

WARRICK COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL RULES

Player Participation:

1. A minimum of ten (10) students must dress for each game. The full squad may total twenty (20) to thirty (30) students. Each student who dresses for a game must play a full quarter. The coach must play five players the first quarter and the remaining five the second quarter. The five new ball players must report to the scorer's bench before the start of the second quarter. During the second half, a coach may play any player according to his/her own discretion, except in the case of a "B" team with more than ten players. "B" games will be played first, followed by the "A" game. **If due to illness, injury, or academic ineligibility a school cannot field a full team, then the team will be permitted to play fewer than (10) players.** Competing schools should make contact prior to the game with one another if this becomes the case. *Under no circumstances will a player be allowed to play more than three quarters (any appearance in a quarter is counted as played) in an evening of play.* In case of injury (sub in a player)-if injured player is able to come back into the game to play he/she must go in for the player what went in as a "sub".
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Age Limit:

3. A student may participate in this sport up to and including the age of twelve. No student may participate in this sport at the age of thirteen. Student athletes will become ineligible for participation on the day of their thirteenth birthday.

Scholastic Eligibility:

4. Students participating in any type of elementary athletic program/extracurricular activity will be declared ineligible to participate if the student receives an "F" in any subject area or "U" in conduct on his/her midterm or nine week report card. Either the midterm or nine week report card will be utilized to re-gaining eligibility (must receive passing grades) to participate in elementary athletics/extracurricular activities.
5. Ineligibility will begin on the day the midterms/report cards are issued. During this ineligibility, a player is not allowed to practice or participate in any game.

Grade Level Eligibility:

6. Only fifth graders may play on the fifth grade teams. If necessary, you may then fill in with fourth graders. Schools cannot cut fifth graders from either the "A" or the "B" team and keep fourth graders, nor may fourth graders be moved to the "A" team over fifth graders.

Depending on circumstance within your school there may be exception so there are enough students to fill a team(s)

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Schedule Preparation:

7. The elementary school schedule will be prepared by the Athletic Council President. A maximum of nine games may be played during a season. The practice start date will be listed on the basketball schedules.

Length of Games:

8. The length of each quarter in the "B" game shall be five (5) minutes. The length of each quarter in the "A" games will be six (6) minutes. In the event of a tie score at the end of regulation play, there will be an *overtime period of two (2) minutes*. More than one overtime is possible and permissible. There will be no sudden death provisions. Halftimes will last five minutes. There will be ten minutes of warm-up time preceding the beginning of each game.

Full Court Defense (Pressing):

9. Full court defense (pressing) will be allowed at the 2:00 minute mark in the 4th quarter. Full court pressing will be allowed in each 2:00 minute overtime period.
 - a. Teams that are ahead by 15 or more points may NOT press. Head coaches that are winning by less than 15 points will use their judgment when pressing based on good sportsmanship.
 - b. Repeated violations of the press defense before the 2:00 minute mark in the 4th quarter will result in a technical foul. Coaches and school principals will remind the referees before each game.

Practice and Game Balls:

10. The home team will provide five (5) practice balls for use by the visiting team. A leather or synthetic ball will be used in all games. The ball must be 28.5 inches in circumference.

Foul Line/Three Second Lane:

11. The foul line for all elementary games will be twelve feet. The three-second violation will be within the twelve-foot lane.

Tournaments:

12. Schools are not allowed to participate in any tournaments. There are no elementary tournaments concluding the regular season.

Make-up Games:

13. Any game that has been canceled should be made up. The decision is left to the principals of the two schools involved.

Officials:

14. Mr. James Dunlap is the private contractor for securing referees for each individual school and tournament site. Referees will be paid \$35.00 for a single game / \$50.00 for two games

Admission:

15. There will be an admission of \$.50 per K-5 student. Middle / High School students and adults will be charged \$2.00. Family price is \$5.00. Anyone driving team members to away games will be admitted to the game at no charge.

Game Time:

16. The first game should begin at 3:30 p.m. if at all possible.

Point Spread:

17. In the interest of sportsmanship and self-esteem of players, coaches and principals should agree to use discretion when there is a spread of more than **twenty-five points between the two teams.**

Official Rules:

18. All *National Federation of State High School Associations* basketball rules will be observed with exceptions as noted herein. A coach may be out of his/her seat as long as he/she is instructing his players. At no time will a coach be allowed on the playing floor unless it is during a time out or warm-up preceding a game.