

EPBBA Youth Referee Information

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Overview

Thank you for applying to be a youth referee for the EPBBA 3rd-5th grade in-house boys basketball program! This document provides an overview of the program, including details on scheduling and our expectations for youth referees. Some overall notes about the program are:

- Youth referees should be in grades 11 or 12. Priority will be given to those participating in the EPBBA 9-12 grade in-house program or the High School basketball team. 10TH grade youth referees will be used as needed.
- Please reach out to the Youth Referee Coordinator if referee training is needed.
- A referee shirt will be supplied to each youth referee.
- Each referee will need to provide their own whistle.

Scheduling

- Scheduling will be managed by the EPBBA Youth Referee Coordinator.
- The schedule will be shared with all referees in advance of the first scheduled event.
- If you have a conflict with a game for which you have been scheduled to referee, please contact the Youth Referee Coordinator as soon as you can.
- Most games are held on Saturdays, according to the following table:

Dates	Location/Grade	Time / # of Games
Most Saturdays beginning December 1 through the last Saturday in February	EL (Eden Lake) 3 rd Grade	9:00 am / 2 Games 10:10 am / 2 Games 11:20 am / 2 Games
Most Saturdays beginning December 1 through the last Saturday in February	CMS (Central Middle School) 4 th and 5 th Grade	11:20 am / 3 Games 12:30 pm / 3 Games 1:40 pm / 3 Games
Season ending tournament last weekend (Sunday and Sunday) of February	CMS (Central Middle School) Championship games at AC 4 th and 5 th Grade	More information will be shared as this date approaches.

Expectations

- You will show up for all assigned games!
- You will meet with the coaches before the game to introduce yourself and align on rules.
- You will wear the referee shirt provided to you by the EPBBA.
- You know the game of basketball.
- You will read and know the EPBBA specific rules for each grade level you officiate.
- You will take your job as a referee seriously, and work to meet the desired skills for a youth referee: Consistency, Assertiveness, Helping the Players Learn and Keeping the Games Fun.

Referee Coordinator

Contact the Youth Referee Coordinator with questions or concerns.

Contact information can be found here: <https://www.epbba.org/page/show/8017854-student-referees-for-grades-3-5>

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Desired Skills for a Youth Referee

1. Consistency
2. Assertiveness
3. Helping Players Learn
4. Keeping the Games Fun
5. Effort at ALL of the Above

General Referee Mechanics

Jump Ball

- Ensure correct positions; one person tosses ball, the other stands at midcourt on BENCH side
- Side referee (officially known as the Umpire) will follow the ball and become Lead.
- Track possession after the jump

Court Coverage

- Lead and Trail Positions
- Understanding “on-ball” coverage
- Movement is important
- Making sure to switch Lead and Trail
 - Should be done on every foul.
 - DON'T just switch at half time

<p>DIAGRAM 1: The Lead has on-ball coverage. The Trail is off ball and officiating action in the lined area.</p>	<p>DIAGRAM 2: The Trail has on-ball coverage. The Lead official is off ball and officiating action in the unlined area.</p>	<p>DIAGRAM 3: The Trail has on-ball coverage and is officiating the high action in the lined area. The Lead is off ball and must help with off-ball coverage by extending to the other side of the key (shaded area) because the ball is high.</p>

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Violation or Foul Call

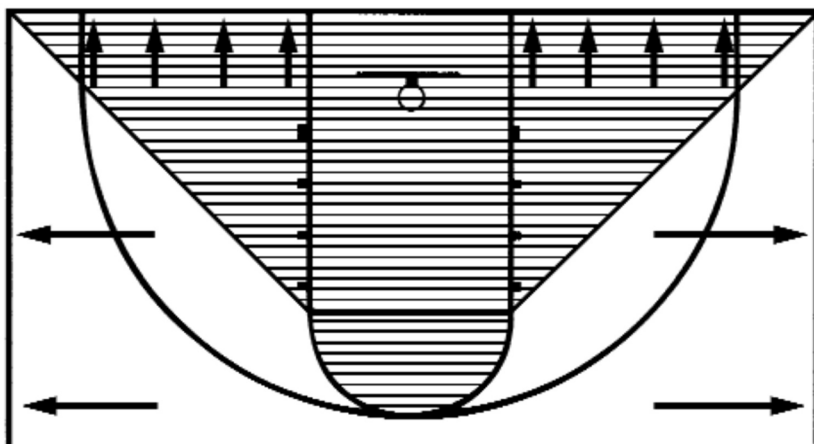
- BLOW the whistle!
- EXPLAIN the call to the players
- SIGNAL the call to bench
- Reporting fouls to the scorekeeper. Use ONLY 1 hand to signal numbers. Fist is zero.
- See In House 3rd-5th Grade Rules for handling of violations and fouls based on grade level
- Refer to the 'Student Referees for Grades 3-5' tab on the EPBBA website for the official NFHS Basketball Signals

Possession Tracking

- BOTH referees should try to keep track of possession.
- Methods to track possession
 - Use a coin and move it from one pocket to another as possession changes
 - Use a rubber band on the arm and move it from one arm to another as possession changes
 - Keep it in your head (NOT recommended!)
- Remember possession changes at the START each quarter or half.

Throw-Ins

- Give enough time for the teams to get ready
- Point to the throw-in spot
- Make sure your partner is ready
- Make visible counting motions
- Determine best throw in spot:



Timing Counts

- Make a visible count using your arm!
- 5 seconds on a throw-in
- 10 seconds to advance ball past mid-court

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EPBBA Grade Specific Notes

As a Youth Referee, you are expected to know and understand the specific grade specific rules for the EPBBA. The rules for 3rd-5th grade are available on the EPBBA website, please download and read the rules for each grade level you expect to officiate.

Traveling and Illegal Dribble

- 3rd Grade: Read item #16 in the In-House 3rd-5th Grade Rules for details.
- 4th and 5th Grade: BLOW the whistle and call the violation. Normal turnover.

Free Throws

- 3rd Grade: No free throws are shot.
- 4th and 5th Grade: Call lane violations by shooter. They are NOT allowed to jump on or over the line.
- Players in marked lane spaces may move into the lane when the ball is released by the shooter.

Types of Defense

- 3rd and 4th Grade: Only man to man allowed. No zones. **Double-team ONLY in the lane.**
- 5th Grade: Only man to man allowed. No zones. Double-team is allowed.

Pressing

- 3rd and 4th Grade: No pressing.
- 5th Grade: Full court press allowed starting with the 4th game of season. Once press is broken teams must revert back to man-on-man defense. A team cannot press if leading by more than 10 points.

Over and Back

- 3rd Grade: Not enforced. Gym is small.
- 4th and 5th Grade: Over and back is enforced, and teams have 10 seconds to advance the ball past half court.

Substitutions

- All grades: Stop the clock. Allow coaches 20 seconds to get team into game. This is NOT to be used as an instructional time-out.
- All grades: Ensure both teams have the correct number of players on the floor.
- All grades: Blow the whistle to stop the clock AS CLOSE to the prescribed time as you can.
- All grades: Only stop for substitutions if NO team has an offensive advantage.
- 3rd Grade: Substitutions occur at approximately the 5-minute mark of each quarter.
- 4th and 5th Grade: Substitutions occur at 3:30, 7:00, 10:30
 - A 60 second time out only for substitution, no player huddle, will be allowed at the 3:30, 10:30 (+/- 15 seconds)
 - At the mid point of each half (7:00 minute mark) there will be a one minute coach's time out to huddle the team together and review strategy