

Brookwood Basketball Association House League By-Laws

Brookwood Basketball abides by the rules set forth by FIBA with the following exceptions:

1. All games will start on time and will end automatically by the schedule ending time. The team that is ahead on the score sheet when the game is ended will be declared the winner. A tie is an acceptable result, and therefore there will be no overtime periods.
2. A one (1) minute rest will be allowed between quarters and a five (5) minute rest will be allowed at half-time. If there is any doubt that the game will finish on time, the half-time may be reduced to three (3) minutes and/or the fourth quarter can be played “running time” (stopping only for timeouts). The Convener of the level, Director or head referees will make this decision and no one else.
3. All games consist of four (4) quarters. In the junior categories (novice and mini), each quarter consists of six (6) minutes of “stopped time” play. In the senior categories (bantam, midget and juvenile), each quarter consists of eight (8) minutes of “stopped time” play. In all divisions, alternating possession is employed in lieu of a jump ball.
4. Each team is allowed two (2) time-outs in the first half and three (3) time-outs in the second half (to be used 1 in each quarter or two (2) in the same quarter). They are not, however, accumulated from the first half to the second half. In the last two (2) minutes of the fourth quarter, a coach is only allowed to take a maximum of two (2) time-outs even if they have three (3) remaining
5. All players must arrive before the buzzer ending the first quarter. Any player arriving late will not be eligible to participate. A coach has the right to play a player who arrives late, but still eligible to play, two (2) shifts less than other players without breaking participation.
6. It is the responsibility of each coach to observe and employ the participation rules set forward by the executive board. These rules provide participation of all players but allow coaches to award good effort and to give consequence to indifference or negative behavior. These rules are to be employed during the full game in the junior categories (novice and mini) and senior girls. In the senior boys categories (bantam, midget and juvenile), the whole fourth quarter will be played with free substitution (participation will be counted for shifts up until and not including the top of the fourth quarter). Failure by the coach to abide by the rules of participation set forth by the executive board will result in an automatic forfeit of the game by his/her team. A score of 20-0 will be given to forfeit games.

Participation rules set forth by the executive board are as follows:
No player shall play more than one (1) shift more than any other player of the same team, as calculated at the end of the game (bottom of the third quarter in bantam and senior categories). The only exceptions would be injured players, players who have been fouled out or players who arrived late. Players who arrive before the end of the first quarter are allowed to play no more than two (2) shifts less than other players.
7. The scorekeeper, the timekeeper and the referees must sign the score sheet immediately after the game, after making sure that there are no discrepancies in the score sheet.
8. If there were any problems during the game, the coach and/or referee must write the complaint/explanation on the back of the white copy of the score sheet before the sheet is signed and before leaving the gym.
9. All coaches are responsible for the conduct of all players, their spectators, the equipment and the enforcement of all league rules and regulations. Failing to do so can result in a technical foul against the coach and/or forfeiting the game.

10. Only the participating teams and the minor officials shall be permitted on the scoring table side of the court. Spectators must use the opposite side of the court. Players not on the court must remain seated on their respective benches. **Only the coach, or the assistant coach, is permitted to stand during the game, the other must remain seated.** Failure to respect this may result in a technical foul.
 - a. Absolutely no strollers or car-seats will be permitted on the players' side of the court. No exceptions will be made for minor officials.
 - b. Use of cell phones and/or mp3 players by minor officials is prohibited during the game.
11. The Convener of the level supplies the required score sheets filled out and ready for use by the scheduled starting time. Minor officials are responsible for the forwarding of the score sheet to each coach (yellow and pink copies) and to the Convener of the level (white copy).
12. All postponed games shall be rescheduled by the Convener of the level and the Director.
13. House league teams/players are not travelling teams and therefore they are not permitted to participate in games outside of Brookwood Basketball under the Brookwood name or wearing a Brookwood uniform. Furthermore, coaches may not set up exhibition games with other teams for their usual practice time(s).
14. Brookwood uniforms are to be worn only for league games unless otherwise stipulated. Permission to do so must be granted by the Brookwood Executive.
15. House league will begin the season with evaluations and exhibition games in the goal of balancing the teams as closely as possible.
16. House league will end the season with playoffs in a full weekend tournament format (except for novice level, playoffs are 1 day only).
17. Only those players on the team are permitted to practice with the team (friends, siblings, children of coaches or players from other categories are not permitted).
18. All levels, with the exception of novice, are allowed to press in the opposing team's backcourt, when there is a less than ten (10) point difference. For novice, half court defense must be respected on any in-bounded ball. On transition, providing the score is less than ten (10) points difference, the defensive team is allowed to press in the backcourt.
 - For novice, Mini and Bantam levels only:** Once the offensive team has moved into their frontcourt, the defensive team must play man-to-man defense.
 - For Midget/Juvenile boys:** Zone defense or man-to-man defense is permitted at the coaches' preference.
 - a. In the case that a team is leading by ten (10) points or more, they are not allowed to press, they must play "half-court defense". This applies to inbounds plays as well as in transition. This is to say, once the "losing" team has possession of the ball in their backcourt, the team that is leading must retreat back to the half-court line. When the "losing" team crosses the half-court line, the team that is leading must play man-to-man defense, with the exception of Midget/Juvenile boys.
 - b. Man-to-man defense is defined as: A defensive tactic whereby each player is assigned a player to guard. Once the ball is passed half court, each player is expected to stay within 6 feet of his assigned player and make a conscious effort to guard his/her player. Double-teaming is not permitted with the following exceptions: a player is driving towards the basket, or not all players from the offensive team have crossed into the front court. Failure to abide to these rules results in one (1) warning to the team, any subsequent events involving illegal defense will result in a technical foul each time.