



Adult Basketball Rule Book

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Mission Statement

The City of Massillon Parks and Recreation Department is dedicated to creating positive experiences by providing quality parks; facilities, services and programs. Our parks, greenways, fairways and recreational facilities represent safe and positive community developments, which support first-rate leisure activities. Our programs, services and events operate under the highest standards of integrity, morals and equality. Our department will further its success by working with the community to continually advance the quality of life for all.

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ADMINISTRATION

- All adult basketball leagues affiliated with the Massillon Parks & Recreation Department will be governed by current OHSAA Rules. Any exceptions to these Rules will be explained in the following. **IT'S THE DUTY OF EACH TEAM TO ENFORCE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS** as adopted by the majority of team representatives in their respective Leagues and all policies of the Massillon Parks & Recreation Department pertaining to League organization.
- There shall be two official assigned to all league and tournament games. Should an officials fail to appear for scheduled games, this game shall be postponed, and the Parks & Recreation Department notified within 24 hours. (Teams may agree to play with one official.)
- The Massillon Parks & Recreation Department will employ a League Director that will be present for all games. It will be his/her duty to inform all managers in their League when postponed games are being made up.
- The League Director has the authority to make decisions regarding any issues needing immediate attention.
- The Sports Supervisor & the Recreation Superintendent have the authority to establish rules and policies regarding ongoing or continuous issues. **The decision will be final. Changes to the rules will be posted and team managers will be notified.**

Eligibility:

- A full-time resident living with in the Massillon City limits.
- If not a resident, a current Massillon Recreation Center member or a full-time employee within the Massillon City limits or spouse (residing in the same household as player) is employed in a full-time position within the City limits of Massillon or current Massillon Recreation Center member .
- For each non-resident player on the team roster, a non-resident fee of \$1.00 per regular season scheduled game will be assessed. (There is no limit to the number on non-residents per team.) This fee should be paid in full by the first game played. (Current Massillon Recreation Center Members will also be exempt)
- Any player found falsely stating their residency status will be suspended from the League immediately, the remainder of the season and the two (2) succeeding seasons
- A player may only play on **one** men's competitive team. Either a Men's A or Men's B team.
- Players must meet the age requirement of each league before the start of the season.
- **All players are required to show picture I.D. to the scorekeepers before the start of the game. Those team members who do not show their ID's before the first game will not be allowed to play.**

General League Basketball Rules

1. The league is 5 versus 5 full court basketball. A team may consist of a maximum of 12 players. A team must begin the game with 5 players and may end a game with only 4 players on the floor, but the games will become a forfeit when less than 4 players are on the floor.
2. Each team must turn in a team roster before the start of the first game. Each player must sign the team's participation waiver before playing a game for the MRPD Leagues.
3. NO CHANGES can be made to the Team Roster after the first half of the season. Teams will not be allowed to have a player play that is not on the roster; doing so will forfeit any games played with that player.
4. All players must bring a **picture ID to every game**, and show the score keepers when checking in before the game. This will be checked against the team's official roster.
5. **OFFICIAL DRESS** – A team must have the same colored shirts with a 4 inch number on the back. **Taped on numbers are not allowed!**
6. Games will consist of two (2) twenty (20) minute halves. The clock will remain running until the final two minutes of the second half if the game is within 15 points. Five (5) minutes for halftime break. The clock will remain running during Technical Foul shoots.
7. First & Second overtime will be three (3) additional minutes with a stopping clock. If the game is tied after the 2nd overtime the game will be decided by a free throw shootout. The 2nd team listed on the schedule will shoot first.
8. TIME OUTS – Two (2) 45 second time-outs per team per half. One (1) time –out per team during overtime period. Time-outs will not carry over. The clock will stop during all time-outs.
9. Teams must be ready to play at scheduled game time. If the previous game is won by forfeit that team will be permitted to participate in a practice game against anyone of their choosing until 15 minutes prior to the next scheduled game.
10. The first game of the night will receive a 5 minute grace period from game time before the game can be forfeited. All games after that first game will not have a grace period and can be forfeited at game time if teams do not have the required number of players.
11. **During “foul shots” players must stay out of the key until the ball touches the rim.**
12. Dunking the ball is allowed during the GAME ONLY. No DUNKING during warm ups. All other gym rules apply regarding the rim.
13. Profanity used maliciously toward another player, referee or any other persons associated with the league will result in an ejection for the remainder of the present game plus the next game scheduled. Second time will result in dismissal from the league.
14. NO FIGHTING – Any player engaging in a fight will result in immediate dismissal from the league and the building.
15. **A player receiving a technical foul will be ejected from the game must leave the building and serve a one game suspension. A second technical foul in the same season will result in dismissal from the league.**
16. **Any player hitting or intimidating an official, league official before, during, or after a game will be suspended indefinitely and must apply to the Massillon Parks & Recreation Department for reinstatement.**
17. **Any use of alcohol or drugs before or during a game is strictly prohibited. If the officials suspect any use of drugs or alcohol has taken place before the game they may request that the players in question be removed from the building by the league coordinator.**

18. ONLY THE CAPTAIN of each team can address the referee regarding any action that has been taken.
19. The REFEREE'S decision is FINAL. NO arguments allowed. The referee has the right to decide any problems that need immediate attention and League Director has the right to decide any problems of an ongoing nature or not covered within these rules.
20. Any game cancelled due to snow or other difficulties of any reason will be made up as soon as possible after regular schedule games have been played. Call the program hotline @ 330-832-1621 x 4.
21. Tie breaking procedures for regular season standings:
 - 1) overall record,
 - 2) head to head competition (if the position does not involve an award, then the League Director will randomly place in brackets for playoffs),
 - 3) differential in head to head competition, fewest points given up
 - 4) fewest points given up during the entire season
22. League and tournament winners and runner ups will receive a team trophy for their accomplishment.
23. Any rules not covered will be according to OHSAA. MPRD league rules supersede OHASS rules.
24. **This is a RECREATIONAL LEAGUE. We want all teams to have fun and enjoy playing basketball. We will not, however, put up with nonsense (profanity, fighting, arguing, threatening, vandalizing, etc.) We plan to act quickly and harshly against those who do not show respect for fellow players, opponents, fans and officials.**

It is impossible to anticipate all problems which might arise when rules are formulated. The Massillon Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right at any time to waive, modify or add any rules when it is in the best interest of the league.

Suspensions & Ejections:

- **Any player ejected from a game will miss the rest of the current game and be suspended for the next scheduled game. Cancelled games do not count towards suspension.**
- **Any player involved in a fight will be suspended indefinitely and must apply to the Massillon Parks & Recreation Department for reinstatement.**
- **Any player(s) hitting or intimidating (including foul language towards or threats) officials, league staff or Massillon Parks & Recreation Staff before, during or after a game will be suspended indefinitely and must apply to the Massillon Parks & Recreation Department for reinstatement.**
- **Players who do not leave the facility in an orderly fashion may be subject to further suspension.**

Schedules and up to date league standings can be found at:

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