

# **Northwest Georgia Youth Basketball League**

## **Rules & Guidelines 2011/2012**

Officers of each association must make their coaches, players and parents aware of the provisions of these rules. We expect fair play and good sportsmanship from everyone involved. This league is for recreation and is an organized program for boys and girls to enjoy.

1. Rookie League (Co-Ed)	5/6 Division	8 ft. goals
Pee Wee League	7/8 Division	8 ft. goals
Mite League Girls	9/10 Division	10 ft. goals
Mite League Boys	9/10 Division	10 ft. goals
Midget League	11/12 Division	10 ft. goals

### **All age divisions' play 6 minute quarters**

2. Birth date cut off for eligibility is January 1st.
3. **All players must play an amount of time equal to one (1) full quarter or more in each game. This rule is strictly enforced! Any player not starting first quarter must start the second quarter and play and stay in at least 2 minute.**  
Any team that has a player that has not started 1st or 2nd quarter must start 3rd quarter (teams with more than 10 players.)
4. A team should consist of a minimum of eight (8) players per team. It is important to know that if a team does not have five (5) players on hand to start a game, it will be a forfeit. Games will not be rescheduled because of not having enough players.
5. 7-12 age groups will use the 28.5 youth size basketball and 5/6 division will use the 27 youth size ball. 11/12 Boys will use Regular size 29.5.
6. The 5 - 6 division free throw lines will be moved in by 4 ft. The 7 - 8 division free throw lines will be moved in by 2 ft. All other divisions will shoot from the regular free throw line.
7. Players cannot play in 2 recreation leagues, be on 2 rosters or have been a part of an organized basketball team in the same school year to participate. This is a rule out-lined in the by-laws of the Georgia Parks & Recreation Association and Georgia schools system. Middle School team players can play on recreation teams after their school season is over and should be divided equally. Limit 2 per team.
8. Admission prices are \$2.00 adult and \$1.00 Senior Citizens and children 5 & under are free. No passes gym to gym are allowed.
9. Only two (2) coach's passes per team allowed. If a coach has more than one team, he or she will receive only one pass. Everyone else must pay.
10. Teams must be dressed alike. Associations should make sure their teams have matching shirts with proper numbers, etc. Legal numbers are 0, 00, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20 - 25, 30 - 35, 40 - 45 & 50 - 55. A player should take pride in the way he/she is dressed.
11. Each team will have two (2) time outs per half. They cannot be carried over from the 1st half to the 2nd half. Three (3) over-time periods are allowed but if teams are still tied after the 3rd over time, the game will end in a tie. One (1) time out per team is allowed for each over time period. Over time periods are two (2) minutes each.
12. North Ga. Basketball Association will not be responsible for purchasing basketball trophies. Individual organizations will be responsible for purchasing their team's trophies.
13. The host gym and its association are responsible for getting and paying the referees for their league games. Host gyms are responsible for official scorekeepers.
14. There will be NO press on fast breaks. 10U age divisions.

15. The 5/6, 7/8, 9/10's cannot press full court except during the final 1 minute of the 2nd and 4th quarters. 8 & under age division must allow teams 10 feet past center court before they can press. 9/10 age division must allow teams 5 feet past center court before they can press. **Upon referee's discretion of stalling ball, offense will have 5 seconds to penetrate line. This violation will be called a jump ball according to Georgia High School Regulation Rules.**
16. All 5/6 & 7/8 teams do not jump ball at center to start game. A coin toss will determine who gets the ball out of bounds to start game. All other divisions will start game with jump ball at center and will be alternating possession on the out of bounds after that.
17. Number of teams per division, gym availability (days, times, and sites), and any do not schedule days must be faxed by **December 3rd to (706) 639-0403**. Rosters and a \$25.00 scheduling fee per organization paid to the City of LaFayette must be turned in to LaFayette Recreation Department. Schedules should be ready for pick up December 28<sup>th</sup>.
18. Each association is required to draft all players. When drafting teams, players should be divided fairly. Stacking teams is not permitted in this league.
19. Tennessee teams or recruited players are not eligible to participate.
20. If a player, coach, or fan causes a problem which is serious enough to be a league problem this situation will be handled by a committee made up of the official officer from each organization in a called meeting. The individual in question may be suspended for one year from the date of the incident and his/her association may be placed on probation for the remainder of the season. If the situation is serious enough, the person in question may be banned from the league.
21. If a player or coach is ejected from a game, they will not be allowed to participate in the next game the team plays. This includes tournament games. If a player or coach is ejected from a tournament game with no games remaining, the individual is ineligible for the first game of the next year's game.
22. If an illegal player is used in a league game, the game will be forfeited. The illegal player will be suspended and the guilty team placed on probation for the remainder of the season. If the same offense occurs again a 2nd time, the team will be suspended from participating in any other games during the season.
23. Protests are not allowed on any type of judgment calls by referees. The only thing, which can be protested, is player eligibility and rules interpretation. If there is reason enough for a protest, the following steps must be followed:
  - A. The pending protest must be put in writing and approved by the officers of the association involved one officer from each other association in the league will meet to make a final decision.
  - B. **A \$50 fee is required for any protest. The money is only refundable if protest is won.** The fee must accompany protest in writing and above measures pertaining to the protest within 48 hours of the protested incident.
  - C. Organizations must produce birth certificates within 48 hours of notification for any player protested due to age classification.
24. Videos and cameras will not be used to support protest.
25. Each gym is required to have responsible personnel present at all games to make sure everything runs smoothly and problems are handled, including disciplinary. The association hosting the games will be responsible.
26. Teams which reach 20 points ahead at any time during a game **must not press** all ages. **If in the 4th quarter a team gain the 20 point advantage, the clock will run continuously for the balance of the game except during time-outs. If the losing team gets within 10 points during the 4th quarter the clock will be operated by regulation for the balance of the game.**
27. There may be 2 coaches only on side line. Only one can be standing at a time. 5/6 coaches must stay on sideline, NO coaches on the floor.

Organizations must have 48 hours notice or school functions to cancel games.