**Dream Arena Youth Basketball Rules Fall 2017 Set**

The Dream Arena will follow the 2017-2018 NHSFR (National High School Federation Rules) unless stated otherwise in the following rules below. The application and interpretation of these rules are up to the basketball director and their staff. Changes can be made at any time but will be explained to all involved before start of season.

**I. League Fees**

The league fee for the Dream Arena Fall 2017 season will be $150 for registration and $30 a game ref fees. Total cost for our 9 game regular season and 1 guaranteed playoff game comes out to $450 excluding further advancement in playoffs which costs a further $30 a game ref fees. A discount fee of $400 is offered if paid in full by 2nd game. Deposit must be made before first game. This option saves you $50 off league fee for the aforementioned 9 regular season games and 1 guaranteed playoff game. The $30 a game ref fee after first round of playoffs still applies. If $400 fee is not paid by 2nd game it will convert to the $150 and $30 a game ref fees.

**NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED UNLESS TERMINATION OF PROGRAM IS INITIATED BY DREAM ARENA.**

**II. League Set Up**

A. The league will be divided into: 9U, 10U,… thru Varsity unless combination or omission of division is necessary. To run a division a minimum of 4 teams is needed to do so.

B. We will offer Boys and Girls divisions. Girls will be allowed to play in the boys division but boys cannot play in the girl’s league. Girls will be allowed to play 1 year lower in the boys division if we cannot offer their age group. If we can offer their age group then girls can play with the boys must be in the age group as their own division.

C. Teams must make their scheduled games unless rescheduled by basketball director and both team agree. If a team forfeits two games without prior notice your team will be dropped from the league. (Games may be rescheduled two weeks out by director for any reason.)

D. Standings for playoffs will be determined by: 1. Win Percentage 2. Number of Game Won 3. Head to Head Match-Up 4. Average Point Differential (APD) 5. Average Points Allowed (APA)

E. All teams advance to the playoffs. All divisions will be played under one division unless league reaches 20 teams which will be divided into two groups.

**III. Awards**

Playoff Champions will receive a championship trophy and runner ups will receive a runner up trophy.

**IV. Game Play**

A. Home team will sit to the right of the scorekeeper.

B. Halves will consist of: Two 18 minute halves for divisions 9U thru Varsity. 3 minute half time unless game starts late then 2 minutes half time is enforced.

C. Time stops as follows: time outs, last minute of first half, last 2 minutes of 2nd half, official or staffs discretion.

D. 2 time outs per half is standard for all age groups.

E. Overtime will be three minutes and clock will stop in the last minute. Fouls carry over from 2nd half and each team will receive one time out but time outs from 2nd half don’t carry over. This will apply to the first two overtimes. 3rd overtime and on will be 2 minutes and clock will stop in the last minute. 4th overtime and on are first one to score wins. Fouls carry over from 2nd half and following overtimes and teams receiving 1 time out. No time outs carry over.

F. Ten minute grace period will be allowed if 5 players are not present. After ten minutes game may start with 4 players. If not enough players are present the grace will be extended another 5 minutes however the halves will be shortened two minutes and one minutes from the halftime period if the other team agrees. If not then game will be marked as a forfeit. In playoffs grace period is 15 minutes. After 15 minutes the game may start with 4 players. Any less will result in a forfeit.

G. Full Court Press is defined as any defensive player making an attempt to defend in the backcourt on the ball or opponent.

9U thru 15U: any team with a 20 point lead during the game may not press.

JV: any team with a 30-point lead during the game may not press. During playoffs pressing is allowed no matter the score.

Varsity: teams may press the whole game. Press rule is not in effect for this age division.

 A. Penalties for violations of press rule are as follow:

 1st and 2nd offense: a warning is issued.

 3rd and 4th offense: two shot technical is issued.

 5th offense: forfeit of game.

**V. Game Officials /Scorekeeper**

A. Two officials will be assigned to each game, however if only one official is present the game may begin.

B. Officials are expected to run the floor and be in position to make their calls.

C. Officials will explain calls made to coaches or captains only during timeouts.

D. Any game official or staff can and will stop the game if deemed necessary for any reason especially for safety.

E. If basketball director receives multiple complaints about an official, scorekeeper, staff, player, fan, or team during multiple incidents and cause is found then that person/group may be subject to suspension.

F. Officials shall not let anyone aside participants enter the court to shoot baskets before, during, or after games if games are still to be played.

G. Officials must make sure no player shall lower courts or try to dunk on their court before, during, or after games. Any player caught doing so will get a technical foul and may face a suspension of at least 1 game.

H. Scorekeepers are to check all player ids for birthday and expiration dates. Any expired ids attempted to be used will be confiscated by scorekeeper as well.

I. Scorekeepers are to also make sure all ids match the individual by checking the picture to the kids.

J. Scorekeepers are to keep track of score, team and player fouls, timeouts, and player scores if jersey number is easily read.

K. Scorekeepers are to also check in players to make sure they are present for the game and entered the game which is a requirement to get credit towards the minimum amount of games that are needed to play to be eligible for playoffs. For the Fall 2016 that minimum requirement will be 4 games.

**VI. Coaching Staff and Responsibilities**

A. Each team will be allowed two coaches and one scorekeeper.

B. Only coaches and players for present game may sit in the bench area.

C. Only one coach is allowed to stand during games. Coaches must observe the coaching box as well. Technical fouls may be issued for infraction of box. If a technical is issued all team staff must remain seated.

D. First and Last name of participant as well as jersey number must be written legibly on scoresheet by a coach. **No nicknames!!!**

E. After games the coaches are responsible for making sure they leave their area clean and take all personal items with them.

F. Coaches and players are responsible for the safety of their own possessions.

G. Coaches will be held responsible for the actions of their players, assistant coaches, parents and spectators. A parent/spectator is subject to the same penalties as coaches and players. Relatives and or friends or players are to bring up their concerns to the head coach and then the coach can bring any issues or concerns to the director. Any individual that brings issues up with officials or scorekeepers is subject to a suspension or ban from Dream Arena to be determined by basketball director. No spectator is allowed on the court during game play. If they step onto the court they face suspension from facility of at least 1 game.

**VII. Player ID Requirements**

Every player must obtain a Dream Arena player id card which is obtained at the Dream Arena. We do not accept any other sports organization ids. Players must bring an original birth certificate, state id, military id, passport, or visa as well as $5 to obtain the id. A picture will be taken as well so child must be present to have an id picture taken. For the Fall 2017 season the id is mandatory at the first game. No id No play. Dream Arena player ids are good for 6 months or can be purchased for a year period for this Fall 2017 season at $10. Player IDs will not be made after 4th game of since all players should have already been placed on the roster.Renewals will be made if expired during the current season.

**VIII. Player Eligibility**

A. A player can play on more than one team but **not in the same age group** even if division is split up into a gold and silver division.

B. A player cannot switch teams once they have played in one game for another team.

C. Players must play 4 regular season games in order to be eligible for playoffs. If a player is injured then a proper doctor’s note must be turned in for the weeks that a medical professional has determined that the player must be held out. A certified doctor’s note will also be required to release the player to play as well if a medical reason is given for an extended absence.

D. If a player is ejected out of a game the player is allowed to stay on the end of the bench. Player may not speak to officials or players from other team. Player is subject to suspensions of severity determined by the basketball director if initial ejection warrants it. If further technicals or warnings for behavior are given to a player after ejection then suspensions will be given out at the director’s discretion.

E. An ineligible player is defined as a player that does not meet any of the following qualifications:

 a. Age

 b. Not on Team Roster (Official Game Roster or First 3 Game Rosters)

F. Coaches are responsible for making sure that all players are eligible to participate. Players found to be not following rules may be subject to suspension which will be determined by the basketball director.

G. Age Eligibility Cutoff

**Age Cutoffs for 2017/2018**

**9U:** Must be 9 years of age on August 31, 2018

**10U:** Must be 10 years of age on August 31, 2018

**11U:** Must be 11 years of age on August 31, 2018

**12U:** Must be 12 years of age on August 31, 2018

**13U:** Must be 13 years of age on August 31, 2018

**14U:** Must be 14 years of age on August 31, 2018

**15U:** Must be 15 years of age on August 31, 2018. Grade Exception: An athlete who is in the 9th Grade as of October 1st, 2017 and who is no older than 16 on August 31, 2018

**JV:** Sophomores and juniors in high school (Birth Certificate and Report Card Verification Needed to get ID). \*Players must not be older than 18 on August 31, 2018.

**Varsity:** Seniors and below in high school. (Birth Certificate and Report Card Verification Needed to get ID) \*Players must not be older than 19 on August 31, 2018.

**IX. Rosters**

A. Rosters must me turned in before the start of the 2nd game of the season.

B. Rosters will be limited to a maximum of 15 players and a minimum of 7 players.

C. Only players who appear on the roster, parents signed roster form turned in 2nd game, and meet eligibility requirements will be allowed to play.

D. Players can be added up until the start of the 3rd game of the season. No players may be added once the game begins.

E. The coach is responsible for the completion and turning in of the team roster.

F. If a roster is not turned then the first 3 game rosters will be used as the main roster. No kids may be added to the roster after the completion of the 3rd game.

**X. Scheduling**

A. Schedules may be released 24 hours before the start of the game week.

B. Schedules may be changed at the director’s discretion two weeks before the game without notice. If any changes are needed or requested by other team within those two weeks then both teams and director must agree to the move.

C. Schedule requests are not guaranteed but will be taken into account when making the new season schedule.

D. Schedule change requests will only be listened to if full league fee is paid.

E. No schedule requests will be accepted for the last week of the season.

F. Playoffs schedules will not be modified unless both teams and director agree to the move. There is absolutely no schedule requests for playoffs. You may turn them in but playoffs are time and day sensitive so there is almost no guarantee that they will be honored.

G. It is the coach’s responsibility to monitor the schedules and take note of any changes.

**XI. Equipment and Uniform**

A. Game ball will be provided by home team.

B. All girls division, 9U, and 10U boys will use the 28. 5 basketball. Boys divisions 11U and up will use the 29. 5 basketball.

C. Jerseys/Shirts must be alike in color. Numbers must be visible on jersey/shirt or marked on player’s hand. Duplicate numbers or lack of a number will result in a 2 shot technical foul if issue is not addressed to the scorekeeper and the officials. Failure to notify will result in a technical. Omission of player will also result in 2 shot technical. Each infraction is a 2 shot technical.

D. No jewelry during the game for safety purposes. No band aids or tape will be allowed to cover jewelry. All must be taken off. No Exceptions!

**XI. Protests**

A. Protests may be filed by the coach only on player eligibility. Protest must be filed within 24 hours of scheduled game time along with $50 protest fee with fee being returned upon a successful protest. A failed protest will result in forfeiture of $50 fee.

B. During the playoffs protest must be made before the game is to begin. Decision rendered will be final. No appeals will be accepted. Coaches must realize any infraction of eligibility rules in playoffs results in a forfeiture of game regardless of result.

**XII. Liability**

The Dream Arena assumes no responsibility in case of injuries or accidents to players, coaches, officials, or spectators. All individuals concerned should consult their personal insurance provider to make sure they are covered accordingly.

**XIII. Fundraising**

Coaches, Parents, Players, or Spectators are not allowed to solicit donations or sell product on Dream Arena premises for any reason. Anyone caught doing so shall result in facility ban for individual or entire organization if consistently caught violating our rules.

**XIV. Suspensions**

All disciplinary actions will be issued by the Dream Arena Basketball Director. Actions can range from game suspension to permanent ban from Dream Arena Facility and Property. Penalty sheet may be requested from the front desk at Dream Arena or by request by email at jasondreamarena@gmail.com.

Any questions, concerns, or issues must be addressed to:

-Jason Castillo, jasondreamarena@gmail.com or by call/text at 915-496-7662.

-Dream Arena Staff, epdreamarena@gmail.com or by calling 915-771-6620

**Fall 2017 Request Form**

This form needs to be submitted to the Basketball Director Jason Castillo by August 30th. For schedule requests teams must provide at least three days of availability during Tuesday thru Saturday and one of Monday or Sunday just in case of any issues. If requesting tournament dates off you must give the director the beginning of the week. Example would be if requesting Friday thru Sunday of week 3 then that week Monday thru Thursday must be fully available.

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