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Dear Coaches, Athletic Directors, Volunteers and Moderators,

On August 1<sup>st</sup>, Pope Benedict met with participants in the world swimming championship at the papal summer villa in Castel Gandolfo. He encouraged them to be models of Christian values for young people. Although, basketball and swimming are two unique sports, the Holy Father's words transcend any differences in the two sports.

“Be champions in sports and in life! The language of sports is universal and especially reaches new generations. Therefore promoting positive messages through sports helps build a better and more united world.”

Ultimately, this should be our goal - to teach young people not just how to win a basketball game but how to win in life. In the words of the Holy Father

“When practiced with passion and a careful sense of ethics, sports becomes – especially for young people – a training ground for healthy competitiveness and physical preparation, a school for human and spiritual values, and a privileged means of personal growth and contact with society,”

The Archdiocese Basketball Rules and Regulations are revised annually by the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee. The Division of Youth and Young Adult Ministry stands with the Basketball Committee in upholding these rules and authorizes the Basketball Committee to interpret and enforce them. Please take the time to learn these rules. All coaches, athletic directors and moderators are expected to know them and abide by them. These rules are written in the best interest of all youth who are eligible to participate in these leagues.

There are many players, coaches, officials and volunteers that make the Archdiocesan Basketball Team such a success story for hundreds of young people each year. I encourage you all to “trust the team.” Your dedication and selflessness will likely inspire us all to greatness.

Sincerely,



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# ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE

## ARCHDIOCESAN BASKETBALL COMMITTEE

### INTRODUCTION

“Sports, properly directed,” wrote Pope Pius XII, “develop character, make one courageous, a generous loser, and a gracious victor. Sports refine the senses, give us intellectual penetration, steel the will to endurance ... Sports, rightly understood, mean the development of the whole person ... help one achieve that end to which all others must be subservient, the service and praise of the Creator ...”

The Division of Youth and Young Adult Ministry sponsors athletic programs that function according to the philosophy and spirit as described above. The Division of Youth and Young Adult Ministry’s basic philosophy is the promotion of active participation in organized sports and the sharing of the responsibility to keep cooperation among team members and competition between teams in proper perspective. This can be accomplished by helping to direct the athletic program toward the formation of strong Christian attitudes and values in all participants. Parish moderators, gym leaders, league coordinators and coaches must be the direct implementers of such a philosophy. They are responsible for the eligibility, conduct and safety of players and the careful observance of all rules of the Athletic Program, the specific league in which they participate and the proper care and use of all facilities by their athletes and spectators.

To carry out the program as it applies to basketball, the Director of the Division of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Archdiocese of Baltimore has established the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee to organize and administer all aspects of the Basketball Program. *All decisions made by the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee are final.*

The purpose of Archdiocesan athletic programs is to provide and promote inter-parochial recreational activities for boys and girls of the parishes. When properly organized and implemented, athletic programs assist in the development of Christian ideals in the youth who participate.

The philosophy of such athletic programs is based on implementing the following:

1. The value of getting along with people
2. Respecting the rights of other people
3. Developing and exercising leadership skills
4. Making decisions and accepting responsibility
5. Cooperating with others in effective teamwork
6. Developing self-reliance and emotional stability
7. Being fair and honest
8. Accepting defeat honorably and victory humbly
9. Developing a healthy body through physical activity in competitive athletics
10. Abiding by established and accepted rules, which uniformly apply to all participants

The above points form the foundational philosophy of all Archdiocesan athletic programs and are to be implemented and maintained effectively in all programs under the aegis of the Division of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

The following points are essential elements in the effort to enhance the development of Christian character through programs of organized competitive athletics:

1. It is the responsibility of the Youth Moderators, or their representatives, to properly screen prospective coaches and managers. The enormous influence, which a coach can have upon the players in the program, cannot be overemphasized. Teams left in the hands of irresponsible coaches or managers are in direct conflict with the goals and objectives of Archdiocesan-sponsored athletics. Responsible adult coaching and management are essential!
2. A thorough understanding and application of the principles of Christian sportsmanship to athletic competition is necessary and expected of all coaches and team managers. Unsportsmanlike conduct by coaches and managers will not be tolerated.
3. A Coaches Workshop will be given by the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. This is a mandatory workshop for all coaches. All new coaches need to attend one of the workshops offered this year.
4. Adhering to the rules of eligibility is ultimately the coach's responsibility. He/she must know the players on his/her team and thoroughly understand and adhere to current player eligibility rules. Rules on eligibility are the single most misunderstood and disregarded part of the program. Eligibility rules will be closely monitored and strictly enforced.
5. Every coach must have the Stand Training before coaching in the Archdiocesan Basketball Program.

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# **RULES GOVERNING THE ARCHDIOCESAN BASKETBALL PROGRAMS**

## **I. ADMINISTRATION**

The Archdiocesan Basketball Committee is responsible for the administration and conduct of the Basketball Program sponsored by the Division of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Archdiocese of Baltimore. The rules involving participation in the Basketball Program will be closely monitored and strictly enforced. Teams in this program are subject to the rules of the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee. **THE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RULE ON ALL MATTERS NOT EXPLICITLY COVERED BY THE RULES.** In cases of conflict, protests and rule interpretation, after careful deliberation by the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee, a decision will be rendered and a written response will be issued. **Such formal action is final and will close the case.**

## **II. AFFILIATION AND ELIGIBILITY**

### **A. VALID PARISH PLAYER**

A Valid Parish Player is defined as:

1. A Baptized Catholic who is an officially registered member of the parish.
2. Anyone who attends the parish school.
3. Graduates of the parish school are eligible to continue to play in the 14-16 or 16-18 age groups.

### **B. VALID REGIONAL, CLUSTER OR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL PLAYER**

1. Independent Catholic schools who are not affiliated with a parish can field a team consisting only of students in the school.
2. Regional or Cluster schools are defined as a school affiliated with more than one parish. These teams must consist of only students from the school.
3. Students attending a Regional or Cluster school that does not have a team may play for one of the affiliated parishes of the Regional or Cluster school unless they belong to a parish that has a basketball team. Written permission must be received from the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee before using this option.
4. Regional or Cluster school graduates are eligible to continue to play in the 14-16 or 16-18 age groups.

### **C. VALID NON-PARISH PLAYER**

Players who are not members of a parish may be added to a parish team in accordance with the following:

1. A team may add no more than two Catholics who attend another parish or cluster school, which does not have a team. These Catholics need permission from their

pastor, principal or parish coordinator and the approval of the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee before they can be added to a neighboring parish team's roster. An exception to the two player limit may be granted with the approval of the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee.

2. An 8-10, 10-12 and 12-14 team may add no more than two non-Catholic players who live within the geographical boundaries of the parish as determined by the Archdiocese. Teams may not add non-Catholic players unless they have their geographical boundaries filed with and approved by the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee. These players must also secure the permission of the parish priest before participating in any league games. **NO TEAM SHOULD ADD NON-CATHOLICS TO A ROSTER BY DENYING VALID CATHOLIC PLAYERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY.** An exception to the two player limit may be granted with the approval of the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee.
3. 9<sup>th</sup> + 10<sup>th</sup> grade teams and 11<sup>th</sup> + 12<sup>th</sup> grade teams may add as many as 50 percent non-Catholics who live within the geographical boundaries of the parish as determined by the Archdiocese. Teams may not add non-Catholic players unless they have their geographical boundaries filed with and approved by the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee. These players must secure the permission of the parish priest before participating in any league games.

#### **D. CHANGING PARISH AFFILIATION**

Once a player has played on a CYO Basketball team for one parish, the player has established an affiliation with that parish. If a player changes to another parish or school and wishes to change CYO Basketball affiliation, the player must seek the approval of the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee before joining the new parish basketball program. A change in affiliation may result in a year's ineligibility to play.

#### **E. RECRUITMENT OF PLAYERS**

1. The obtaining of players from other parishes that have teams will not be allowed.
2. Going to recreation centers, schools and basketball games in search of players is considered recruiting and will not be allowed.

Obtaining players by any of the above means is a definite violation and not in accord with the basic policy, rules and intent of the Archdiocesan Basketball Program.

#### **F. TEAM AND PLAYER PARTICIPATION**

Teams in Archdiocesan leagues may play in only two Archdiocesan leagues. Players may play in only two Archdiocesan leagues. No player may appear on more than two team rosters. A player may not be under contract or play for more than one parish or cluster school team at any one time. A player may not be on the roster of more than one parish team in the same league. During CYO playoffs -- A player on two teams, in the same age group, that has made the CYO playoffs cannot play for both teams. An exception to the rule may be granted with the approval of the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee.

## **G. HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS**

High School players who are members of Varsity, JV or Frosh Soph High School teams will not be permitted to play in Archdiocesan Basketball leagues or be carried on a team roster. If a player has been dropped by a school team, written notification must be received by the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee from the school's Athletic Director before the player is eligible to participate in the Archdiocesan Program.

## **H. VIOLATION OF ELIGIBILITY RULES**

1. A player who violates eligibility rules will be dropped from a team and all games they participated in will be forfeited.
2. If a player has been declared ineligible and before the next season their situation changes that would make them eligible, they must sit out one year before being allowed to play again.
3. **Coaches and managers bear the responsibility for checking their players' eligibility. A coach found to have an ineligible player will be suspended for that season and the next.**
4. Coaches who are aware of or concerned about the possibility of violations of eligibility rules should contact an Archdiocesan Basketball Committee Member.
5. At the discretion of the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee, coaches and/or administrators who self-report violations of the eligibility rules in their program may receive leniency with regard to the administration of penalties as stated in #3.

## **III. ARCHDIOCESAN BASKETBALL LEAGUES**

### **A. AGE GROUPS**

Teams are divided into the following five different age brackets:

1. **8-10** for players who have not reached their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday and are in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and under.
2. **10-12** for players who have not reached their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday and are in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and under.
3. **12-14** for players who have not reached their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday and are in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and under.

### **B. DATE OF AGE DETERMINATION**

**September 1<sup>st</sup>** is the determination date for establishing age groupings. Players reaching the age limit must compete in the next higher age classification.

### **C. NINTH GRADERS**

Students in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade must play in the 14-16 age bracket, even though they meet the age qualification for 12-14. (See A-3 under Age Groups.)

### **D. LEAGUE PLACEMENT**

As far as it is possible, teams will be assigned to Archdiocesan leagues playing nearest their home parish. Archdiocesan Basketball Committee has the final decision for team placement.

### **E. NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON A TEAM**

A team may not carry more than 12 players. (A waiver may be granted by the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee.)

### **F. MAKE UP OF TEAMS**

Girls must play on girls teams and boys must play on boys teams. We do not allow girls and boys on the same team.

## **IV. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Prior to the basketball season, an organizational meeting is conducted by the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee specifically for Parish Coordinators. At this meeting, Archdiocesan rules are distributed and explained in detail and leagues are formed for the upcoming season. It is mandatory that the parish coordinators attend this organizational meeting.

In the absence of a team representative, the team will be placed in a league wherever an opening may occur, provided the application and league fees are submitted to the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee.

## **V. ENTERING A TEAM IN ARCHDIOCESAN LEAGUES**

### **A. TEAM APPLICATION**

To register any parish/school team in an Archdiocesan League, a team application form must be submitted at the Organizational Meeting.

A team participating in two leagues must submit two team applications and two team fees.

### **B. FEES \*\***

1. Team and Gym Fees - Each team must submit a team fee with each team application submitted. Team application fees are \$50.00 per team; the gym fee is \$50.00 per team - for a total of \$100.00. A check for this amount should be

made payable to the **Archdiocesan Basketball Committee** and is due by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

2. Officials Fees - All games will have two officials. The fee will be as follows:

|                                       |           |   |          |          |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|---|----------|----------|
| 8-10                                  | age group | - | \$ 20.00 | per team |
| 10-12                                 | “ “       | - | \$ 20.00 | “ “      |
| 12-14                                 | “ “       | - | \$ 22.00 | “ “      |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> thru 12 <sup>th</sup> | grade     | - | \$ 24.00 | “ “      |

These total officials fees may be required prior to league play. If you have only one official, the cost will be one and a half times the normal game fee.

3. Other Fees - Fees for scorer/timer and gym leader will be assessed at each gym site. The total average for each game would be \$8.00 per team. The money may be required prior to league play.
4. **All teams will submit a copy of their parish boundaries as determined by the Archdiocese.**

\*\* (See Section XII for NON-PAYMENT OF FEES)

### **C. ARCHDIOCESAN I.D. CARDS**

All players must have an Archdiocesan Identification Card and number. This number must be on the player's contract and on the roster. To obtain an Archdiocesan I.D. card, a player needs a birth certificate and two dollars (\$2.00). Times and locations where these I.D. cards can be obtained will be announced at the Organizational Meeting.

### **D. ROSTER FORMS, CONTRACTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION AND REVISION**

An official team roster form and player contracts will be available at the Organizational Meeting or from members of the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee. All team rosters and player contracts must be turned in to the Basketball Committee on the night designated to hand them in and give schedules out. **ALL CONTRACTS AND ROSTER FORMS ARE TO BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY AND THE ROSTER FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PARISH PRIEST, PARISH YOUTH MINISTER OR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL. IF YOUR CONTRACTS AND ROSTER ARE NOT TURNED IN OR ARE INCOMPLETE, YOUR TEAM WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR PLAY-OFFS.** Any team that has not filed a team application and paid the team fee by November 1<sup>st</sup> will not appear on the schedule. If, after an application has been filed and the team fee has been paid, a decision is made to drop a team from the league, the Basketball Committee must be notified by November 1<sup>st</sup> or the fee will be forfeited. Deadline for adding or deleting players is January 8<sup>th</sup>. Any late contracts and roster forms - that are not returned by the night on which schedules are given out must be sent to Cecilia Bryan. Anyone making an addition to the team must send the player contracts and new roster form to **Cecilia Bryan, 9 S. Lake Way, Reisterstown, Maryland 21136.**

### **E. TEAM UNIFORM**

1. **The team uniform must have legal numbers – 4” in front and 6” in back. The legal numbers are: 00, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20 thru 25, 30 thru 35, 40 thru 45, 50 thru 55.**
2. To insure proper parish affiliation:
  - a. Uniform may have the name or logo of the parish on the front but no other names or logs will be permitted on the front.
  - b. Uniform may be plain with only numbers on the front and back.
  - c. Uniform may have a sponsor name on the back only, with lettering not to exceed 2” in height. If a sponsor name is used, the parish identification must be on the front.
  - d. Tee shirts and shorts worn under uniforms must be the same color as the dominant color of the uniform. All members of the team must have the same color tee shirt.
  - e. All players having tattoos must have them covered before playing in a game.
  - f. Each team should have a set of mesh pinnies that is a different color from the team uniform.
3. Each violation of these rules will result in a technical foul for each illegally uniformed player.

#### **F. PLAYING TIME**

The Archdiocesan Basketball Committee recommends that an eight-minute clock be run in gyms where the schedule will allow. Each player on an Archdiocesan team must play the following amount of time:

1. Teams with ten or more players on the bench must play each player a minimum of one half of a quarter each game.
2. Teams with eight or nine players on the bench must play each player a minimum of one quarter each game.
3. Teams with seven or less players on the bench must play each player a minimum of one half each game.
4. Players fulfilling the minimum time requirement must fulfill the required minutes by playing those minutes in increments of no less than one minute.

The gym leader will notify coaches, prior to the game of playing time requirements based upon the number of players in uniform on the bench. **The coach has the responsibility to ensure that his own players meet the time requirements.** Failure to abide by the above rule will result in the forfeiture of the game. The decision of the gym leader is final.

#### **G. FORFEITS**

1. Confirmation and retreat dates must be noted on the Team Application. **No league schedules will be revised.** Forfeits will be handled in the following manner:
  - a. If contracts and roster are not returned on the designated date, the game will be forfeited.

- b. If a team forfeits their first game (**NO SHOW–NO COMMUNICATION**) this will cause the team to be dropped from the league and revision of the schedule.
  - c. Any team forfeiting a game may be excluded from future participation at the discretion of the League Coordinator and the concurrence of the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee.
2. Even with the proper communications, a team that forfeits more than one game may be excluded from post season play at the discretion of the League Coordinator with the concurrence of the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee.
  3. **There is a ten minute forfeit time starting from the scheduled game time.**

#### **H. PRESS RULE**

For 8-10 girls and boys -- There will be no full court pressing in this age group for the first half of the season (except for the last minute of the game). Teams can start to press in the second half of the season. If a team has a 10 point lead or more, they must set their defense inside the 3 point line.

For 10-12 girls and boys -- "NO PRESS" rule will be in effect whenever a team is winning by 15 points or more. The team with the lead must set their defense inside the 3 point line.

For 12-14 girls and boys -- If a team is winning by 20 points or more, the team with the lead must set their defense behind the half court line.

#### **I. RUNNING UP THE SCORE**

**Running up the score shall be considered an unsporting act and penalized accordingly. Running up the score shall be defined as a differential of five or more points over the differential specified in the "Press Rule".**

- A. In 8-10, that is 15 points
- B. In 10-12, that is 29 points
- C. In 12-14, that is 25 points

**Penalty for running up the score will be:**

- A. A team will receive one verbal warning per game. This will be recorded in the scorebook.
- B. Following the verbal warning, if the violating team does not adjust play, a team technical will be assessed to the offending team and charged indirectly to the head coach. Opponents will be awarded two shots and possession of the ball at the division line opposite the score table.

#### **J. BACK COURT RULE**

Since there is no shot clock for girls, they will be using the Federation Back Court Rule.

## **K. EQUIPMENT**

All the girls age groups and the 8-10 boys will use the smaller 28.5 basketball. All the other boys teams will use the larger basketball.

## **VI. PARISH COORDINATOR**

The Parish Coordinator is the main contact between the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee and his/her parish. Each parish program must have at least one Coordinator. The parish may have a separate Boys and Girls Coordinator.

The duties and responsibilities of the Parish Coordinator are as stated below:

1. To be the initial contact person for communications between the Basketball Committee and the parish program. This includes (but is not limited to):
  - a. disseminating information from the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee involving the parish's teams (e.g. rule changes, league changes).
  - b. referring questions to the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee (e.g. interpretation of rules, player I.D.s).
  - c. helping resolve any problems involving a parish team (e.g. protests, player eligibility, conduct of coaches, players or spectators).
2. To submit Archdiocesan Basketball team application forms and fees within established deadlines.
3. To verify and submit Archdiocesan Basketball player contracts and rosters within established deadlines.
4. To insure that all coaches in her/his parish program understand and are in full compliance with the Archdiocesan Basketball Rules and Regulations, Stand and Coaches Training.
5. To attend all meetings as the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee requires for organizational purposes.

## **VII. LEAGUE COORDINATOR**

The League Coordinator and Gym Leader may be the same person. They are the contact persons for the League. The major responsibilities and duties are stated below:

1. To be the contact person for teams in the league.
2. To see that schedules are made out and distributed to each team.
3. To resolve problems that arise in the league. If no solution is reached, to refer the matter to the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee for action.
4. To make sure every team understands the rules for the facility that they are using.
5. To keep scorebook or score sheets from every game in a safe place in case a review of the game is needed. To keep record of league standings, inform the teams of the league standings, and report the league winners to the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee at the end of the season.

6. To notify teams of a change in the schedule and make sure all teams know to go to the web site [www.BaltimoreCYO.org](http://www.BaltimoreCYO.org) for game cancellations due to the weather.
7. To collect officials fees at the beginning of the year and to pay game officials each week. This is not done at all sites.
8. To speak to any spectator who is disrupting the game in any way. The spectator can be asked to leave if conduct does not improve, as noted on page 11 under “IX Conduct of Coaches, Players and Spectators”.

### **VIII. GYM LEADER**

The Gym Leader and League Coordinator will sometimes be the same person. The major responsibilities of each Gym Leader are stated below.

1. To open the gym fifteen minutes before the first game.
2. To have teams put the line-up in the score book or verify what the score table has put in the score book.
3. To advise coaches of the playing time requirements and, at half time, inform coaches of players who have not played.
4. To check the gym and the rest room facilities to make sure both are left in good condition.
5. If the League Coordinator is not present, the Gym Leader will handle any minor problems that should arise and may refer any problems to the League Coordinator.
6. To ask any person to leave the gym if they are not conducting themselves in the proper manner. (See Section IX-A.)
7. To enforce the Archdiocesan Basketball Rules and Regulations.
8. To make sure scorers check players into game on the score sheet.

### **IX. CONDUCT OF COACHES, PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS**

- A. All coaches, players and individuals accompanying a team are expected to conduct themselves in an orderly manner according to the following guidelines:
  1. Coaches will be held responsible for the conduct of their fans. If a fan is ejected from the gym, the Parish Coordinator will be notified and a two week suspension from seeing team games will be recommended.
  2. a. Any player who is ejected for any reason will be suspended for the next two CYO games. If a player plays in two leagues he/she will be suspended for the next two games in both leagues.  
b. Any coach who is ejected for any reason will be suspended for the next two games. If a coach coaches in more than one league he will be suspended for

the next two games in each CYO league. Coaches may not be in the gym during the two week suspension.

3. Any player or coach who physically mistreats or assaults an official or behaves in an unsportsmanlike manner at any time during the season will be suspended for the rest of the current season and also for one additional season.
  4. Spectators are asked to cheer for and give encouragement to their team. They should not interfere with the conduct of the game. Unruly spectators will be asked to leave the gym.
  5. Any player or coach who appears physically impaired (drinking or drugs) will be suspended for the rest of the season and the next season. His/her individual case will be reviewed the following year. Suspension could be permanent.
  6. A maximum of two coaches, a scorekeeper and team members are allowed on the team bench. No other persons are permitted on the bench at any time.
- B. In keeping with the philosophy of the Archdiocesan Basketball Program, the following will not be tolerated:
1. A team that is ahead by a significant margin and continues to run up the score, for example, by continuing to fast break.
  2. A team that ridicules another team or any of its players.

**The League Coordinator, Gym Leader or any member of the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee has the authority to speak to the offending coach/team during the game and remind him/her of our rules. If the coach fails to respond to the warning, the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee will be notified. Failure to comply with these rules can lead to suspension and removal from the league.**

## **X. PLAYOFFS AND TOURNAMENTS**

- A. The Archdiocesan Basketball Committee will conduct a post-season tournament for each age division to determine the Archdiocesan Champion.
- B. The rules for the CYO Tournament are as follows:
  1. Leagues with six to nine teams as of January 1<sup>st</sup> will be entitled to have two teams represent the league. Leagues with ten or more teams as of January 1<sup>st</sup> will be entitled to have three teams represent the league. The method of determining the representatives will be determined and announced before the league begins its season.
  2. Leagues with five teams or less as of January 1<sup>st</sup> will be entitled to have one team represent that league.

3. If a team is the winner in two leagues, they will only represent one league. **No league will be allowed extra representatives if an eligible team chooses not to represent that league or chooses not to enter the tournament.**
4. Players who have valid contracts and ID numbers and have played in at least half of the regular season games in the league which they are representing are eligible for tournament play.
5. A blind draw will be held to determine a team's position in this tournament. It is required that the team manager, coach or their representative be present at this draw. **If a team does not have a representative at this draw, they will not be eligible for the tournament.**
6. All games will be played at the sites and times designated by the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee.

## **XI. PROTESTS, COMPLAINTS AND WAIVER REQUESTS**

Protests, complaints and requests for waiver of Archdiocesan regulations are to be submitted in writing to the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee representative: **Cecilia Bryan, 9 S. Lake Way, Reisterstown, Maryland 21136.**

Formal responses of the Committee are binding on all participants in Archdiocesan Basketball Programs. Coaches who have knowledge of an infraction of Archdiocesan regulations, particularly player eligibility, have a responsibility to inform the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee so that the infraction can be reviewed and proper corrective action can be taken. The Archdiocesan Basketball Committee will take any action deemed necessary to enforce Baltimore Archdiocesan Basketball rules in order to preserve the spirit, purpose and Christian principles of the Basketball Program. This includes any initiative involving player eligibility, individual or team conduct, repeat offenses, and reviewing contracts, team forms and rosters.

## **XII. NON-PAYMENT OF FEES**

All fees not paid by the league's required date will result in your team not being allowed to play until fees are paid.

NON-COMPLIANCE OF THESE RULES WILL SUBJECT A TEAM TO FORFEITURE OF ITS LEAGUE GAMES, LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS, AND ANY POST-SEASON PLAY.

PARISHES WILL BE UNABLE TO ENTER TEAMS OF THE SAME VIOLATING AGE GROUP(S) IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS WITHOUT COMPLETE PAYMENT OF ALL FEES, INCLUDING ANY LATE FEES WHICH MAY BE ASSESSED.

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**GYM AND CLOCK RULES**  
**FOR ALL C.Y.O. LEAGUES**

Gym Leader will inform each team of the playing time requirements with the number of players at the game. See Page 8 Section F of the Rule Book.

The Press Rule on Page 9 Section H of the Rule Book will be in effect for all C.Y.O. Leagues.

### Running the Clock

The Clock stops the last two minutes of the second and fourth quarters on all whistles. The Clock stops in the last ten seconds of the first and third quarters on all whistles.

On “One and One” shooting foul, the Clock will start when the ball is handed to the shooter for the first shot, then stopped if made and started again when the shooter gets the ball back for the second shot; or it will start when the ball is back in play, (on a rebound or when the ball is inbounded), if it is in the last two minutes of the half or the game.

The Clock stops when a two shot foul is called. The Clock will start when the player is handed the ball on the second shot ... unless it is in the last two minutes of the second or fourth quarters. It will start when the ball is back in play, (on rebound or when the ball is inbounded).

After a team receives a 7<sup>th</sup> team foul in a half, it shall be considered “BONUS” for the opposing team (i.e. “One and One”). On the 10<sup>th</sup> foul and above in a half, the opposing team will receive two foul shots.

**Each team shall receive three full time outs and two thirty-second time outs per game; also an extra time out for each overtime.**

All games are played in running time. All 12-14 and up age groups will play 8 minute quarters; all 8-10 and 10-12 age groups (depending on the time limitations in the gym) will play 6, 7 or 8 minute quarters.

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## **ARCHDIOCESAN BASKETBALL GUIDELINES FOR CREATING LEAGUE SCHEDULES**

The guidelines shown below are to be used as an aid when creating league schedules for various numbers of teams.

- 1) **Five-team league:** Each team plays every other team twice with each team taking a turn having two bye weeks. Bye weeks are when one team has no game scheduled for that week. Each team will play a total of eight games. In this set-up there is only a league champion.
- 2) **Six-team league:** Each team plays every other team twice. There are no divisions in this league. In this set-up there is a league champion and a runner-up that will be eligible for post-season tournament play.
- 3) **Seven and Eight team leagues:** In this situation the league is split into two divisions. Each team will play every team in their division twice and play every team in the other division once. For the seven-team league one division will play eight games and the other division will play a total of nine games. Each team in the division with the least

amount of teams will receive two bye weeks for the season and each team in the division with more teams will receive one bye week for the season. For the eight-team league the same method applies except each team will play a total of ten games because there would be 4 teams in each division. In this set-up there is a league champion for each division and no runner-up.

- 4) **Nine, Ten and Eleven team leagues:** In these situations each team will play every other team once. There are no divisions in this league. So, for the nine-team league there will be a total of eight games played. Each team will receive one bye week for the season. For the ten-team league each team will play a total of 9 games; and for the eleven-team league each team will play a total of ten games with each team receiving one bye week for the season. In these situations there is a league champion and a runner-up that will be eligible for post-season tournament play.

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**CONCLUSION**

These rules have been developed after thoughtful and prayerful deliberation. They have been provided for the best organization and implementation of the Archdiocesan Basketball Program. There may be differing views regarding these regulations; however, they should make the Archdiocesan Basketball Program a more effective instrument for advancing a solid Christian attitude in every participant, and it is expected that all participants will comply with these regulations.

The Archdiocesan Basketball Committee will consider possible revisions in these regulations if at least four active coaches request in writing that these regulations be reviewed, reconsidered and, if necessary, amended for the good of the Archdiocesan Basketball Program. In any formal request for review and reconsideration of these regulations, it is necessary to describe the issue or concern which prompts the need for reconsideration along with possible alternatives for revision which should be considered by the Archdiocesan Basketball Committee.

Have a good season!

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