

BIG LAKE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RULES

Big Lake High School, Big Lake Middle School and Liberty Elementary

GAME LENGTH: All games will have two (2) 20 minute halves with running time. The last two (2) minutes of each half will be stop time, unless the score is a 20 point difference, then it will be running time. Stop time resumes if the lead drops below 15 points.

HALF-TIME: Each game will have an allowed 3 minutes for half-time.

TIME OUTS: Each team is awarded 3 one minute time outs per game, with one additional time out for the first overtime period. Unused timeouts do not carry over to the overtime period(s). No timeouts for sudden death overtime.

OVERTIME: Overtime will start with a jump ball and will be sudden death for two (2) minutes with stop time. If a second overtime is necessary, it will be sudden death.

CLOCK OPERATORS/SCORERS: Big Lake Youth Basketball Association will supply the official scorekeepers and clock persons. These volunteers will be seated at the scorers table.

DEFENSE: No full-court press with leads of 20 or more points. The officials will give one warning; a bench technical will be assessed thereafter, for subsequent press violations. Grade specifics below:

4th Grade - No zone defense or full court press; person-to-person defense with switching and “help” is allowed.

5th Grade - All half court defenses are allowed, full court press is only allowed in the last 2 minutes of a game, as long as the lead is less than 20 points.

6th-8th Grade - All defenses are allowed.

WARM UP TIME: Each team will have at least five (5) minutes to warm-up prior to each game.

1. All lineups, in numerical order, must be submitted to the official score table 5 minutes before each game.
2. Teams must have five (5) players on the floor to start a game. Teams that do not have five (5) players present within 5 minutes of the scheduled start time will forfeit the game.
3. Numbers are required on both the front and back of the game jerseys. If possible, digits should be 5 or lower.
4. Referees will not tolerate any sort of abuse from coaches, players and/or spectators. If such incidents occur, they will be strict in assessing technical fouls. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their fans. Spectators exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct will be asked to leave the building. If a spectator refuses to leave, the result will be forfeiture of the game by the offending team.
5. Fouls:
 - a. Players will foul out after five (5) fouls.
 - b. Technical Fouls: will not be shot. Two points and the ball will be awarded to the opponent of the team charged with the technical. Two (2) technical fouls on any player or coach will result in ejection from the game and gym. An ejection will disqualify that person from the remainder of the tournament.
 - c. If a team has only five (5) players left in the game, no player shall foul out of the game after the fifth foul on a player. Subsequent fouls on the player will result in the fouled team taking two (2) free-throw shots and the ball will be awarded to the opponent of the team charged with the foul.

6. Balls: A 27.5” ball will be used for 4th grade boys and girls; an intermediate size ball (28.5”) will be used for 5th and 6th grade boys as well as 5th-8th grade girls; and a regulation size ball (29.5”) will be used for 7th and 8th grade boys.
7. Three-Point Arc: This will be in effect for all grade levels.
8. Free Throw Line: All grade levels will shoot from the free throw line; “stepping over the line violation” will be called.
9. The home team will be the team listed second in the pairings. Home teams are requested to wear their dark jersey (if available) and supply the game ball.
10. Teams may not share players, with the exception of sudden illness or injury, as approved by BLYBA.
11. Tiebreakers will be determined by MYAS suggested rules, posted at the tournament sites.
12. No protests are allowed. All disputes will be settled by the game officials, at the time of occurrence. There will be no appeal of the final decision.
13. A guard, cast or brace made of a hard or unyielding substance shall not be worn on the elbow, hand, finger/thumb, wrist or forearm – even if covered with soft padding. Hard items may be worn on the upper arm or shoulder if padded with slow-recovery foam that is at least a ½” thick.
14. Big Lake Youth Basketball Association is not responsible for lost or stolen items. If you lose an item, please find a volunteer or BLYBA Board Member to see if it was turned in.
15. Dribbling or ball handling in all hallway areas is prohibited. **Players should not bring their own basketballs.**
16. **Please do your best at remaining 6 feet apart unless you’re part of the same family.**
17. **MASK RULE: Masks are REQUIRED and will need to be worn by all referees, volunteers, coaches, players and spectators. Referees are asked to enforce the mask rule for players.**
 - a. Players failing to wear a mask appropriately during game play will receive the following:
 - i. 1st offense: Verbal warning.
 - ii. 2nd offense: Players will be subbed out of the game until the mask can be worn properly.

Thank you for your cooperation and your participation in this year’s tournament!