

Bethany United Methodist Church

Men's Basketball League Rules

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE IS TO PROMOTE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, SPORTSMANSHIP, AND RECREATION AMONG THE CHURCHES OF THE SUMMERVILLE AREA. THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES ARE DESIGNED TO MEET AND ENFORCE THIS PURPOSE:

- Good sportsmanship will be required of team captains, players, and spectators.
- Team captains should be selected for their skill and Christian character as a leader.
- The Leisure Ministries Director, assisted by a steering committee representing Bethany U.M. Church's Leisure Ministries Committee, will be responsible for the business affairs of the league including the resolution of any disputes.

Qualifications for Players

1. The Men's Basketball League is open only to church teams.
 - Teams will consist of men who are out of high school and over.
 - The minimum number of players on a team is eight. The maximum number of players per team is fifteen.
 - 50% of the team should be church members of the church they are representing.
 - If a church cannot field a team alone, they may combine players from another church (with approval) providing the players meet the qualification of membership.
2. The team captain must present a roster signed by him verifying the players are qualified to represent their church by the *first* game.
 - No additions may be made to the roster after the *first* game.
 - Individual players must sign an insurance waiver form due the first game they play.
3. A player must play in at least 3 games in order to be eligible for tournament play.
4. Any team playing an ineligible player will forfeit all games in which that player participated.

Entrance Requirements

1. Each team desiring to enter the league must have someone represent them at the team captains meeting on *November 2, 2009 at 7 pm.*
2. The first 12 teams to make payment arrangements for the entry fee of **\$415.00** will be put on the schedule.
3. Every team must provide the name and address of the minister of the church they represent.

Schedules

1. The league manager will draw an official schedule and establish game times. Regular season play will consist of playing every team one time. The results will determine seeding for a single elimination tournament.
2. Games will not be rescheduled except for unforeseen circumstances on Bethany's behalf.
3. Any changes will be posted on the official schedule on the bulletin board outside the Leisure Ministries office. Reasonable effort will be made to notify team captain's of these changes with as much advanced notice as possible. It will be the team captains' responsibility to notify his players.
4. The tournament will immediately follow the regular season. It is the team captain's responsibility to keep up with the seeding and progression of the tournament and to notify his players.

Playing rules

1. The league manager will hire the referees, timer and scorekeeper. The records kept by the scorekeeper will be official with disputes only settled between the referee and the scorekeeper.
2. **OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL RULES SHALL GOVERN ALL PLAY EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS.**
3. **Starting of the game:**
 - Each team will be given at least five minutes to warm up.
 - There will be no grace period for the start of the game. Scheduled time is game time except if the prior game is in overtime.

- A team may begin the game with 4 players but will be assessed an administrative technical foul with the opposing team receiving two free throws and the possession of the ball.
 - Individual players must check in with the scorer and give their jersey number before entering the game.
 - Only players listed on the official team roster will be allowed to play.
 - *The home team will lead a time of Praise and Prayer in center court before each game.*
4. **The time clock:**
- The games will consist of two 20 minute halves with a running clock except for shooting fouls (when the shooter receives the ball) and on every dead ball on the last minute of the first half and the last two minutes of the second half.
 - If there is a 30 point lead the clock will not stop the last two minutes of each half.
 - Each team will be allowed 3 full and 2 thirty-second time outs per game.
 - Half time will be 3 minutes.
 - Overtime periods will consist of 3 minutes each with a running clock except for shooting fouls (when the shooter receives the ball) and on every dead ball on the last minute of the period. One full time out will be awarded to each team and fouls will carryover.
5. **Defense:**
- No team will full court press if they have a 30 point lead.

Technical Fouls:

1. **Violation technical foul**, ex. six men on the court, come as a result of a particular rules violation. These fouls do not count against a player for the season.
2. **Player controlled technical foul**, ex. dunking, hanging on the rim, slapping backboard, will result in a technical foul and the player being dismissed from the game.
3. **Flagrant technical foul** (on a live or dead ball) for any adverse behavior, verbal or physical, will cause the individual to be suspended from the league. Flagrant technical fouls can be assessed on the team bench for any adverse behavior.
4. Technical fouls will be recorded on the official team roster in order to effectively enforce the rules pertaining to technical fouls.

Uniforms

1. All players of the same team must have the same color jerseys with legal numbers preferably on front and back. If a team does not have jerseys with numbers, they must wear numbered pinnies.
2. If teams have the same color uniforms, visitors will wear pennies.
3. For the safety reasons, all players should wear plain athletic style shorts. Non athletic style shorts with pockets and zippers will not be allowed.

Gym Rules

1. The referees have complete control of the game with their call being final. The Leisure Ministries Director or designees will only come onto the court when called by the referee.
2. Everyone will be expected to show respect for the rules of the game, other people, and the facility.
3. Game and practice balls will be furnished. Outside balls are not allowed in the gym.
4. Parents are responsible for the safety of their children at all times. They should not be left unattended or allowed to run through the building or property.
5. No smoking, eating, drinking, or profanity will be tolerated by anyone.