area is allowed during the entire game for U10 level play. The team that has lost possession must immediately cease all backcourt defenses and fall back behind the mid-court line. The referee shall warn the coach upon the initial violation. Repeated violations may result in a two-shot technical foul at the discretion of the referee. However, referees may use discretion in not calling technical fouls if backcourt defense is deemed inadvertent, instantaneous, and no advantage has been gained such as just after a defensive rebound situation.
- II.B.4 Man to man defense is required for the entire game at U10 level play. Zone defense is not permitted at any time during the game and double-teaming is not allowed unless the offensive player in possession of the ball is in the lane. Inadvertent double-teaming that does not provide any advantage in the judgement of the referee will not be called. Defensive players anticipating a pick may sag off their man accordingly. Teams shall receive a total of not more than two (2) warnings for violations for the entire game. Additional violations will result in an automatic two shot technical foul.

- II.B.5 In situations where an offensive player takes a position outside the three point arc or near the perimeter of the court (i.e.: spread offense) the defensive player shall not be required to closely guard (be within (6) feet) the offensive player. The defensive player shall not be positioned in the lane and must be on the same side of the court as the offensive player they are covering. Once the offensive player moves inside the three point arc, the defensive player is required to be within three (3) feet of the offensive player. IF the offensive player is within three feet of the lane, the defensive player may be in the lane provided they are guarding their assigned player and maintain the three feet requirement. Defensive players are allowed to anticipate helping their teammates in the lane.
- II.B.6 Foul shots shall be taken from a line THREE feet closer to the basket than the regulation foul line. Upon receiving the ball from the Referee, the foul shooter shall have a maximum of ten seconds in which to attempt a shot. Players may not change positions on the lane after the foul shooter has received the ball from the Referee. The ball must hit the rim to be a valid attempt. A ball hitting only the backboard or net on the final shot shall not constitute a valid attempt. A failure to hit the rim on a final attempt shall result in a disallowance of the shot and the awarding of possession to the opposing team. No player may enter the lane until the ball has hit the rim.
- II.B.7 A single inbound pass into the backcourt area shall be allowed subsequent to a time-out called by the team having possession. In the event that the team having possession calls a second time-out prior to moving the ball into the frontcourt, the inbound pass following the second time-out shall be made into the frontcourt. The referee shall assess a two shot technical foul against the team involved for a violation of this rule. No warning shall be provided.
- II.B.8 Due to the stringent requirements and consequent penalties for failure to maintain a man to man defense, coaches shall not run "isolation" plays designed to give a more skilled player an obvious advantage. Additionally, no "bumble bee" offenses may be run. This occurs when four offensive players are placed on one side of the court and another player is on the opposite side without the intention of a reasonable play being called. Coaches must be aware that the man to man requirement at the U10 level is designed to teach players the fundamentals of defense; not to create unfair advantages for more skilled ball handlers. Teams shall receive a total of not more than two (2) warnings for violations the entire game. Additional warnings will result in an automatic two shot technical foul.

#### **DIVISION 1**

RULES WILL BE THE SAME AS U14 AND UP, EXCEPT #27.0 SIZE (YOUTH) BASKETBALLS WILL BE USED AND THE FOUL LINE IS AT 12 FEET (3 FEET IN FROM REGULATION).

#### **II.C - U12 DIVISION**

##### **REGULAR**

- II.C.1 Intermediate size #28.5 balls shall be used.
- II.C.2 RULES WILL BE THE SAME AS U14 AND UP.

##### **DIVISION 1**

RULES WILL BE THE SAME AS U14 AND UP, EXCEPT #28.5 SIZE BASKETBALLS WILL BE USED.

#### **II.D – U14, U19 GIRLS AND U14, U16, U19 BOYS DIVISION**

- II.D.1 Full size regulation balls shall be used for U14, U16 and U19 Boys level play.
- II.D.2 Intermediate #28.5 size basketballs shall be used for U14 and U19 Girls level play.
- II.D.3 Pressing is allowed in the backcourt at any time during the game and any subsequent overtimes thereafter. During a game when a team is ahead by 15 points or more, the team in the lead may not press. During any period that pressing is prohibited, the team that has lost possession must immediately cease all backcourt defense and fall back behind the mid-court line. Game officials shall warn the coach upon the initial violation. Any further violations may result in a two shot technical foul being assessed against the team involved. However, referees may use discretion in not calling technical fouls if backcourt defense is deemed inadvertent, instantaneous, and no advantage has been gained such as just after a defensive rebound situation.

- II.D.4 Any type of frontcourt defense may be played at any time during the game.
- II.D.5 Foul shots shall be taken from the regulation distance. Upon receiving the ball from the Referee, the foul shooter shall have a maximum of ten seconds in which to attempt a shot. Players may not change positions on the lane after the foul shooter has received the ball from the Referee. The ball must hit the rim to be a valid attempt. A ball hitting only the backboard or net on the final shot shall not constitute a valid attempt. A failure to hit the rim on a final attempt shall result in a disallowance of the shot and the awarding of possession to the opposing team. No player may enter the lane until the ball has hit the rim.

### **III. Coaches**

- III.1 Coaches are adults and are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times and shall set a good example for their team. Coaches shall promote good sportsmanship and a good understanding of the game's methods, tactics and rules to all squad participants.
- III.2 Coaches are requested to submit their game score to their Area Coordinator by Sunday evening of each weekend so that all scores can be submitted to the person tracking league scores/standings.
- III.3 During game play, only two coaches and the team members shall occupy the "bench" area.
- III.4 A coaches box shall be designated as that area out of bounds immediately in front of the team bench extending from a point at the tip of key area to the side of the score and time keeping table (if at mid-court) or to a distance not less than 4 feet from the mid-court point in the absence of a score and time keeping table.
- III.5 One coach may occupy the coach's box during game play. The remaining coach and all team members not currently playing shall remain seated during the game (unless a player is preparing for substitution).
- III.6 Only the coach in the coach's box may address a referee during game play. Referees shall be addressed quietly and privately only during stoppage in play and only with regard to the clarification of a call. Clarification of a specific call is at the discretion of the referee. Abusive or intimidating language will not be allowed.
- III.7 Coaches shall not shout disagreements to referees, make their own calls from the sidelines, or in any other way attempt to "work" the referees. These activities are inappropriate in a recreational league.
- III.8 Coaches may not advance beyond their respective areas across the mid-court line or onto the court area during game play.
- III.9 Coaches in violation shall be assessed a technical foul. Once assessed a technical foul, the coach must remain seated the rest of the game. Coaches receiving two technical fouls shall be required to immediately leave the game facility. This coach WILL NOT be allowed to coach the next game (regardless if it's a regular season or tournament game).
- III.10 Coaches for the first game of the day shall be responsible for setting up the game facility (e.g., connecting and setting up the clock and score board, setting up chairs, etc.).
- III.11 Coaches for the last game of the day shall be responsible for closing up the game facility (e.g., disconnecting and storing the clock and score board, storing chairs, dusting floor, picking up trash, etc.).

#### **IV. REFEREES AND ENFORCEMENT OF RULES**

- IV.1 Referees shall manage the conduct of the game and enforce all rules as prescribed in Section I.C and I.C.1 – IV.4 herein as well as, the Official High School Rules of Basketball. All other rules and goals contained herein shall be the responsibility of the League Board of Directors.
- IV.2 Where no advantage has been gained, the referees are encouraged to liberally and consistently apply the rules keeping in mind the age group involved and with an emphasis on instruction and continued play.
- IV.3 Referees shall appoint an official score book before each game. Scorebook of the home team shall be designated as the Official Score Book unless otherwise designated by the referee or agreed to by the teams for that game. When it is not clear which team is the home team (i.e., teams playing on a neutral court) the referee shall designate the home team. The score recorded in the Official Score Book is the official score. Accordingly, where the Official Score Book and the scoreboard are found to be different, the score reflected in the Official Score Book shall take precedence.
- IV.4 A referee shall check and verify the scorebook at the end of each quarter. If the scorebook and the scoreboard are found to be different, the scoreboard shall be changed to reflect the official scorebook.
- IV.5 The referee shall record and report the following to the Area Coordinator who shall forward such information to the Vice-President of the Association.
- Players assessed technical fouls for fighting or ejected from game play for any reason.
  - Coaches ejected from games.
  - Any protest of eligibility.