

TOP BALLERS BASKETBALL

POOL AND PLAYOFF GAME RULES



GENERAL – applies to all divisions:

- **Game Style** – 5 v 5 Full Court
- **Game Length** – 2 x 20-minute halves with 2 minutes half time
- **Timeouts** – 4 total timeouts (2 in first half, 2 in second half)
- **Timeout Lengths** – 45 seconds
- **Shot Clock** – No Shot Clock
- **Clock Stoppage** - Clock will stop during last two (2) minutes of the game on all dead ball situations for all divisions unless lead is 12 points or greater
- **Substitutions** – Free substitutions for the entire game. It is responsibility of each coach to play all players the appropriate length of time
- **Fouls** - Players foul out of game at 5 personal fouls
- **Free Throw Bonus Rule** – One and one on 7th team foul in that half; Double bonus on 10th team foul in that half
- **Forfeit** – A team must have at least 4 players available on the court, otherwise it is a forfeit
- **Late Arrival Penalty** – Unless previously approved by the league: If a team is 10 min late to a game, they will be assessed 5-point penalty. If a team is 15 min late, the team will forfeit the game
- **Delay of Game** – A team will be warned for delay of game once per half. A second offense results in technical foul free throws.

	D5 K - 2 nd Grade	D4 2 nd – 3 rd Grade	D3 3 rd - 5 th Grade	D2 5 th - 7 th Grade	D1 7 th - 9 th Grade	High School 9 th - 12 th Grade
Ball Size	27.5	28.5	28.5	Boys 29.5 Girls 28.5		
Basketball Height	10 feet	10 feet	10 feet	10 feet		
Free Throw Distance	8 feet	10 feet	12 feet	15 feet		
Opening Free Throws	2 Free Throws Per Player at Beginning of First Half; Each Team to Have Equal # of Free Throws	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Lane Violation	N/A	5 seconds	5 seconds	3 seconds		
Full Court Press Defense	Last 2 Min of Each Half Unless Up by 12 points (Inside 3pt line if over 25)	Last 5 Min of Each Half Unless Up by 12 points (Inside 3pt line if over 25)	Last 5 Min of Each Half Unless Up by 12 points (Inside 3pt line if over 25)	All Game Unless up by 25 points		
Overtime	• One Timeout per Overtime • Fouls do not reset • First Overtime is 2 Minutes long ○ First Minute Running Clock ○ Second Minute Clock Stops at All Dead Balls • Second Overtime is Sudden Death. First team that scores wins					UPDATED: FEBRUARY 26, 2025