

BASKETBALL
FIFTH THROUGH EIGHTH GRADES

I. Organization and Participation

- A. League fee is \$120 per team per league payable to the New Albany Deanery before the first game.
- B. There will be 5th and 6th grade boys and girls A and B leagues, assuming there are enough parish teams.
- C. There will be 7th and 8th grade boys and girls leagues, assuming there are enough parish teams.
- D. If the home parish has a team, a student is required to play on that parish team. Students attending Providence Jr. High must play for that team. If a student is cut from his/her parish team, he/she may play for another parish team needing players, but this must be approved prior to participation by the Early Adolescent Athletics Board.
- E. League and tournament winners and runners up will receive a team trophy and individual awards.
- F. The 7th/8th grade boys New Albany Deanery representative team who plays in the Archdiocese Tournament Final will receive some funding for expenses out of proceeds from the Archdiocese Regional Tournament.
- G. Games may only be changed, cancelled, postponed, or re-scheduled through the Coordinator of Athletics.

II. Date Information

- A. Basketball conditioning for athletes not currently playing another deanery sport may start October 1.
- B. Official practice may begin at the completion of volleyball (girls) and football (boys) seasons.
- C. Games will begin in mid-November and conclude with Deanery Championships first weekend in February.

III. Responsibilities of Parishes Hosting Games at Their Home Gyms.

- A. The Parish Representative or his/her appointed Gym Manager should be present throughout the session and be prepared to handle any problems that may occur during the session.
- B. Gym should be open and personnel present to take admissions no later than a half hour before first game.
- C. Official scorekeeper and timekeeper must be present no later than 15 minutes before first game.
- D. Official scorebooks should be provided and maintained by host parish and might be required if there is a problem.
- E. The Parish Representative or his/her appointed Gym Manager must report game results and/or any other valuable information for his/her session to the Deanery Coordinator the day after the games.

IV. Officials Information

- A. Game Officials will be provided by the Deanery and are to be paid \$25 per game per official by the parish host.
- B. There must be two Officials for all games. A game may begin with one Official ONLY if agreed by both coaches, except for tournament games.
- C. Both game Officials must sign the official scorebook for each game refereed in order to be paid.
- D. Teachers, coaches, players' parents, and parish representatives are prohibited for officiating any league games.

V. Game Information

- A. Teams should be prepared to start games promptly at the time indicated on the schedule.
- B. A team automatically forfeits if it is not ready to start a game by 15 minutes after scheduled start time. When a team forfeits, a \$50 fee will be paid from the parish forfeiting to the host parish to defray some game expenses.
- C. All teams play 6-minute quarters with 3-minute overtime periods, if necessary, and 1 minute between quarters.
- D. Pregame warmup sessions are 8 minutes for 7th/8th grade and 6 minutes for 5th/6th grade.
- E. Halftime periods are 6 minutes for 7th/8th grade and 6 minutes for 5th/6th grade.
- F. Pregame warmup sessions and halftime periods may only be shortened, and only if BOTH teams agree to it.
- G. The "Our Father" prayer should be prayed out loud by all student and coach participants together before each game.

VI. Rules

- A. All games will be played according to National Federation of High School Associations (NFHSA) and Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) Official Rules, with exceptions noted below.
- B. Coaches are required not only to adhere to the specific language in the rules, but also to the spirit and intent of the rules. Documented instances where a team gains an unfair or unethical advantage from the coach following the letter of the law but not the general intent of a particular rule will jeopardize that coach's continuing his/her privilege to coach in the New Albany Deanery.
- C. In 5th/6th grade A games, a team may not press full court anytime it is leading the score by 15 points or more.
- D. In 5th/6th grade B games, full court pressing is not allowed except during the last minute of the game.
- E. In 5th/6th grade B games, free throws may be shot behind a line 12 feet from the basket rather than the normal 15 feet.