



# CLEARFIELD

## RECREATION

### Adult Basketball Leagues General Rules & Guidelines

**All leagues will abide by the 2021-2022 Official High School Basketball Rule Book. It is the responsibility of each player to become familiar with the high school rules and the Clearfield City Recreation Department adopted rules.**

1. Games consist of 20-minute halves with the clock being stopped only for time out, injuries and technical fouls, except for the final two minutes of each half and during all overtime periods, when the clock will be stopped for all violations. (Clock will not stop during the final two minutes of the game if a team is up by 25 or more points). Half time will be 4 minutes. A game may be started and completed if a team has at least four (4) players.
2. Times listed on the schedule will be game time and forfeit time. Teams should submit lineups and be ready to warm up 10 minutes prior to game time. Games must start on time. If a team forfeits two ball games they may be expelled from the league and will not receive a refund. They may also be excluded from the end of season tournament.
3. Four (4) time outs will be allowed per team per game. Time outs may be used anytime during the game. Each time out will be 30 seconds long.
4. If a game ends in a tie, there will be an overtime period of four (4) minutes. The time clock will stop on all violations the last one minute only. The rules are the same for a second overtime. If the score still remains a tie, then the first team to score 3pts wins. Each team will have one time-out for each overtime period.
5. Each team is required to have jerseys all the similar color with a number on the jersey. Any team in violation without due cause, will have games forfeited and may be suspended from playing in the league. **For safety reasons, shorts that are worn during games may not have pockets.** If a player is wearing shorts with pockets, they will not be permitted to play in the game. If they are detected after entering the game they must come out of the game.
6. Misbehavior by a player, coach, or spectator on or off the court will be enforced. If a spectator is misbehaving, the team they are associated with will receive a technical foul. If a technical foul is called for reasons of flagrant conduct, the player, coach, or spectator committing the violation will be ejected from that game plus be suspended a minimum of one game. Any player, coach, or spectator, who is ejected from a game, will be suspended from playing/attending the next game. If any player, coach, or spectator gets ejected twice within a season, they will be suspended for the remainder of the season (including tournament play). When a player is ejected from a game, they must sit out for the next scheduled game even if it will cause their team to forfeit the game. No exceptions. **When a player receives a technical foul, they must sit out of the game for five (5) minutes of game time. The game officials' decision on ejections is final!**
7. **Profanity or trash talking of any kind will not be tolerated on or off the court by anyone.** A technical foul will be called on the offending player on the first occurrence. On the second occurrence, the player will be ejected from the game. If the second technical foul is given after the game has ended, they must sit out the next game. If the behavior continues after the player has been ejected, that player's team will forfeit the game. Teams are responsible to control the behavior of their spectators; if a spectator acts in an inappropriate manner the responsible individual may be asked to leave the gym by the officials or program supervisors, if they refuse to leave the gym within 2 minutes of being asked to leave, the team they are there with will forfeit the game. Clearfield police will be called to handle any situation that is of a violent or dangerous nature.
8. **Violent behavior of any kind will not be tolerated!** Staff members are instructed to call the police at the first sign of violent behavior. Any player or spectator who gets into a fight with another player, official or spectator and who physically strikes them will be suspended from playing/spectating in

Clearfield leagues for a minimum of one year. **The player will need to meet with the recreation supervisor prior to registering for any future league.**

9. Clearfield recreation does the best that they can to use the best officials available. Officials are part of the game and players must adapt to each official. It is never acceptable for players, coaches or spectators to be disrespectful or to direct abusive or violent behavior toward game officials. If this happens, the police will be called to handle the situation and the player will be subject to suspension from Clearfield leagues. Your fees to play in this league cover the cost of putting on the league, they do not entitle you to be disrespectful to, or abuse game officials. ***Play the game and have fun.***
10. A scorekeeper/timer for each game will be provided and his/her score and time are official. Scorekeepers are representing Clearfield Recreation Department and are authorized to make any decisions that are necessary in running a most effective program, in controlling ball player's behavior, making sure games run smoothly, assisting the officials if necessary and making sure the building and equipment are treated with respect. Game balls will also be provided.
11. Protests must be made with referee in chief and entered into the official score book at time of infraction. A written protest on any ruling or situation other than player eligibility must be turned into the Clearfield Recreation Office within 24 hours along with a \$25 fee. If protest is ruled in favor of protesting team, the game decision will be reversed or replayed and the fee will be returned. If not, then the game will stand. Protests shall not be received or considered if they are based solely on a decision involving the accuracy of judgment on the part of a referee. Protest of a player's eligibility as a result of playing under an assumed name or player not listed on an official roster shall be resolved by immediate photo I.D. verification, i.e., driver's license, to be done by Clearfield Recreation Department personnel. The Program Supervisor can require photo I.D. of a player in question at any time, even if the opposing team does not question the player. If the player is found to be illegal, the penalty will be the loss of the game and immediate suspension of the offending player from all Clearfield leagues for the remainder of the season. The coach will also be suspended from playing and/or coaching in the next game played.
12. All players must sign the roster prior to participation. The roster will be at the gym every week for players to sign. Players may only participate on one team in each league, but can play in more than one league. **All players must play in at least 2 regular season games to be eligible for post-season play.**
13. Participants must be 16 years of age as of the first game of the season. Any players younger than 18 must have parent's approval to play.
14. A minimum of seven games will be scheduled for the season followed by a tournament. Season standings will be used to seed the post-season tournament. If teams are tied during the regular season, seeding will be decided in the following manner. If two teams tie for a position in the standings, head-to-head record will be used. If three or more teams tie for the same position, then whichever team had the best record amongst the teams that were tied will then have the higher position in the standings. If all teams that are tied have identical win/loss records against each other, then a point differential formula will be used. If teams are still tied after these two methods, then seeding will be determined by a coin toss.
15. If family or friends come to watch the game, please make sure children remain seated in the stands and are not allowed to run throughout the facility, play on any equipment in the building or play underneath the grand stands. If the facilities are abused, then we may lose the privilege of using them. **NO FOOD OR DRINKS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE GYM.** (Program supervisors and scorekeepers may be exempt from this rule.)
16. Clearfield City Recreation Department encourages feedback and suggestions about how the programs and facilities might be improved. Inform the Program Supervisors or call the Recreation Department for any comments or suggestions.