

2022 Best of the West Youth Girls Basketball Tournament Rules

(Based on CVYBO Basketball League Rules)

The tournament will follow PIAA High School Rules Except:

1. Special notes and definitions for 4th and 5th grades.

*4th grade

- 16 minute halves with a running clock. Half time is two minutes.

-Clock stops for foul shots, timeouts, substitutions and "on the whistle / official time outs" in the last 2 minutes of each half.(Overtime Rules, see below**)

- 4th grade is man-to-man only. No organized press at any time.

-Man-to-man defense begins within the three point line (meaning, defenders don't have to guard their player all the way out to half court in a spread/clear-out tactic). Players within the three point semi circle have to play man but they are permitted to play help defense (passing lane, one pass, two passes away). However, a defender is permitted to pressure the ball handler once he/she has crossed the mid court line.

- Help defense that results in a ball handler being double covered by the primary and help defender is not considered an organized trapping defense.

- Full court one-on-one man defense is permitted in the final 1 minute of play and all of overtime.

- No trapping is allowed-at any time on any area of the court outside of the three point semi-circle of the basket that the team is defending. The team will receive one warning and then a technical foul will be called. Technical fouls for this offense will not count against the coach toward eviction from the game.

-The free throw shooter is allowed to land across the free throw line but can't be the first to touch the ball on a miss. Players may enter the lane when the shot is released in all grades.

*5th Grade

- 5th grade half court man-to-man and zone defense is allowed the entire game.

- 5th grade is permitted to use an organized press for the last 9 minutes of each half, and all of overtime. Organized presses are not allowed when a team is leading by 15 points. An organized press may resume when the lead drops below 10 points

2. Grades 5th-8th games will have 16 minute halves with a running clock. Half time is two minutes.

-Clock stops for foul shots, timeouts, substitutions and "on the whistle / official time outs" in the last 2 minutes of each half.

**Overtime will be 2 minutes long with running clock except on foul shots and time outs. Clock stops at the last minute if the ball goes out of bounds. Each team will have one additional 30 second timeout. A 2nd overtime will only be played during bracket play on Sunday, any pool games Saturday that are tied following overtime will be recorded as a tie.

3. All games will use a 28.5" size ball.

4. Two referees for all grade levels.

5. There will be a 5 minute grace period from the scheduled game time for all teams to have 5 players from the roster on the court or the game will be declared a forfeit. Teams should arrive at the gym no more than 10 minutes prior to their scheduled game time.

6. Only one head coach standing per team. Teams are permitted to have TWO coaches on the bench in total, one head coach and one assistant. Only the head coach may speak with the referees. Coaches are not permitted past half court or on the court during play

7. Mercy Rule: Continuous running clock for leads above 20 points in the second half. Clock stops as normal when the lead drops to 15 points or below.

8. Conduct Role: Any coach, player or fan ejected from a game will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament.

9. A Zero Tolerance policy will be enforced for all parents and coaches. Any behavior deemed unsportsmanlike will be addressed by the officials and/or Best of the West Tournament Representatives. One warning will be given followed by possible ejection from the gym.