

Basketball - Boys' and Girls' 7th and 8th Grades

General Procedures:

1. Games should have at least two certified officials whenever possible.
2. All participants must wear uniforms that are numbered front and back.
3. Eight (8) minute quarters will be played at both seventh and eighth grade levels with standard clock procedure. No 5th quarter. Half time will be 6 minutes long unless both coaches mutually agree to shorten the time after returning to the floor. Second games begin no later than ten (10) minute after first games ends. When a team leads by 30 points at any time during the game, a running clock will be used for the remainder of the game, even if the lead drops below 30 points. **In addition, if there is a 20 point lead in the fourth quarter, running clock will be implemented.**
4. Girls will use a 28.5 size ball and the Boys will use 29.5 size balls for all games.
5. Home team wears light colored jerseys and traveling team wears dark colored jerseys whenever possible. (Notify school if wearing other than this.)
6. Seventh grade "A" team and 8th grade "B" team will play first and seventh grade "B" and eighth grade "A" teams will play second, this will flip for the second half of the year (8A/7B play first, 7A/8B will play second).
7. Official National Federation Basketball Rules shall apply to all games with the exception of items stated in the S.O.P's. (Exception - duplicate jersey numbers.)
8. Players may suit up for both 'A' and 'B' games on the same day, as needed, when agreed upon by MVCC AD's prior to the day of the game.
9. As might be needed to complete a team, 7th grade players may play up in 8th grade games. Eighth grade players may not play down in 7th grade games.

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10. A press (full or half court) is ok in **A** games only. No full-court presses or Zone defenses will be used in **B** level games until one minute left in game. However, no presses of any kind may be used when teams lead by 20 points.
11. All other players, spectators, managers, etc., shall stay off the playing court before, during, and after games. The only players that shall be on the court are those in uniforms, warming up before their game.
12. No full-court presses or Zone defenses will be used in **B** level games until one minute left in game.
13. All eligible players are to play in each half of their game.
14. There are 3 full time-outs and 2 30-second time-outs per game.
15. When a “B” level game, after 4 quarters ends in a tie, one 2 minute overtime period will be played. The overtime will start with a jump ball. After the 2 minute overtime, if a game is still tied, it will be considered a tie game. “A” level games will play 4 minute overtime periods until a winner has been determined. Each overtime period will start with a jump ball.
16. Whenever possible, only 2 games a week will be scheduled with a maximum of 12/14 total games for the season determined by the yearly calendar. Make-up contests may be scheduled by mutual agreement of schools’ AD’s. A reasonable effort should be made to play all postponed games.