

SOUTHWESTERN OHIO BASKETBALL FALL LEAGUE RULES

GENERAL RULES

1. Age divisions are based on the players' 2026-27 school year grade level. Players may not be more than one year older than the normal age for that grade (based on an August 1 cutoff date).
2. All divisions will play according to the Ohio High School Athletic Association rules unless otherwise specified in these rules.
3. Rosters must be turned in before your first game. Additions may be made to your roster at any point during the fall session. Additions must be given to a league coordinator before the player participates in a game.
4. Entry fees are due by your first game!
5. **Once league schedules are distributed, they are expected to be followed as scheduled. Any team failing to show up for a league game will forfeit their \$50.00 deposit fee. The second time a team fails to show, will result in disqualification from that session.**
6. Any player, coach or spectator ejected from a league game will be suspended for one game. Anyone ejected for a second time will be disqualified for the rest of league play. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!

GAME RULES

1. **Playing time will consist of 20-minute running halves, with normal stop & go during last minute of each half.**
2. Intermission will be approximately 2 minutes between halves. If games are running behind, this may be adjusted by the referee or gym coordinator.
3. Overtime will be 2 minutes stop and go. All time outs are carried over from regulation and each team shall receive one additional time out per overtime.
4. Each team shall receive 4-timeouts per game and can be used at any time.
5. Bonus: The 1 and 1 bonus is in effect on and after the team's 7th personal foul in any half. The double bonus is in effect on and after the team's 10th personal foul.
6. The 3-point goal is in effect for all age groups if the gym is clearly marked.
7. The 3rd through 6th grade boys and all girls' divisions will use the 28.5" intermediate size ball in the Southwestern Ohio Basketball League. The boys' 7th grade through High School divisions will use the 30" regulation size basketball.

SPECIAL RULES

1. The 2nd through 4th grade divisions will shoot free throws from the bottom of the circle. This will also determine their 3 second lane.
2. The 5th grade through High School divisions will shoot their free throws from the regulation line. This also will determine their 3 second lane.
3. **There will be no back court pressing allowed in the 2nd & 3rd grade divisions. *There is no pressing in the 4th grade division unless both teams agree to press before the game* The player must be allowed to have both feet and the ball across the mid court line to be considered in the front court. Once the player is in the front court, any half-court defense is permitted. All other divisions may play any full court defense.**
4. During the last minute of any 2nd through 4th grade game where there is no pressing, the clock will stop on each dead ball situation and after made baskets. The clock will not restart until the ball is touched in the front court. The 10 second rule still applies in the back court.

REFEREES

1. Each team is responsible for paying \$35.00 to one of the referees for all games.
2. In case of only one official, each coach shall pay \$20.00 to that official. This hopefully will not happen.