

Memphis Athletic Ministries

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BASKETBALL RULES

All games under the jurisdiction of MAM will be played under current National Federation of High School Rules, with the following modifications.

		Basket	Free Throw	Lane	3 Point	Full Court	Defensive Pull Back
Division	Clock	Height	Line Dist.	Violations	Goals	Press*	Rules
1 st /2 nd Grade*	Two 20 minute halves with running clock, except the last 2 minutes of each half the clock will stop on free throws and out of bounds.	8.5 feet	12 feet	5 seconds	None	None*	Inside 3 second lane area, 10 or more point lead
3 rd /4 th Grade*		8.5 feet	15 feet	3 seconds	None	None*	Inside 3 second lane area, 10 or more point lead
All Others **	Overtime: One 2 minute period.	10 feet	15 feet	3 seconds	Yes	Yes	Inside 3 point line, 20 or more point lead

*In 1st/2nd & 3rd/4th, defense can be played in the backcourt after missed shots and steals. But on any dead ball or made basket, the defensive team must get back to half court

**Eligible age for others is up to and including age 18 & still in high school, age determined as of MAM league first game

Additional Rules for ALL Divisions

- Overtime- if a game ends in a tie after regulation, teams will play a single 2 minute overtime period.
- Overtime clock will stop on all dead balls. If the score is still after that period, the game officially ends in a tie.
- Halftime- five minutes in length.
- Timeouts- each team receives 2 one minute time outs per half, and one 30 second timeout in the event of an overtime period. No timeouts will carry over from regulation.
- All players foul out on the fifth (5) foul.
- Player name in books- technical fouls will be given if an eligible players' name is not in the scorebook.
- Eligible players- the only player's eligible to play in a game are the ones on the beginning roster provided to MAM plus approved additions.
- All players and their parents must sign a Player Registration Form for the player to be eligible to play.
- The general principle of MAM leagues is to allow the players present at a game site to play a game even if a team doesn't show up, a team is late or a team has less than five players. Acceptable methods of dealing with each of the situations is as follows: one team not present: 1) the team present can play an inter-team game or 2) an earlier team can stay over and play the team present; one team is late: the teams can play each other provided the game ends at least 10 minutes before the start of the next game; one or both teams have less than five players: a scrimmage between available players can be played. The referees present must work all scrimmage games at the request of the site coordinator. *All scrimmage games must end at least 10 minutes prior to the start of the next game.* The site coordinator is responsible for ending scrimmage games on time.

PLEASE NOTE: EACH TEAM SHOULD BRING 2 BALLS; REFEREES WILL SELECT THE GAME BALL FROM THE TEAM BALLS; GYMS WILL NOT SUPPLY BASKETBALLS.

Basketball Size

All girls and boys divisions 1st – 6th grade are to use the 28.5 ball.

All others will use regulation size balls unless MAM determines otherwise.

Site Coordinator

Pre-game the site coordinator will lead a prayer and a short devotion for the players plus give a behavior expectation talk to the fans. Post-game the site coordinator will lead a prayer. All league participants are encouraged to participate. Also, site coordinators- along with the official game book- have the final word on all game and gym matters.

Eligibility

No one can play unless a Player Registration Form has been completed and signed by the parent. Players can be added during the season with MAM approval.

Gender Divisions

Generally, Girl/Boy Teams will be in separated leagues, but co-ed play will be allowed in boys divisions only in order to have enough teams within a division.

Playing on More Than One Team/ Participating In Other Leagues

A player may play on more than one team provided the player is on the roster supplied to MAM prior to the season. Teams participating in another league are eligible to play in MAM league.

Warm-up

Teams may warm-up from the end of the previous game to the scheduled start time of their game. If the previous game runs late, the teams may be allowed three minutes of warm-up time. Any team arriving at or after scheduled start time of game will get NO warm-up time.

Defense

With the exception of the restrictions listed in the box on the first page, a team may employ any type of defense including pressing in the backcourt.

Tournament

There is a tournament in the Spring league.

Jerseys

The two teams playing in a game should wear contrasting jersey colors. If two teams have the same jersey color, the game will still be played; an undershirt should match the jersey but if it doesn't the player will be allowed to play. In the event that a rostered player does not have a jersey/numbered shirt, that player will still be allowed to play. No technical fouls will be awarded for jersey violations.

Jewelry

Earrings, necklaces, watches, rubber bands, hair balls, any metal object, or any pierced body parts on either boys or girls are not permitted. However, if a player has had a recent piercing, a band-aid must be worn completely over the piercing.

Clock Operator/Scorekeeper

The league pays for a clock operator and scorekeeper; if the clock operator or the scorekeeper is not present, the Home team will supply the clock operator while the Visiting team will supply the scorekeeper. The official book will be the final say on all game matters.

Bench Behavior

Only one designated head coach is allowed to stand and direct play during the game. As with TSSAA rules, the coach's box is designated as the area from the bench to the sidelines and 3-4 chairs in length. All players must remain seated. No spectators are allowed to stand behind a team's bench or behind the scorekeeper table. The coach must leave the gym if a second technical foul is called on the bench.

Crowd Control

The referee and the site coordinator are both empowered to require spectators to leave the gym if they believe it is warranted. The site coordinator also has the authority to verbalize behavior expectations to anyone or everyone in the gym at any time.

Game Rescheduling

No game rescheduling will be allowed by individual teams. In the event a problem occurs and your team won't be able to attend a game, contact MAM immediately.

Referees

The league pays for two referees except in games played in 8.5 foot goal division which only have one referee. In the event one referee does not show up, the game will be conducted with one referee.