

# 2013-2014 Winter Basketball Rules

1. Spokane County Basketball program follows **National Federation Rules with the following exceptions:**

- **No Dunking or hanging on apparatus at any time** (Penalty will be a technical foul, ejection and suspension for the next game).
- Teams may start with a minimum of four (4) players, but can finish with as few as two (2).
- Forfeit time is five (5) minutes after the designated start time.
- If a game is tied at the end of regulation time, there shall be a one (1) minute break followed by a two (2) minute overtime with stop clock in all divisions. Teams will have only one timeout in overtime.

**Team misconduct technical** will be called when two or more players make inappropriate comments, are argumentative, excessively aggressive or demonstrate unsportsmanlike behavior.

If a second team misconduct technical is called in any game against the same team, the game will be forfeited and a win awarded to the other team. Referees will file a written report to be reviewed by the Recreation Manager to determine possible suspensions or further disciplinary actions.

Summary: One Team Technical Foul - 2 points for opposing team and the ball  
Two Team Technical Fouls - Game is over: Forfeit  
Individuals could be suspended for next game(s).

\* If at any time a player receives two (2) technical fouls during a game the player will be ejected from the game and given 2 minutes to leave the premises and he/she will be penalized a \$50 re-entry fee and before playing another league or tournament game. Appeals will be handled by the Recreation Staff. If a player is found to have played without first paying his/her fee, there will be consequences as deemed by the Recreation Staff.

\*\* If a team receives three (3) Team Technical Game Forfeits during the regular season and/or playoffs, they will be disqualified from further play and subject to a suspension of up to one calendar year in all Washington Recreation Basketball Federation (WRBF) programs and all Spokane County Parks Adult League Sports pending a hearing.

Any personal technical foul shall be 2 points and possession awarded to the other team.

**Player Uniforms:** Teams must have numbered shirts of similar color. The penalty shall be a technical foul for each offending player.

**Length of Game:** Twenty (20) minute halves running clock with 3 minute stoppage clock at the end of each half except if one team has a 20 point lead in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, the clock will continue to run.

\* All games at Mountainside Middle School will NOT have a stoppage clock during the first half due to time constraints. Please be courteous to other gym users and allow them to finish their activity. Do NOT go on court until approved by referees.

**Foul Shots:** During foul shots, at the release of the ball, players may enter the key, but only players on the free throw lane.

2. Be sure that all players currently playing on your team are listed on your roster, including first and last name and address at the County Parks Office. Roster names must be received in the County office before play begins and roster signatures may be submitted to gym supervisor before game begins. Some players

may not be eligible due to previous suspensions. If coach feels an illegal player is playing on opposing teams, notify your referee prior to the end of half time (exception for listed players arriving late).

**\* All players must bring picture ID** to all games and show ID if requested by the referee. Illegal players and coach will be disqualified from that game and will be subject to further disciplinary action. All eligibility questions will be reviewed by Recreation Staff the next working day.

3. Any player participating in a Spokane County League or Tournament game WITHOUT properly completing the roster form (signatures) and having it submitted to the Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf voluntarily assumes the risk of any and all injuries sustained and/or proximately caused by his willful and unauthorized participation in the recreation program and Spokane County owes no duty to that player. In addition, any player participating without first properly completing the roster form and properly delivering it to the Recreation Staff will be suspended for the next three (3) games, along with the Coach/Manager and the present game the player is participating in shall be an automatic loss by forfeit. **Referees are provided to officiate the game utilizing their experience, training and best judgment. Protests are not allowed on judgment calls.**
4. At the beginning of the game, score sheets must have all approved rostered players listed who will be playing in the game. You must legibly print the first and last name of each player. All players must have signed the liability roster. Check with referee for roster form if needed.  
**Roster changes are due October 19, 2012.**
5. Players may be rostered on a maximum of two teams during the regular league season but can't be in the same division. Also, divisions can't be more than 2 levels apart (i.e. can't play a B division and a D division at the same time: but can play C and D or A and B).
6. The Coach/Manager of each team will be responsible for the team's conduct before, during and after each game. Penalties as deemed appropriate including forfeiture of games and or suspension from one game to life may be imposed by the Recreation Manager for misconduct of players, coaches, sponsors or team representatives before, during, or after a game, on or off the playing area. Failure to comply with any Spokane County Parks or School District Rules and Regulations may result in discipline up to and including suspension, forfeiture of game(s) and ejection from the League for player and/or team.
7. **Each team is to provide a scorekeeper and/or clock operator.**
8. Please remember **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP**. If you feel there are questionable calls, **ONLY** the team coach/captain can ask for explanation from official.
9. All referees have the authority to eject a player from the game for inappropriate conduct and can also direct that the player be suspended for one (1) additional game by submitting a game report to the Recreation Staff.
10. A player shall be ejected if an official has reason to believe that a player is under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs and may jeopardize the safety of anyone in the facility.
11. No one under the age of 15 is to be in the school during County basketball unless properly supervised by a non-playing adult. Games can and will be forfeited if children are not properly supervised!
12. If teams forfeit three (3) or more games they will not qualify for the tournament. Players must play in a minimum of 4 games in the regular season to be eligible to play in the tournament. Players must be prepared to show Driver's license or legal picture identification during all games.