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LEAGUE BASKETBALL GENERAL RULES

1. The league will abide by current Basketball Official Series written and published by the National Federation of State High School Athletic Association with some additions and changes stated.
2. A running clock will be used during play, except on time outs, shooting fouls and the last two minutes of the 2nd half.
3. The game will consist of two (2) – eighteen (18) minute halves with a three- (3) minute halftime break.
4. If the game goes to overtime, a period of three (3) minutes will be played and each team will be given an additional timeout. There will be a maximum of two (2) overtime periods in all regular season games. A tie will be declared instead of going into a third overtime.
5. **For the first game of the evening, a forfeit will be declared by one of the officials if a team is not ready to play within ten (10) minutes after the start time. Teams may start the game with four players.**
6. **After the first game on the schedule, the succeeding game will allow for a brief warm up and then the next game will begin...having the start time as the forfeit time.**
7. All players must be 18 years of age or older. There is no Co-Ed League available.
8. A team will be in the bonus on the 7th foul. Two bonus shots will be awarded on and after the 10th team foul.
9. All players must be in the official score book prior to tip-off. If a player is added for any reason after the game has officially started the team adding the player(s) will receive a Technical Foul (two shots and possession of the ball).
10. The team leading will not be permitted to carry out a full-court press when they have established a 20-point advantage. In the event that a team does press, the officials will issue one warning per team. This warning remains in effect for the remainder of the game. If the press is not stopped following the warning, a technical foul will be assessed against the pressing team. This will be a 2-shot foul, but will not end the game.
11. The Director of Recreation Ministry or Recreation Associate has the authority to stop a game if the play is getting too rough or the players, coaches and fans are displaying unsportsmanlike conduct.
12. (MERCY RULE) If a team has a 30-point lead with 5 minutes or 20-point lead with 3 minutes left in the game the game will be stopped.



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13. Each team is allowed four (4) time-outs per game.
14. At the conclusion of the season the winners of the league will receive CHAMPIONSHIP SHIRTS.
15. All rosters will lock upon the start of the season. Rosters may have no more than 10 players and must be submitted with registration. Teams will not be permitted to add players after the first game. Players will not be permitted to participate on multiple teams in the same league. NO EXCEPTIONS.
16. ****Each team must provide their own jersey/uniform.** Jersey top must have visible numbers on the front and back. Any logo or team design that appears on jersey or uniform must be approved by FBJ prior to the start of the beginning of each season. Teams will not be permitted to participate in unapproved uniforms. NO EXCEPTIONS.
17. Basketball League registration does not include team practice time or facility membership.
18. No outside music and or speakers allowed in the gym.
19. At the conclusion of the regular season eight (8) teams will compete in our postseason tournament. Playoff games will only be rescheduled due to inclement weather or a FBJ event that has priority.



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FORMAT OF THE LEAGUE

1. The First Baptist Jackson league will be classified as OPEN league play.
2. At registration each team will select preference of night to play: Tuesday OR Thursday OR either. All games will be played on the night or nights chosen at registration.
3. Teams/Players may only register/play on ONE team, regardless of the night of play.
4. All games will be officiated by two officials on each night.
5. Each Division will be composed of up to 12 teams.
6. 8 Weeks of game time

PLAYER RULES AND ETTIQUETTE

1. Remember that you represent Christ, yourself, your family and your church. Try not to embarrass any of these institutions by your behavior or lack of self-control.
2. We ask that everyone respect our staff by engaging in the devotion time.
3. Profanity will not be tolerated. Offenders will be dismissed from the game and/or gym.
4. Anyone called for fighting will be suspended for the remainder of the game and subject to a two-game suspension.
5. If you are getting “hot-tempered” or out of control, have some self-control and pull yourself out of the game to “cool off.” Officials will have the authority to set you out of the game if you cannot do it yourself. This is to ensure that we have a well-controlled game.
6. All technical fouls will result in the penalized player being substituted out immediately. That player can check back in at the next dead ball. Technical fouls will be reviewed after each game and a one-game suspension is up to the discretion of the Minister and/or Recreation Associate’s discretion. ***ALL CONSEQUENCES OF FOULS AND SUSPENSIONS ARE UP TO THE DISCRETION OF THE MINISTER AND/OR RECREATION ASSOCIATE.
7. Any unsportsmanlike technical foul may result in an ejection from the game and gym. This is left to the discretion of the officials and will be enforced by our Recreation Staff.



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8. Upon notification of a player's second flagrant foul or unsportsmanlike technical foul or combination of both, the said player shall be suspended from the league for two games. If a player has two of these instances in one season, that player will be suspended from the league for the entire next season.
9. Upon notification of a player's third flagrant foul or unsportsmanlike technical foul or a combination of either committed by a team, it will constitute the end of competition. The game will be awarded to the opposing team.
10. Our goal at FBJ is to create an atmosphere that is consistent with our mission of helping others strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ. Basketball is one of the vessels we use to accomplish this mission. Regardless of the competitive nature of the game, it is our duty to maintain a standard of behavior that represents the best of who we are striving to be. Any player/spectator who uses profanity or exhibits threatening behavior towards an official, opposing player, spectator, or FBJ employee will be removed immediately from the facility. Any additional punishment will be determined by the Minister of Recreation.