

Northeast Wisconsin Boys Basketball League Game Rules

1. Unless otherwise noted below, standard WIAA rules apply. Refs and coaches will get together before each game to discuss the rules and make sure everyone is on the same page.
2. Games will consist of two 20-minute running clock halves. The clock will stop for all whistles the last two minutes of each half for ALL grade levels.

Mercy Rule running clock in the last two minutes of second half if a team is ahead by 20 or more points (only stops for timeouts.)
3. If there is an intentional, flagrant or technical foul on any player, coach, parent or fan the opposing team will receive two points and the ball.
4. Overtime will consist of a two-minute session with the clock stopping. There will only be one overtime. If the game is still tied, it will stay that way.
5. Two time-outs per half and one time-out per overtime session will be permitted. There are no carry-overs. Each time-out is one minute.
6. There will be a five minute half time for each game and one minute between overtime sessions.
7. Defenses:
 1. 3rd/4th Grade--no pressing; man to man only; no half-court or out of bounds zones; no trapping; can teach help-side defense; switching is allowed
 2. 5th/6th Grade--first session, which is November and December, man to man defense only (only man to man press can be used in first session).
Second session, which is January and February, man to man or half court zone defense (zone and man to man pressing is allowed in second session).
Pressing allowed in the last two minutes of each half first and second sessions.
 3. 7th/8th Grade--pressing all game and any defense is allowed
 4. All Grades--no pressing by if a team has a 20-point lead
 5. 5th & 6th grade coaches can modify pressing rules if agreed upon with the referees BEFORE the game begins
8. League teams must be school district affiliated.
9. Free Throws--3rd and 4th grades will have shorter free lines. Third grade will have a 10 foot line and fourth grade will have a 12 foot line. Momentum can carry a third grade player over the line. Fourth grade must stay behind their line.
10. Per WIAA Rules, if a player gets five fouls, they are out of the game.

11. Basketballs to be used: 3rd/4th/5th/6th grade will use the girls basketball and 7th/8th grade will use the boys basketball. One team will provide the game basketball.
12. Each team must provide a reversible numbered jersey for each player with one side being white.
13. There must be an adult or high school student running the clock and keeping the book.
14. No one is allowed on the court besides the team playing before the game, during timeouts and at halftime.
15. Workers who are running the clock or keeping the book must stay off of their technology.
16. No loose basketballs in the commons area, bathrooms, hallways etc.
17. An athlete can play up to another grade level if necessary.