

ATTENTION MANAGERS

Please read these rules and regulations carefully and share them with your players. Ignorance of the rules will not excuse you. Take this copy of the Rules and Regulations with you to all games.

WEST ALLIS – WEST MILWAUKEE BASKETBALL PROGRAM

ESSENTIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

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1. **LEAGUE RULES & REGULATIONS:**

In order to function smoothly, it is important that rules and regulations be established.

Managers, coaches and players must understand league rules. **Violations** of league rules may bring serious results to a player, coach, sponsor or manager and the team. **For instance:**

- A. A PLAYER, SPONSOR OR COACH who violates the league eligibility or registration rules or is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct is liable to be suspended.
- B. A MANAGER is held responsible for the conduct of his/her players and coaches at all times and for playing only eligible players. A manager must be sure that each player and coach fill out the registration card before they, as manager affix their signature to it, thereby completing the contract. **A manager found guilty of playing an ineligible player, or for unsportsmanlike conduct is liable for suspension.**
- C. A TEAM found guilty of having an ineligible player in the lineup will have all games in which the **ineligible player** participated **forfeited to its opponents**. They will also forfeit the right to any league awards for that sport season regardless of their record.
- D. **SUSPENSIONS** are determined by the West Allis - West Milwaukee Recreation Department.
- E. By mutual agreement of the South East Park Recreation Council (SEPRC), an organization of public recreation departments, any individual suspended from any one department will have their suspension recognized by each department member of the association. SEPRC consists of the following public recreation departments: Brown Deer, Cudahy, Franklin, Germantown, Glendale, Grafton, Greendale, Greenfield, Hartford, Milwaukee (City and County), Muskego, Nicolet, Oak Creek, Oconomowoc, Pewaukee, Racine, St. Francis, Shorewood, South Milwaukee, Wauwatosa, West Allis-West Milwaukee, and Whitefish Bay. Further, any suspension made by SEPRC will also be honored.
- F. **ZERO TOLERANCE SUSPENSION RULE:** A manager, coach, sponsor or player ejected from a game or the field by officials for unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspended from all activities conducted by West Allis - West Milwaukee. There is a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY in place and it will be followed. The final disposition of the case will be made after the office reviews the case.
- G. **SUSPENDED PLAYER RULE:** A suspended player cannot be registered until tenure of suspension is completed. If already registered, said player cannot be an active participant nor can he/she be on the team bench or have any voice in the running of the team until such suspension is lifted.

2. **CHANGE OF SPONSOR/MANAGER/ADDRESS:**

In case of a change in Sponsorship or Management of a team, an official form must be filled out. This form can be obtained from the West Allis - West Milwaukee Recreation Department.

3. **ROSTER LIMIT:** Teams have an unlimited roster.

4. **PLAYER PARTICIPATION: (Local Rule-West Allis - West Milwaukee-READ CAREFULLY)**

- A. A player may register and **play on only one MEN'S team** each night in the West Allis - West Milwaukee Basketball Program unless officially released.
- B. A player may register and play on only one team per day.
- C. EXCEPTION: The WAWM Recreation Dept. reserves the right to schedule games on alternate days if necessary for make-up games, play-offs and tournaments.
- D. Additions to team rosters cannot be made after the 5th game of the season.

5. **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:**

- A. Individuals who live in the School District of West Allis - West Milwaukee are eligible to participate by filling out the Team Registration Card and fee is included.
- B. Individuals who live outside the District are eligible to participate by filling out the Team Registration Card and the fee is included.
- C. Only Wisconsin Residents are eligible to play.
- D. Players must be at least 18 years of age at the time of registration.

6. **GRACE PERIOD:**

A TEAM MAY START A GAME WITH FOUR (4) PLAYERS. RULE #9 OF THE GENERAL LEAGUE RULES & REGULATIONS WILL BE ENFORCED DEALING WITH **NO GRACE PERIOD.** A team cannot be credited with a forfeited game unless the minimum number of players sign the sign-up sheet. If both teams have insufficient number of players, the referee will declare a double forfeit.

7. **BORROWING RULE:**

Upon signed mutual agreement on back of the sign-up sheet by the two managers, a team may borrow a player or players as necessary to avoid a forfeit. Borrowing can only be done from opponent for that game. If more players from borrowing team arrive later, players borrowed may return and play for their own team. The final score will count for league standings.

8. **FORFEITS:**

A team forfeiting a game for any of the reasons listed below must pay the forfeit fee immediately or face possible exclusion from the league. A team with an unpaid forfeit fee at the end of the season will lose its contract renewal privileges for the following season unless the forfeit fee is paid before the renewal deadline.

- ✓ Failure to have three (3) players at the beginning of the game.
- ✓ Leaving the court in defiance of an official's decision
- ✓ Playing an ineligible player
- ✓ Failure to have team uniformed as prescribed by League Rules
- ✓ Failure to supply a game ball as prescribed by league rules
- ✓ Game forfeited by official due to conduct of player(s)
- ✓ Failure to leave the court/gym in a timely fashion as directed by an official
- ✓ Unsportsmanlike behavior, by either one or both teams or players, with game rising to a level of being travesty, in the opinion of the games officials.

9. **TEAM DISBANDMENT:**

In the event that a team disbands before the schedule is completed, all remaining games will be credited to the scheduled opponents.

10. **POSTPONEMENTS:**

The WAWM Recreation Dept. positively does not permit postponement of any game, nor any schedule adjustments after the official schedule has been printed.

11. **LEAGUE CHAMPIONS:**

A league winner will be determined by the overall record. If overall record is tied, head to head competition will be used to determine champion. If teams split games then point total between games will be used.

12. **LEAGUE STANDINGS:**

Standings will be posted on the internet www.wawmrec.com. Managers are required to keep their own standings, as it will be helpful in the event that questions arise concerning the accuracy of the official standings. If you do not have access to our website you are encouraged to call or stop at the office to obtain a copy.

13. **SCHEDULES:**

Managers will be issued season schedules in sufficient quantity to supply to all team members as well as other important information at the Managers' Meeting.

14. **PLAYING RULES:**

All games will be played according to official National Federation H.S. Basketball Rules along with exceptions and interpretations as supplied by the West Allis - West Milwaukee Recreation Department.

15. **WRITTEN AGREEMENT:**

In all matters not covered by the rules, agreements made by the managers and the referee must be in writing. Such agreements will be filed with the referee's report of the game.

16. **SIGN-UP SHEET:**

All players present at the start of the game should sign the sign-up sheet. Only those individuals who are officially registered, having a card on file at the Office are eligible to play. Substitutes that arrive late may sign the sheet upon arrival. ***Nobody is allowed to sign in after the game is completed.*** Managers are responsible for this procedure and for seeing that only eligible players sign the sign-up sheet. Thus, each individual must sign in – **NO ONE MAY SIGN IN FOR ANOTHER PLAYER!**

17. **OFFICIALS:**

Two referees will be assigned to each game.

18. **PROTESTS:**

- A. No protest will be accepted regarding an official's judgment of play.
- B. Protests on technicalities must be filed no later than 5:00 PM the night after the game in question.
- C. Protests on ineligible players will be accepted any time during a team's season of play. The season will be considered officially completed for a team two (2) days after the team's final game. No protest can be filed against a team after the expiration of the time limit.
NOTE: If the time expiration date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Holiday, the "deadline" will be extended to the "Next Working Day".
- D. A protest must be in writing and must be filed at the WAWM Recreation Dept. with evidence supporting the protest and must be accompanied with a \$20.00 filing fee. If the protest is won, the fee will be returned to the sponsor, and if lost, the money will be retained by the WA-WM Recreation Department.
- E. WA-WM Recreation Department reserve the right to reject any protest that, in its judgement, has no direct effect on subsequent play or final results of the game.

19. **COMPLAINTS:**

All legitimate complaints regarding officials or game conditions must be made in writing by team manager and submitted to the WA-WM Recreation Department.

20. **INJURY:**

The WA-WM Recreation Department shall not be responsible for any injury, which may be incurred by players during official games. The Recreation Department recommends that players be covered by some type of their own insurance.

21. **PLAYER REGISTRATION CARD:**

- A. Every player and coach must be officially registered, having a team card on file in the Office before being eligible to play or coach. Each player must fill out the team card and the manager is then to affix their signature to it.
- B. Registration card should be on file one week prior to the first scheduled game. Unless specified at manager's meeting. Players added after the season starts should have sign-up on file at least two (2) days prior to their first game.
- C. No players can be added to a team after the 5th game of the season without approval.
- D. A formally suspended player cannot file a registration card until expiration of their suspension (Item 1-G).

22. **RELEASES:**

A. No player can join another team unless officially released by the manager of the first team signing them. Official release cards must be used for this purpose. Release cards must be filed at the Office.

B. Players who are released are not eligible to play in any league games until a new registration card is filed.

*** * POSITIVELY NO ONE CAN BE RELEASED OVER THE PHONE * ***

23. **UNIFORMS/NUMBERS:**

Each team must designate its jersey color at the time of team sign-up. Each team is responsible for wearing its designated color in all scheduled games. Jerseys must also be numbered according to Official National Federation of High Schools Basketball Rules on front or back. Numbers must be at least six (6) inches high on the back and at least four (4) inches high on the front of the jersey. Tape on jersey/shirt is not acceptable. Players without proper numbers on jerseys will be given one warning. The next time it occurs the team will be given a technical foul. If the problem persists, games may be forfeited if uniforms are not properly colored and numbered.

24. **GAME BALL:**

Both teams are responsible for bringing a game ball with them to each game. The Recreation Dept. may have balls on site that can be used if needed. Warm up balls will not be provided and teams may bring their own balls to warm up if they so choose.

25. **AWARDS:**

The first place team in each league will receive an award voucher redeemable for league champions T-shirts.

26. **OFFICE HOURS:**

The WA-WM Recreation Office is open Monday thru Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

27. **GAME LENGTH and Timeouts**

All games will be played in two (2) eighteen minute halves. Each team will have two (2) thirty second timeouts per half. They shall not be carried over between halves.

28. **TIE-BREAKER PROCEDURES:**

There will be a three-pronged system to determine league winners:

- Head to Head Competition- if wins/losses are equal and time permits a play-off game will be used to determine league position –i.e. 1st and 2nd, 3rd place, etc.
- If play-off game is not possible, then the point differential between contested teams will be used. If still tied, then total points scored for all games.
- If all things still remain equal, then a coin toss will be administered by the Office – to determine league winner.

29. **TEAM CONDUCT**

A team member, coach, team attendant, or team follower who is assessed two (2) technical fouls for unsportsmanlike conduct is automatically ejected from the game, gym and league. The player must leave the gym immediately upon ejection. If the ejected player does not leave the gym in a reasonable amount of time, further action, as deemed appropriate by the referee may result, and could result in forfeiture of the game. (The second such foul is automatically classified as a flagrant technical foul.) This applies to unsportsmanlike fouls only. A technical foul issued for an illegal number, delay of game, etc. would not be counted as an unsportsmanlike foul. For the purpose of this rule, dunking or stuffing is considered as a flagrant unsportsmanlike

technical foul (2 free throws, ball out of bounds to offended team and ejection of the player committing the dunk). Any technical fouls assessed against a disqualified player shall also be charged to the offender(s), but NOT to the coach or manager unless they are also guilty of the infraction committed.

30. **ZERO TOLERANCE**

This year, as noted above, the office will be instilling a zero tolerance policy for unsportsmanlike conduct. Any team member, coach, team attendant, or team follower who is assessed two (2) technical fouls for unsportsmanlike conduct will be automatically suspended from the league and any future play in the adult sports league covering ALL sports! There is no excuse for exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct and **IT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED** in play!

GYM LOCATION

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