

# WASHINGTON - OZAUKEE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE BASKETBALL RULES

2008-2009 BASKETBALL SEASON

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- 1). All league games are governed by the WIAA rulebook for the current season. WIAA and Archdiocesan rules and regulations will be strictly adhered to except as specified in the league rules listed below. Note that WIAA rules include that coaches must remain on or in contact with the bench. Coaches may get up to call a timeout or assist an injured player.
- 2). Any rule changes are discussed at the league meetings and voted on at that time. Each school present has only one (1) vote.
- 3). The cancellation of a scheduled game due to inclement weather will be at the discretion of either participating team. Cancellations must be given to the representative of the opposing team two (2) hours prior to the first game's starting time. The home team will be responsible for rescheduling the make up game.
- 4). Two (2) WIAA officials will work all games. If only one (1) referee is present at the start of the first game, it can be played pending referee acceptance. An attempt will be made to find another WIAA official before the start of the next scheduled game.
- 5). The scoring table will consist of one (1) timekeeper and one (1) to two (2) scorekeepers. The home scorekeeper will be designated as the official scorekeeper. One (1) adult must be present at the scoring table. No grade school students shall be running the scoreboard, clock, or official scorebook.
- 6). All games will have six (6) minute quarters with a five (5) minute half-time. There will be a minimum of five (5) minutes allowed for the pre-game warm-ups between games. Overtime will be three (3) minutes in length.
- 7). Timekeepers should be instructed to limit the quarter intermissions and time-outs to one (1) minute. To get the teams back on the floor, the buzzer should be sounded after forty (40) seconds for a full time-out, and after twenty (20) seconds for a 30-second time-out.
- 8). Each school/parish shall establish an official roster for each team it sponsors. A player may be listed on one and only one roster. Only those players listed on a team's official roster may compete as part of that team. All additions to the roster must be approved by the league and Archdiocese. Official rosters are maintained locally. If a school establishes two teams at a given grade level, the players shall be divided to provide teams of equal ability. The League does not utilize an A/B team format.
- 9). When a combined grade team has year-older students, no more than two (2) of the year-older students can be on the court at a time. A player is only allowed to play one grade below his/her grade. The purpose of this rule is to give students an opportunity to play in a given year and not to create an advantage over other teams in the league. Situations which necessitate the establishment of a team with year-older students require approval by the league and notification of the Archdiocese by the affected school. During competition, opposing coaches should be notified before the game regarding the use of year-older players.

The intent of rule nine is to allow students (one grade up) to participate in the program where there are not enough participants to make up a team. The year-older players cannot be used to dominate the game by playing all four quarters. If the "spirit of the rule" is not kept as intended, then the league may abandon this rule in the future.

10). The Washington-Ozaukee league requires playing time for each dressed player. Each school shall establish its own rules governing playing time. In the spirit of Christian sportsmanship, the league encourages each school to provide balanced playing time at the 5th and 6th grade levels. Any player dressed but not eligible for play must be disclosed to the opposing coach before the game.

11). At the 5th and 6th grade level, there is only pressing in the last two (2) minutes of the game for both boys and girls within the guidelines of rule #12. A man-to-man defense will be played for the whole game at the 5th and 6th grade level. Two warnings and then a bench technical will be applied if the man-to-man rule is not followed. A bench technical will be continued to be called after the two warnings. The technical foul will consist of two (2) foul shots and possession of the ball. Anytime there are overtime periods at the 5th and 6th grade level, players can press for the entire three-minute period.

Defenses may respond to fast break opportunities without violating the no press rule at the 5th and 6th grade level.

*Note: Referees should be informed by the host school regarding league concerns about zone-trap and planted-in-the-paint violations. Referees are encouraged to issue warnings/technical fouls for zone defense violations. Prior to each game at the 5th and 6th grade levels, referees should inform coaches of the interpretation being enforced.*

12). During the course of any game, if a team leads by fifteen (15) or more points at the 7th and 8th grade level or ten (10) points at the 5th and 6th grade level, the team with the lead may not full court press. If the leading team violates this rule a bench technical will be called after the two warnings. The technical foul will consist of two (2) foul shots and possession of the ball.

13). If a coach receives two (2) technical fouls in one (1) game, he/she will be automatically ejected from that game and must leave the playing court. That coach may not sit in the spectator's area.

14). The home team will provide three (3) practice basketballs for the visiting team.

15). Each home team shall provide medical kits for league games, located at or near the scorer's table.

16). 6th grade boys use a regulation size ball. 5th grade boys use a 28.5 intermediate ball. There will be a 12 foot free throw line for 5th grade girls.

17). When a school has a team that has dropped out of the league it is the responsibility of the Athletic Director of the school to notify all the schools in the league of the change.

18). The Athletic Director shall approve all tournaments that will be played by their teams to ensure league games take precedence over tournaments. If there is a conflict of scheduled league games due to tournaments that cannot be avoided, the Athletic Director must contact the other Athletic Director at least three (3) days before the conflicting date.

19). At halftime, all homes teams shall enforce the following: no students are allowed on the court unless there is an organized/supervised event scheduled.

20). It is the responsibility of the individual school to obtain a waiver from the Archdiocese when a circumstance involving that school does not conform to Archdiocesan policy.

21) League admissions are: \$2.00/adult, \$1.00/student, free/under five. Schools may offer family rates.