

2023 OTTAWA CITY RECREATION BASKETBALL

I. PLAYER SAFETY AND LIABILITY

- a. **THE LIABILITY WAIVER IS NOW PART OF THE ROSTER AGREEMENT; DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON A ROSTER IF YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO ABIDE BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE LEAGUE WAIVER.**
- b. **PLAY AT YOUR OWN RISK.** Ottawa City Recreation cannot guarantee your health if you choose to participate.
- c. **(SEE THE PLAYER WAIVER on the WEBSITE PAGE, by being placed on a roster you automatically Acknowledge that you accept the conditions of the City Rec LIABILITY WAIVER.)** The City of Ottawa, Ottawa Recreation and Ottawa City Recreation umpires, league directors, or workers will not be held responsible or liable for any accidents, injuries, illness, or theft which might occur before, during or after practice, warm-ups, games, or if another participant tries to use illegal equipment.

II. Ottawa City Recreation Basketball TEAM / REGISTRATION Rules.

- a. There must be a minimum of **8 PLAYERS** on a team and a maximum **12 PLAYERS**. Any more players than that must be approved by the League supervisor. All managers must approve and submit a roster of their team online or at the time of registration.
- b. All rosters must have addresses and phone numbers or emails for each player. Teams may add players up to your first game.
- c. **MANAGERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPPLYING A COPY OF EACH PLAYER'S PHOTO ID IF SO REQUESTED BY THE BASKETBALL LEAGUE SUPERVISOR. PLAYERS UNABLE TO PROVIDE AN ID WILL BE CONSIDERED ILLEGAL AND THE TEAM WILL FORFEIT ANY GAME THEY HAVE PARTICIPATED IN.**
- d. **PLAYERS ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO PLAY FOR ONE TEAM. PLAYERS MAY BE ON SEVERAL ROSTERS, BUT THE FIRST TEAM PLAYED FOR IS THAT PLAYERS DESIGNATED TEAM FOR THE REMAINDER OF LEAGUE PLAY AND CITY TOURNAMENT**
- e. Teams **MAY NOT ADD** to the roster after the first game except in the case of medical or injury hardship subject to the Supervisors' approval. Hardship additions due to injuries must have a doctor's excuse.
- f. **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS and COLLEGE TEAM ROSTER PLAYERS** are not eligible for this league.
- g. **A PLAYER MUST PARTICIPATE IN 4 OF THE 7 THE LEAGUE GAMES IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE ON THE TOURNAMENT.**
- h. **NO PLAYERS CAN BE ADDED AT TOURNAMENT TIME.**
- i. **ILLEGAL PLAYERS CAUGHT PLAYING FOR ANOTHER TEAM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GAME AS SOON AS THEIR CHEATING IS DISCOVERED AND THE TEAM WILL FORFEIT THE GAME THAT THE ILLEGAL PLAYER PARTICIPATED IN.**
- j. **THE ILLEGAL PLAYER WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON. THE OFFENDING TEAM WILL BE ON PROBATION, ANOTHER OFFENSE AND THAT TEAM WILL FORFEIT THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON.**

III. OTTAWA RECREATIONS CENTRAL SCHOOL FACILITIES RULES.

- a. YOU ARE ON OTTAWA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY ALL SCHOOL RULES AND REGULATION APPLY TO YOU. SMOKING, VAPING, ALCOHOL, AND DRUGS ARE ALL NOT ALLOWED ON THE PREMISES OF CENTRAL SCHOOL.
- b. IF THE BASKETBALL SUPERVISOR DETERMINES YOU ENTERED THE GYM, WITH ANY OF THE ITEMS FROM (Rule IIIa), OR UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A BANNED SUBSTANCE, HE OR SHE WILL IMMEDIATELY ASK YOU TO LEAVE AND YOU WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM THE LEAGUE.
- c. Players must wear athletic shoes and proper basketball clothing to participate in the game. No street shoes or street clothes allowed on the Central Gym floor.
- d. Players should be at the gym 10 minutes prior to scheduled start time. Games will not be delayed unnecessarily. Supervisor will decide if delays are unnecessary and will declare a forfeit if delays are longer than 10 mins. Teams are expected to have line ups turned in before the start time or face a possible forfeit.
- e. Players must enter the Central School gym through the MAIN WEST entrance, and only be in the lobby and gym area of the building. There are no bleachers for spectators. No children should be in the building, if spectators are found in restricted areas of the school this could result in your ability to participate in the league.
- f. Ottawa Recreation will not be allowed to use the facilities if there is any destruction of school property or vandalism. Among other things, this includes damage to benches, windows, restroom facilities, bleachers, etc. We will pro rate and return fees if the school board finds damage and terminates our use of the facilities. If the school board does not terminate the league, those teams belonging to the league playing when the damage occurred will be terminated unless the responsible person pays for the damage. The remaining league would continue.
- g. Refrain from spitting on the floors and walls.
- h. Only water is allowed in the gym area. Please be good guests and clean up when leaving.
- i. Parking: Stay in parking areas only. Police will ticket all cars illegally parked.
- j. Team captains can expect a text from the basketball director at (215) 880-0376 after 4:30 to find out if games have been postponed due to weather. Weather announcements will also appear on the website. Make-up dates will be announced ASAP.
- k. The Basketball League Supervisor shall be responsible for all league rules interpretation each night. The Supervisor is not responsible / allowed to overrule or change officials' calls

IV. OTTAWA CITY RECREATION GENERAL PLAYING RULES

(These rules supplement the IHSA rulebook.)

- a. IHSA basketball rules and City Recreation rules will be followed for all Men's basketball league games. Some rules could be Ottawa City Recreation rules.
- b. There will be four games per night, 2 games simultaneously, with the first session beginning at 6:00 p.m, and the second game starting at 7:00.
- c. There will be two halves of 20 minutes each. Halftime will be 3 minutes long. The clock will stop for dead ball situations only in the last two minutes of each half.
- d. IF NEEDED: Overtime is two minutes long. The clock will stop during overtime.
- e. 4 time outs are allowed per game. One additional time out will be awarded during overtime.
- f. **YOU MAY START A GAME WITH 4 PLAYERS.** No non-roster fill-ins are allowed. If a player fouls out or is unable to play, the game will become a forfeit.
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- h. Free throws must be shot within ten seconds, or a violation will be called on the shooting team and no point awarded.
- i. Intentional fouls / and Flagrant fouls will be two shots with the shooting team getting the ball out of bounds.
- j. In case of league tie the following tiebreakers will be used.
 - i. Head to head
 - ii. Total points scored
 - iii. If the teams did not play each other, tiebreaker will be total points scored.
- k. If a game is a forfeit, the next game will be played at its scheduled game time.
- l. If a team forfeits two games, they may not participate in the tournament.
- m. Illegal substitutions will result in one technical free throw and the ball out of bounds for the other team.
- n. There are no on-the-fly substitutions. Substitutions can be made **ONLY** at the following times:
 - i. Free-throws
 - ii. Jump balls
 - iii. Time outs
 - iv. Dead balls

V. OTTAWA REC BASKETBALL LEAGUE CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOR

IN ORDER FOR US TO PROVIDE YOU WITH SAFE OFFICIATED LEAGUE PLAY , OTTAWA CITY RECREATION MAKES HIRING AND RETENTION OF BASKETBALL OFFICIALS A PRIORITY. FOR THIS REASON THE FOLLOWING POLICES ARE IN PLACE:

- a. Ottawa City Recreation has a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY in regards to ANY and ALL UNSPORTSMEN LIKE BEHAVIOR.
- b. Unsportsmanlike Conduct such as : EXCESSIVE TRASH TALKING, PROFANITY, INTIMADATION, FIGHTING, or any gestures of misconduct DIRECTED AT REFEREES, CITY REC STAFF, CENTRAL SCHOOL STAFF, OR PARTICIPATING PLAYERS will result in the following consequences:
 - i. 1st offense in a season - automatic ejection from game. ONE GAME SUPENSION.
 - ii. 2nd offense - automatic ejection from the current game. SEASON SUPENSION.
 - iii. ALL EJECTIONS WILL BE LOGGED IN SCOREBOOK, and FORWARDED TO THR RECREATION DIRECTOR.
 - iv. If a player is ejected from the league for two consecutive years or twice in five years, that person shall be banned from any Ottawa Recreation Basketball league for five years beginning the next season. The ejected player may appeal to the recreation board. This rule is retroactive to the 2006 season
- c. ALL of the following items are considered violations of unsportsmanlike conduct and will result in a technical foul and or possible dismissal from the game and suspension from the following game. (If the violation occurs during the last tournament game, the player may not play in the first game of the next season.)
 - i. **Abusive Language of any sort directed at anyone. (THE Game Officials and /or the League Supervisor in charge will both have the authority to issue a Technical Foul for this violation.) CENTRAL SCHOOL often has other educational and academic activities in the building during league play, yelling and screaming obscenities of any kind WILL NOT be tolerated.**
 1. WHAT is Obscene language: (defined as language that should not be used in the presence of children at school)
 - ii. Destruction of property
 - iii. Smoking or vaping on school property
 - iv. Attempted verbal or physical intimidation or fighting.
 - v. Two technical fouls in one game shall be deemed unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - vi. Illegal substitution
 - vii. Deliberate delay of game
 - viii. Throwing or kicking the ball away.
 - ix. Flagrant shooting of the ball after the whistle
 - x. Refusal to hand the ball to the official in timely manner.
- d. Two of the above violations in a season will result in dismissal from the league and the tournament.

VI. IF ANY OF THE ABOVE POLICIES ARE DISCOVERED BY A CENTRAL SCHOOL STAFF MEMBER OR OTTAWA CITY RECREATION STAFF MEMBER the following consequences will happen:

- a. 1st offense – GAME FORFEITED and team is ASKED TO LEAVE THE PROPERTY. (Police will be called)
- b. OFFENDING TEAM IS PLACED ON PROBATION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON
- c. 2nd offense – TEAM FORFEITS THE REST OF THE SEASON AND THE CITY TOURNAMENT
- d. YOUR FEES ARE NOT REFUNDED
- e. The Basketball League Supervisor (Leon Corbin) will resolve all protest /complaints. Team managers are the only persons who may submit these concerns.

VII. Tournament Play

- a. The tournament pairings will be announced at the last game of the season.
- b. If byes are needed, they will be given to teams with the best record based on strength of schedule and point differential against common opponents. Pairings will be based on record and strength of schedule.
- c. Trophies will be awarded for first, second, and third places in the tournament.

FINAL NOTE FROM THE PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION BOARD

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS IS OTTAWA RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL. WE REALIZE EVERYONE LIKES WINNING, BUT LET'S REMEMBER WE ARE OUT THERE TO HAVE FUN AND STAY WELL AND SAFE. PLEASE TREAT ALL PEOPLE AND PROPERTY WITH THE UPMOST RESPECT!

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