



5th – 8th Grade Basketball Rules

- All OHSAA rules apply in addition to the rules below.
- For any teams tied in record at the end of season we'll use the following method to seed for Tournament: 1) Better Head to Head Record 2) Fewest Points Allowed 3) Coin Flip
- 6th-8th grade teams are allowed to press the entire game. 5th Grade teams can press during the last two minutes of each half. No team can press up by more than 15 points.
- **Players MUST PLAY at least ½ the game or as close to ½ the game as possible if in a roster situation with more than 10 players.**
- Games will consist of two 20 minute halves, with a running clock.
- An "Official Game" can start and finish with 4 players. Anything less than 4 players will be marked as a forfeit. At that point the game should still be played with those present.
- The clock will only stop during the last two minutes of the second half and last minute of the first half.
- Each team will have two timeouts per half, timeouts do not carry over. Free Throw Distance is regulation.
- All Overtimes are 2 minutes with a stopped clock and each team gets one timeout.
- **FIGHTING and Foul Language WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!** Foul Language, First offense will warrant a warning, Second offense will warrant a technical foul, and if there is a third offense the player will be ejected from the game and will be subject to suspension from league play. Fighting will warrant two technical fouls and automatic ejection from the league.!!!!
- **Officials are to be respected by all Players, Coaches, and Spectators at all times.** Officials will have full control of each game. Please remember, that although Coach, Player, and Fans may not always agree with a particular call, all calls are to be respected. Any poor sportsmanship or unacceptable behavior deemed by official or Sylvania Staff Member can lead to ejection, being ask to leave the gym, and/or suspension.

Practice Rules

Your practices are **55min** long; please do not go over your time. Please make sure to clean up trash and put back equipment after each practice. Please have the team stay in the gym, do not allow players in classrooms, closets, or hallways. Do not use school gym equipment. All teams must schedule practice time with the Sylvania Rec. The weekly practice schedule can be found at playsylvania.com and must be checked each week to confirm times. Do not show up at open times without scheduling. Thank You!