



Through a program of Christ-centered athletics, the Wade Hampton Church Basketball League provides the opportunity for each participant to develop his or her talents through a program which emphasizes growth and a deeper dedication to **God** and to **church**.

**OBJECTIVES**

- To provide a Christian environment where **fellowship, recreation, and ministry** can take place.
- To use the sport of basketball as a tool to **spread the gospel** and reach people for Christ.
- To develop within each participant **patience, self-control, courage, good sportsmanship, teamwork,** and a **Christian outlook** toward sports.

**ORGANIZATION**

<b>OFFICERS</b>	Board of Directors
<b>BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES</b>	
<b>Rules</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reviews &amp; updates rules for play and eligibility</li> <li>2. Informs changes to the League of Directors.</li> </ol>
<b>Scheduling</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. League Director schedules all regular season games.</li> </ol>
<b>Accounting</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Comprised of league officers</li> <li>2. Authorized to sign checks for league (two signatures are required for \$500 and above).</li> <li>3. Prepare and distribute financial report to the Board at appropriate meetings.</li> </ol>
<b>League Director</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Handles all scheduling.</li> <li>2. Regulates league membership.</li> <li>3. Responsible for referees.</li> <li>4. Responsible for all daily operations of the league.</li> </ol>
<b>Director of Officials</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is a liaison between the league and referees.</li> <li>2. Responsible for booking.</li> <li>3. Observes how well rules are interpreted and enforced by referees.</li> <li>4. Answers to the League Director &amp; Board.</li> <li>5. Paid a consulting fee for booking officials.</li> </ol>

**FEE STRUCTURE**

- Fees are set annually by the Board.

→ Surcharges:

Reason	Amount
1. Each participating church that does not have a gym	<b><u>\$50 PER TEAM</u></b> - **this helps offset the expenses of churches that allow the league to use their gym.
2. Churches that have a gym, but do not allow the gym to be used	<b><u>\$200 PER TEAM</u></b>

**ELIGIBILITY**

- While each church is responsible for setting their own eligibility requirements, it is required by the league that all participating non-members be required to regularly attend functions of the church they represent.
  - ◆ It is the church representative’s responsibility to insure each team in their program meets these requirements.
- Any team found out of compliance will risk game forfeitures or league expulsion.
- Any age challenges will be resolved between the coaches and church representatives.
  - ◆ Challenges must be lodged before and after the game, **not** during.
  - ◆ **Violation Consequences:**

1	Forfeit the game being played
2	Ineligible player with be suspended for 1 calendar year
3	Unsportsmanlike technical will be charged to the team*

- A player may move up to another team (age group) if there is NO team provided for his/her age group.
  - ◆ Exception: no player allowed to move up to over 30/40 teams.
- Girls may play on boys’ teams if there no team provided for their age group, up to the 8th grade.
- No player may play for more than one team or age group.
- No player may switch teams.
- Violation will result in immediate loss of eligibility and forfeiture of all games played.
- **\*\*NO PLAYER WHO MAKES THE FINAL CUT ON A SCHOOL TEAM (HOME SCHOOL, CHARTER, OR PRIVATE) MAY PARTICIPATE IN THIS LEAGUE FOR THE CHURCH AND SCHOOL SEASON.**
  - ◆ **VIOLATION: Any team caught play school players, the ineligible player and coach will be suspended for 1 calendar year: NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- All players, coaches, referees, and fans participate at their own risk.
- No player will exceed the following age limits during the season (September 1st cutoff).
- The player must meet both age and grade requirements or they must play at a higher age level.

**RULES FOR PLAY**

- The Wade Hampton Church Basketball League plays by official high school rules with the exceptions of its own rules that are stated.

→ Each game is to begin with coaches and officials conference and prayer by the home team.

→ Following the game, the visiting team will lead in prayer.

→ JEWELRY:

- ◆ No player shall wear jewelry (watches, bracelets, necklaces, earrings, metal hair bows, or hair beads).
  - No band-aids or tape over jewelry will be allowed.
- ◆ **NO EXEPTIONS!**

→ JERSEYS:

- ◆ Each player must wear a basketball jersey/ tshirt that matches the rest of the team.
- ◆ The jersey **MUST** have a number, preferably on the front and back of the jersey.
- ◆ The numbers on the jersey must be contrasting to the jersey and easy to read.
- ◆ No player will be allowed to enter the game without a matching jersey.\*\*
- ◆ **NO TWO PLAYERS CAN WEAR THE SAME NUMBER.\***

→ JUMP BALLS:

- ◆ All gyms must have a possession arrow to designate ball possessions.

→ PLAYER PARTICIPATION:

- ◆ Each player must play in **EACH** half in which they are present in every game unless there is an injury.
- ◆ All players on the team must be entered into the score book **prior** to the start of a game.
- ◆ Unlisted players entering the game will result in a two (2) shot technical.
- ◆ The official scorekeeper will keep record of participation.
- ◆ It is the coach's responsibility that participation requirements are met.
- ◆ Non- participation penalty is a 2 shot technical.

→ **The official scorekeeper is the final authority on any scoring disputes!**

→ VIOLATIONS, FORFEITURES, TECHNICAL FOULS, & SPORTSMANSHIP:



<u>Offense</u>	<u>Consequence</u>
Unsportsmanlike Technical	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Includes: flagrant intentional foul, obstinate, rude , foul language, antagonistic, or any disruptive behavior</li><li>2. Automatic dismissal the game being played</li><li>3. Player or coach must leave the bench area immediately</li><li>4. Automatic dismissal from next 2 scheduled games</li><li>5. On the 1st unsportsmanlike technical, a letter will be sent to the player's/coach's Pastor informing him/her of the unsportsmanlike technical foul from the League President.</li></ol>
Bench Technical Foul	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Includes: players not being played in both halves, overall poor behavior from the bench as a whole, &amp; any other procedural irregularities.</li></ol>

	2. Two in one game will result in a forfeit.
Cumulative Penalty	1. 3 unsportsmanlike technical fouls in one season will result in the team being dropped from the League

- ◆ **\*\*Referees' discretion on bench vs. unsportsmanlike technicals.**
- ◆ **\*\*Any player or coach violating suspension will be dropped from the league for one (1) calendar year**

→ NO dunking is allowed at any time.

- ◆ This includes: BEFORE, DURING, or AFTER the game.
- ◆ Violation will result in a technical foul, dismissal from the current game, and 2 game suspension.
- ◆ Individuals and churches will be held responsible for any damages incurred.
- ◆ Any referee that does not enforce this rule will be suspended from the League.

→ **\*\*THERE ARE NO EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES, AND THERE WILL BE NO APPEALS OF TECHNICAL FOULS ASSESSED.**

→ FORFEITS:

- ◆ Each team must have 5 players present at game time.
  - **If a team does not show up for the game, it will result in a forfeit.**
    - **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
  - No grace period will be given for teams who do not have 5 players.
  - All games will be played as scheduled.
- ◆ No games will be rescheduled by the league, including for inclement weather.

→ Officials will not referee for scrimmages.

→ **\*FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER DELAYS OR CANCELLATIONS WILL BE POSTED ON THIS WEBSITE.**

→ PROTESTS:

- ◆ All protests must be in writing and submitted to the appropriate League Director within 24 hours of the game in question.
- ◆ Final authority on any ruling will be by League Board of Directors.

→ SCOREKEEPERS & CLOCK OPERATORS:

- ◆ Each gym will provide a scorekeeper and a clock operator.
- ◆ Must be at least 15 years of age.
- ◆ **\*\*Official scorekeeper has final authority on any scoring disputes.**

→ SPORTSMANSHIP:

- ◆ Coaches should be considerate of the feelings of their team as well as those of the opponent.
  - Be very cautious to avoid the appearance of “running up the score”.
  - Be realistic in your consideration of what constitutes a “safe” lead.
- ◆ There are many creative things that can be done to avoid embarrassing your opponents, while still maintaining the integrity of the playing experience.
- ◆ Coaches should be concerned about their actions as well as those of their players and fans.

- They should encourage sportsmanship and make every attempt to calm and control inappropriate behavior by fans and players.
- ◆ As ambassadors for Christ, our desire to win should be subservient to our desire to present an effective Christian testimony.
  - Coaches should actively pray for their players and their players' families, as well as share team devotions throughout the season.

→ FIGHTING:

- ◆ Any player/ coach who throws a punch or is involved in a fight will be suspended from the League for 1 calendar year.
- ◆ **NO APPEALS!**

→ SPECTATORS:

- ◆ Are expected to adhere to proper Christian conduct.
- ◆ Anyone using foul language, alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or being abusive in any way will be removed from the gym.
- ◆ All players, coaches, and fans will adhere to the rules of the gym in which they have a game.
- ◆ Any damage to a gym by an individual will be his/ her responsibility.
- ◆ Derogatory comments directed towards a referee, coach, player or fan will result in that person being removed from the gym.
  - Church representative and/or referees have the authority to have a player, coach or spectator removed from the facility as they deem necessary.
- ◆ **If you have questions or concerns, please contact the church representative from your church.**