

For the Fair Play Basketball League at the Seminary we use Federation rules, but allow players six fouls per game. Also, on free throws, players may enter the lane on release. Three point line dwellers, and the shooter, must wait for it to hit the rim to cross their lines.

The Seminary, with its old, pit style gym, has historically been a great place for adult basketball leagues. The courts are shorter, allowing more play at the rims, with less running. But due to those short courts, there are some limitations.

- There is no half-court line. And even if there was, it would be a tight half-court. But remember that the five second rule still applies.
- There is no half-circle/oval under the basket. This means that charges taken under the basket are a part of play.
- The strap above the basket is out of play.

Clock management:

- At the end of the first half the clock stops inside 15 seconds. This allows a team a possession in case their opponent is at the free throw line. THE CLOCK DOES NOT STOP AFTER A MADE BASKET, so conserve your time outs! Teams get three time outs per game.
- At the end of the second half, the clock can stop inside 2 minutes. If a team is trailing by more than 20 we are just going to let it run for mercy's sake, the refs can now call the game.
- Teams need to arrive on time, and have at least 4 players, to start the game. Teams that start late lose all of their time outs.
- The clock is stopped during time outs. If the half is in the "running clock" phase, it resumes after the time out is whistled to be over, (or perceived by the scorekeeper to be over).
- **New rule – In OT, teams have one time out, and all extra fade away...**

Jerseys

- Have a light, and a dark, team jersey option. Grey is the worst color possible.
- Please help out the scorekeepers by wearing the same on-court team colors with jersey numbers (without duplicates... We once had a #13 complain about fouling out, not even knowing that a sub had the same number). Teams taking care of their details can help us take care of the overall details.

Divisions & League Tourney

- We try our best to offer multiple divisions. Higher level players should not be in the C league, or close to it...
- Overtime games are 2 minutes extra, followed by 1 minute extra, if still tied. Third overtime is sudden death. One made free throw can win the game.
- League tourneys are now seeded by what team paid first, & then season results. Chasing down team payments has become exhausting... Season results are determined by head-to-head meetings, by who won the most recent head-to-head meeting, then by other criteria. Tourneys are, at this time, single elimination. Tourney champs get \$80 to \$100 off the next season depending on the level of play, & T-shirts are an option, as well..

Player Behavior:

- A player code of conduct will be strictly enforced. Two technical fouls results in an ejection. Players ejected from the game may not play the following week, unless they want to pay a fine. Players with three techs in the same season will be banned from the league. Ejected players must leave the building.
- Fans must also maintain a code of conduct towards the opposing team. Fans & kids must stay off the team bench/downstairs. We have ample viewing of the game possible upstairs.
- Most players play for the workout, and/or the joy of the game. If one plays on after a perceived bad call, he may see that it balances out. This isn't the NBA, or Big Ten.
- Please don't wear jewelry on court, or anything that could cut, snag, or entangle your opponent, or self. Please do not be overly aggressive to the point of near-injury, as many of us have to work the next day.
- We would like kids to remain upstairs during games for their own safety.

Rosters

- Players must be 18, or older, to play. Women may play.
- A team waiver form must be signed, which becomes your roster. New players may join up until a team's 5th week of play. NO NEW PLAYERS ARE ALLOWED FOR THE LEAGUE TOURNEY! If an illegal player has been found playing in the league tourney, that team has its score set to zero.

Payment

- At this point, new teams need to prepay to get a spot in the league. Veteran teams that take care historically early, can bypass that.
- Teams can pay by mail, by Venmo, Zelle, Square Cash, Google Pay, or in person at the scorer's table.

League Info

- A schedule, standings, and eventually, the league tourney, can be found on the www.fairplayvolleyball.com website, under the basketball tab. Also, we are on facebook at "Fair Play Basketball Leagues".
- To enter a team we need the division, team name, and contact info. Start times are posted six days before the league start. The full schedule will not be completed until week three, so as to align the divisions, and courts, evenly.

We would like to thank Bill Keys, of the Allen County Basketball Association, who did a great job in the past, of giving the Seminary a quality reputation for adult basketball leagues.

