



Junior Basketball Policy

Note: Junior Basketball includes Green, Blue, Blue Championship, and Blue Premiere

1. Eligibility

- a. Players must be under 17 years of age as of August 31st of the playing season.
- a. A Junior player may play up with the Senior team for one league game or one tournament. If they play more than this, he/she must remain with the Senior team.
 - i. Coaches must fill out and submit to the Athletic consultant, an E-5A – Junior Playing Up Form – before the player may compete with the senior team.
- b. A player may play in only one year-end tournament.
- c. Students playing down are not eligible for the year-end tournament.
- d. If there are at least 3 teams (minimum) that have senior aged athletes a year-end tournament will be organized.
- e. Schools competing in the blue division of play which have the intention of competing in conference play leading to a Provincial Championship will be ineligible for the year-end tournament.
- f. Green player may play one game or one tournament with the Blue team. If they play more than this, he/she must play up with the Blue team.
 - i. Coaches must fill out and submit to the Athletics consultant, an E-5A – Junior Playing up form – before the player may compete with the senior team
 - ii. NOTE: There is no restriction on practices, although this should be limited to special circumstances.
- g. SHSAA Eligibility E-5 forms must be completed 24 hours prior to the team first competition or on/before the SHSAA Basketball deadline

- h. Schools will be allowed to declare a maximum of four (4) total teams for competition in Junior basketball. A maximum of two (2) boys and two (2) girls basketball organized in any combination according to level of play. When you declare your teams in Junior boys' basketball, you can declare them to be Blue Premiere, Blue Championship, or Green. The Blue Boys Championship league would only be created if there is a reasonable number of teams that declare into each league.

2. Game Procedures

- a. If possible, each school to play an equal number of home and away games.
- b. Length of game for all categories: four (4) 10-minute quarters
- c. FIBA rules as played at senior level, with modifications in each category.
- d. Ball size: Boys to use #7 size. Girls to use #6 size.
- e. Suggested starting time for games will be 4:00 p.m.

3. Coaches' Responsibilities

- a. Should become familiar with the guidelines and procedures for their sport.

4. Hosting Responsibilities

- a. Facility:
 - i. Book gymnasium for league games.
 - ii. Ensure floor is swept prior to game and nets are in repair.
 - iii. Spectator seating is made available - bleachers out or chairs if necessary.
 - iv. Team benches, scoring table and timing device in place prior to game.
 - v. Provide change area and towels for players and officials.
- b. Game Officials:
 - i. Book game officials (2 referees) for all 4:15 games well in advance.
 - ii. The athletic consultant, in conjunction with the SABO assignor, will book officials for all 6:15 and 8:00 games.

- iii. Confirm game minor officials (timer, scorekeeper, shot operator) prior to game day.
- c. Game Equipment:
 - i. Game ball plus basketballs for pre-game warm up and half time.
 - ii. Score sheet - distribute copies post game.
 - iii. Training kit and ice (if available) should be provided.

5. Officiating

- a. Each school is responsible for identifying two persons for the purpose of training as a referee and three for timing and scoring.
- b. Game officials to be selected from the "officials pool" or a competent adult.
- c. Payment of officials at the going rate.

6. Season and Schedule

- a. Starting date for practices will be the same as the senior date set annually and concludes with the Green and Blue year-end tournaments.
- b. Schedule structuring is the responsibility of the coaches committee.
- c. The schedule is subject to change by mutual agreement of coaches. It may be changed to accommodate additional games, cancellations, or postponements due to unforeseen circumstances.

NOTE: Early notification of change is desirable and essential.

- d. Suggested guideline for practice to game ratio 2-1.

7. City Tournament

- a. Site and dates to be set at the coaches committee meeting annually.
- b. Senior aged athletes are ineligible to participate in the year-end tournament.
- c. If there are at least 3 teams (minimum) that have senior aged athletes a year-end tournament will be organized.

- d. Schools competing in the blue division of play which have the intention of competing in conference play leading to a Provincial Championship will be ineligible for the year-end tournament.

8. Travel

- a. The extent of out-of-town travel is the responsibility of the school principal in consultation with the coach.
- b. Not to exceed two "overnight" trips for competition (one out-of-province) in a season.

9. Meetings

- a. A minimum of one annual meeting called prior to the start of the fall season. (Each school is expected to send at least one representative.)

10. Gate Admission

- a. Green and Blue Year-End Tournaments, preliminary playoffs and finals which use association officials will have a gate admission charge the same as senior sports rates.