

Potomac Valley AAU Winter Basketball League Boys and Girls Grade Divisions Rules 2011-2012

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1. Games will be governed by NCAA/AAU rules as modified below.
2. AAU Grade Division Rules effective 08/26/2010 will be used to place teams in a division along with adjustments based on team's past and current performance.
3. The first team listed on the schedule (left hand column) will be designated as the home team and is expected to wear white uniforms. The second team listed on the schedule are the Visitors and will wear dark uniforms.
4. Games will be 14 minute stop clock halves. Half-time will be three (3) minutes in length.
5. **Games with 3rd and 4th grade girls teams in them will have the options to use the size 5, 27.5 inch basketball if available and if desired by one of the coaches.**
6. Two (2) full and two (2) 30 second timeouts per game.
7. Overtime: First overtime period is three (2) minutes, stop clock. Second OT is sudden death, where the first Field Goal or Free Throw wins. Each OT period will be started with a jump ball. Any unused timeouts from regulation play do NOT carryover to OT. Each team will receive one (1) 30 second timeout for the two minute OT period, if not used it does NOT carryover to the sudden death OT period. There will be no timeouts during sudden death OT play unless an official calls a timeout for an injured player or for other reasons deemed necessary and appropriate by the officials including removal of spectators.
8. No Shot Clock - 10 second back-court will be in effect.
9. Free Throws: 1 and 1 on the 10th team foul in each half.
10. Foul shots will be played on the release; Foul lane will be 4-2-1, set-up above the block.
3rd Girls Division teams may shoot Free Throws from 12 feet even if playing a 4th grade team..
11. Player disqualified from game with 5th personal foul.
12. Closely guarded (one step-3 feet) 5 count rule on held ball in front court.
13. A team can start a game with 4 players.
14. No grace period – game time is game time. When a team has at least 4 players present and there is still at least 40 minutes before the start of the next game, the game will begin and be played with shorter times for each half at the determination of the gym director so as not to impact the next game's start time (2 minutes of stop clock game time corresponds to about 2 minutes of real time).
15. Games will not be started earlier than game time unless agreed to by both head coaches.
16. In the event a game exceeds the allotted time and continues past the next game's start time, the next game will begin 5 minutes after completion of the game that has encroached on the start time ends.
17. If a situation occurs in which one team builds a lead of thirty (30) points, the game clock will become a running clock in the second half (clock stops only for team and official timeouts) until the lead is reduced to less than thirty (30) points, or the game ends. Losing coach has option to keep stop clock, however, if the lead gets over 40 points, the clock becomes a running clock, no losing coach refusal option. **For any games with 3rd grade teams, if a team is leading by more than 15 points, when the losing team is on offense, the leading team cannot press until the losing team reaches the three point line in the front court.**
18. Each team must provide either a scorekeeper and/or a clock operator for each game.
19. Each team is responsible for warm-up basketballs and the home team will provide the game basketball unless the league representative has provided one.
20. Taping over jewelry will not be allowed – Jewelry and earrings MUST be removed! Any hard hair retention aids and all jewelry must be removed before stepping onto the court.
21. IMPORTANT: NCAA Bench Decorum Rule Applies.
 - a. The Code of Conduct for Coaches, Players, and Spectators is per AAU code – the game is for the youth not the parents, spectators, or coaches.
 - b. Spectators and parents especially are expected to set a professional level of conduct and exhibit a good sportsmanship role model for all, especially our young athletes.
 - c. Under the NCAA Bench Decorum Rule, head coaches are responsible for the behavior of their bench and fans and may be assessed Technical Fouls as deemed appropriate by the referees.
 - d. Unruly persons in the stands will be escorted out of the gym and prohibited from entering the building for all future league games.

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