

MERRIMACK YOUTH BASKETBALL
BY-LAWS
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ARTICLE I STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Merrimack Youth Basketball is intended to foster teamwork, sportsmanship, and generate self—esteem in a competitive athletic environment. To reach this goal, ALL coaches, players, parents, and Board Members are expected to be positive role models. Misconduct or unsportsmanlike conduct, will not be tolerated and is subject to review by the Board of Directors (hereafter known as “the Board”) and could result in suspension from the program.

ARTICLE I BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board is elected at an open meeting of all concerned parents held each year. The term is of one (1) year beginning July 1st and ending June 30th. The Board is responsible for the well-being and enforcement of its ‘Statement of Intent’ of the program. Any issues or concerns may be brought to any Board member or to the Board directly. ALL decisions made by the Board are final.

The Board consists of: (1 ea. girls & boys coordinators)
Director (Selected from among its members)
(2) Senior League Coordinator Elected
(2) Intermediate League Coordinator Elected
(2) Junior League Coordinator Elected
(2) PeeWee League Coordinator Elected /
(2) Instructional League Coordinator Elected
Secretary Elected
Treasurer Elected
Referee Coordinator (Appointed by the Board)
Scheduling Coordinator (Appointed by the Board)
Equipment Manager (Appointed by the Board) ‘
Tournament/All—Star Coordinator (Appointed by the Board)
Senior Advisor (up to two) (Appointed by the Board) At its discretion

NOTE! A Board member may hold no more than two positions at one time, in which case his/her votes ONLY count as one.

In the case of a vacancy during a Board member’s term, the current Board will appoint (by majority vote) a replacement.

ARTICLE 111 FACILITIES

The use of town gyms and facilities for MYA sports is a privilege. Abuse of any equipment or disrespect of any Town, School or personal property will NOT be tolerated. Violation of the above is subject to review by the Board, which could result in suspension from the Program.

ARTICLE IV DIRECTOR

The Director is responsible for;

- Preside at all meetings or designate an alternate.
- Oversee all program activities.
- Participate as an ex-officio member of all committees.
- Appoint all outside committees approved by the Board.
- Attend all MY A Executive Board meetings and report back to the Board.
- Prepare and submit the youth Basketball Budget to the MYA Executive Board by their September meeting.
- Determine, with the Scheduling Coordinator, whenever practices or games need to be canceled due to inclement weather or other circumstances.
- Work with all coordinators to maintain a cohesive, balanced youth Basketball Program
- Establish check signing authority. (Normally the Secretary/Treasurer, Directory and/or Equipment Manager).
- Review yearly, with the Equipment Manager, all equipment inventory and provide, in writing, equipment expenditures to the Board for approval.

ARTICLE V LEAGUE COORDINATOR

Each League Coordinator is responsible to;

- Attend ALL meetings (regular and/or special)
- Attend or recruit a volunteer to assist at the Annual Registration Sign-ups.
- Gather and distribute a Master List containing coaches, assistant coaches, and players. (This list is to contain Name, Address, Telephone Number, etc.) V
- Organize League into division(s), if applicable.
- Publish(Weekly standings.
- Solicit, review qualifications, and recommend coaches and assistants to the Board for acceptance.

The Coaches and their League to:

- Notify coaches and assistants of their selection.
- Notify coaches and assistants of Try-out date. Conduct try-out.
- Notify coaches and assistants of Draft date and Procedures, Conduct Draft.
- Coordinate assigned practice dates and locations (preseason, season, and playoff).
- Distribute Medical Release Forms and emphasize need to have available at all practices and games.
- * Coordinate Equipment sign-out and pickup date(s). League Coordinators are responsible to assist the Equipment Manager for return of ALL equipment.
- Establish and distribute game schedules (from dates and times assigned).
- Assign late sign—up(s) to team(s).
- Establish and distribute Playoff format, time, and place (Use time slots furnished by the Scheduling Coordinator.

In General to:

- Inform Parents and/or Guardians that they are responsible to control their children at practices and/or games, whether they are involved as participants or as spectators.
- ALL items in the gym are to be replaced as they were before each practice.

The Town Tournament Selection to

- Assign Coaches and assistants.
- Conduct player nomination/selection process. Use selection guidelines.
- Recruit volunteers to assist at concessions and procure ads for the Town Tournament ONLY.

ARTICLE VI SECRETARY/TREASURER

The Secretary is responsible for

- Record minutes of meetings and make available to the Board.
- To incorporate new changes into the bylaws and submit to the MYA Executive Board (through and with Director)
- Administer any duties requested by Director.

The Treasurer is responsible for

- Maintain the Program's checking account, countersign ALL checks, and complete monthly financial reports as required by the MYA Executive Board.
- Handle all monetary transactions and reconcile ALL fundraising activities.

ARTICLE VII REFEREE COORDINATOR

The Referee Coordinator is responsible for

- Scheduling ALL referees for regular season, Town Tournament, and playoff games.
- Conducting ALL referee and coaches clinics pertaining to rule changes and conduct requirements.
- Determining requirements and developing training programs that provide a growing referee program.
- Enforcing current Safety Rules as established by local Basketball Federation(s).

ARTICLE VIII SCHEDULING COORDINATOR

The Scheduling Coordinator is responsible for:

- Scheduling ALL gym times for practices and games.
- Maintaining a positive, open communication link with the school system.
- Advising League Coordinators of any cancellations or changes in schedules, as well as any problems resulting from gym use.

ARTICLE VIII SCHEDULING COORDINATOR (Continued)

- Written confirmation to the Director any cancellations or schedule changes, as well as advisement of any related problems.
- Canceling practices or games due to inclement weather or other circumstances after consulting with the Director.

ARTICLE IX EQUIPMENT MANAGER

The Equipment Manager is responsible for;

- Maintaining a current inventory of ALL equipment and reporting, in writing, to the Director at the start of each season.
- Participate in the League's annual audit.
- Determine the annual equipment requirements.
- Solicit written bids (minimum of 3) for all necessary and authorized equipment. The Director and Equipment Manager may jointly authorize expenditures up to \$100. The Board must approve all expenditures in excess of \$100.
- Maintain the equipment room and supplies.
- Disperse and retrieve equipment from League Coordinators.

ARTICLE X IOURLVANIEN/ALL STAR COORDINATOR

The Tournament/All Star Coordinator is responsible for:

- All aspects of the Town Tournament, including Fundraising, from conception to implementation, as governed by Board guidelines.
- Determining and coordinating, with Board approval, which traveling tournaments the MYA Teams (reference Selection Guidelines) will attend.

ARTICLE X1 COACHES' RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONDUCT

RESPONSIBILITY

A person that accepts the position of coach has a large responsibility. It is not just showing up to practices and games. It is especially not just X's and O's.

A Coach must:

- A Communicate with the parents.
- Set behavior guidelines for the players and parents.
- Help the players learn from the sport and set realistic goals.
- Enhance a child's self-esteem.
- Remember youth sports should be a pleasant experience.
- Portray a healthy perspective on participation and winning. Be a good role model.

ARTICLE X1 COACHES' RESPONSIBILITIES (continued)

- Keep in mind that first impressions are a lasting one.
- Teach the basics to ALL the players (don't neglect weak players).
- Have a game plan for your practices, use time constructively.
- Respect the referees, remember the players are watching you.
- Safety of a player from the time they arrive to practice/ game, until the parent or guardian picks them up.
- No more than three (3) coaches on the bench.
- The coaches are responsible for providing either a Time Keeper or Scorer for each game.

CONDUCT

- If coach acts in a manner that is not in accordance with the Youth Basketball Statement of Intent or the purpose of the MYA, the coach will be expected to appear before the Board.
- No coach shall attend or participate in any Youth Basketball activity under the influence of alcohol or illicit drug.
- If a coach is expelled from a game for two technical fouls for misconduct, the Board will review the situation immediately at a meeting called for by the League Coordinator involved. This meeting MUST be held prior to the coach returning.
- The coaches are responsible for controlling their players, parents, and fans. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the game and review by the Board.

ARTICLE X11 PRACTICES

Practice etiquette required:

- Coaches MUST keep their team off the court (in hallway) before and after scheduled practice times.
- Practices MUST end as soon as allotted time has expired.
- The League Coordinator MUST approve any change(s) in the practice schedule. - .
- If a Coach cancels a practice, he MUST notify the League Coordinator as well as the players.
- ONLY the Scheduling Coordinator and Director may cancel a game(s) in the event of bad weather, school scheduling conflicts, or other circumstances.
- If school is canceled or out, then all practices/games are canceled.
- No Youth Basketball team will be allowed to compete, scrimmage, or practice outside the assigned practice and/or game schedule(s) unless sanctioned by the Board.

ARTICLE XIII SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTARY LEAGUE RULES

The Youth Basketball program will follow the National Federation of State High School Association Official High School Basketball Rules, EXCEPT for the following:

GENERAL:

- Each League may modify the rules as appropriate for league play, subject to Board approval. All modified rules will be included in playoffs.
- Players may not play out of their grade. The ONLY possible exceptions to this are Special Needs players. The Board will review these possible exceptions on a case-by-case basis.
- Alignment of League by players, grade:
 - Instructional: 1st & 2nd (must not be 9 before January 1st)
 - PeeWee: 3rd & 4th (must not be 11 before January 1st)
 - Junior: 5th & 6th (must not be 13 before January 1st)
 - Intermediate: - 7th & 8th (must not be 15 before January 1st)
 - Senior: 9th - 12th (must be in High School)

NOTE: Player's grade is based on the current school year.
- The Senior, Intermediate, and Junior Leagues will use the three (3) point play scoring rule.
- If any Youth Basketball participant is ejected from a game for any reason, that person will have to serve a one game bench suspension before they can play in future games. There are no exceptions to this rule.
- The number of players on a team will be established by the Board.
- Special circumstances will be reviewed by the Board on a case-by-case basis.

PEE WEE ONLY

- Will NOT use the three (3) point play scoring rule.
- Move foul line in two (2) feet.
- Allowed to use all defenses including man-to-man. This includes playoffs.
- No defensive pressure before offense comes across half-court with the exception of the LAST four (4) minutes of the fourth quarter and any overtime period (exceptional small gyms the last two (2) minutes) .
- Five (5) seconds is the allowable time in the key area.

ARTICLE XIII SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTARY LEAGUE RULES
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MINIMUM / MAXIMUM PLAY (ALL LEAGUES)

The intent of this rule is to guarantee playing time for ALL players and to enhance even competition. Coaches should not attempt to use this rule to their advantage. This is not consistent with the spirit of the Program. Continued violation of the intent of this rule will result in a special Board hearing at which the offending Coach(es) will have to explain their actions. This is considered a severe infraction, which may result in termination from the Program.

- At the start of each half; ALL players must play;

Five (5) consecutive minutes- TEN (10) or more players present

Six (6) consecutive minutes- NINE (9) or fewer players present

NOTE: The ONLY exception to these rules is for injury to a player. Excessive fouls are NOT a justification to remove a player.

- NO player will play ALL sixteen (16) minutes per half (unless needed to complete a game). A player MUST sit out a MINIMUM of Two (2) consecutive minutes per half
- Any player who has played the required consecutive minutes in a half may remain in the game or re-enter at any time at the Coach's discretion.
- It is understood, by the Board, that knowing the exact amount of time an individual plays is the Coach(es) responsibility and anything less will not be tolerated.

ARTICLE XIV SIGN-UPS

Sign-up dates will be determined by the Board and published for the townspeople to be aware of

- The sign-up fee will be determined by the Board annually.
- No one from outside the Town is allowed to play unless they move after signing up or they attend the Merrimack District Schools.
- All people who are eligible to play in the program can play provided they have signed up and paid their fees.
- Late sign-ups are subject to a "late sign-up Fee" determined by the Board and will be placed by the Board on a "case-by-case" basis. The League Coordinator will make a recommendation based on the "Competitive Balance" in that League.
- NO sign—up will be accepted after December 1st. (Exceptions will be reviewed by the Board)
- No person will be turned away because of their inability to pay.

ARTICLE XV TROPHIES

Trophies will be given to the Playoff Champion and Runner-up of each League. Each player, Head Coach, and Assistant Coach will receive an appropriate trophy. The only exception to this rule is the Instructional League, where each player will receive a participation trophy.

ARTICLE XVI DRAFT RULES

All leagues will RE-DRAFT on an annual basis. (Reference League Guidelines)

LEAGUE GUIDELINES "DRAFT RULES"

- The League Coordinator will conduct the draft.
- Draft order of selection will be reversed after each round.
- Siblings will be on the same team, unless otherwise requested by their parents. If the brothers are to play on the same team, the following guidelines must be followed:
If one sibling is drafted in round 1 thru 4, then the second sibling must be drafted in round.
If one sibling is drafted in round 5 or after, then the second sibling must be drafted in the next round.
- The Head Coaches son be protected in the 3rd round. Assistant coach's son will be protected in the 1st round.
- A RATING system MAY be used at the discretion of the League Coordinator, which may take precedence over the coaches protections above. This selection process is to be reviewed by the Board prior to installation.

LEAGUE GUIDELINES "ALL STAR SELECTION"

1. IN-TOWN

The number of participating teams will be the decision of the Board based on the recommendation of the Tournament Coordinator.

Statement of Purpose: The Town ALL STAR tournament is intended to foster sportsmanship and team play in a competitive environment while exposing the player and volunteer coach to Merrimack and surrounding communities.

Coaches Selection: The Head Coach will be recommended by participating League Coordinators and approved by the Board. Each Head Coach may choose up to two assistants from Head Coaches. within their league.

LEAGUE GUIDELINES "ALL STAR SELECTION" (Continued)

NOTE: Coaches should be individuals expressing an interest in coaching our tournament teams and willingness to make a commitment to coach this team from our Merrimack Tournament through the entire tournament season. The coaching staff is also expected to make this commitment to the standards of the town as well as a dedication to develop the minds and bodies of our youth in a competitive environment.

Player Nomination: Each team's Head Coach may nominate as many players from his/her team that they feel qualifies as ALL STAR caliber. These players will be considered ALL STAR nominees.

Teams: Each team will consist of a maximum of twelve (12) players. If the Board authorizes two (2) teams, one team will be called Blue, and the other will be White. At least one (1) ALL STAR nominee from each League team must be represented.

Selection Process: The Coaches from within their League will vote for the ALL STARS. The top 16 vote getters are selected. The Coaches from the first team will select the first eight (8) players from this pool of sixteen (16) with the second team receiving the remaining eight (8) players to their roster.

To round out the team(s), the remaining four (4) players will be selected by the ALL STAR Coaches in the same sequence as above. These players MUST be selected from the pool of ALL STAR nominees. To accommodate ineligible or other difficulties that make a selected player unable to participate, the coach will select another player from the SAMQE pool of ALL STAR nominees.

***Under no circumstances will a player be allowed to play out of his/her age level.

OUT OF TOWN

The intent is to provide two (2) teams for each tournament without disrupting the team(s) selected for the "IN-TOWN" tournament. In the event that placing two teams in a tournament is not allowed, the Board will determine which will be represented.