

# Whitney/Clifton/Meridian

## Basketball Rules 2011-2012

**Playing Rules:**

**1. Team Size:** The regular playing roster will not exceed twelve players.

**2. Game length:** All Divisions are to play with a running clock with the exception of the final two minutes of each half. The 5th-6th grade, 3rd-4th grade, 1st-2nd grade, divisions will play four (4) eight (8) minute quarters. The clock only stops on time outs and free throws. The game officials may use their discretion to stop the clock for injury, ball retrieval, etc.

<u>League</u>	<u>Game length</u>	<u>Goal Height</u>	<u>Basketball Size</u>	<u>Free Throw Distance</u>
1st-2nd grade Girls	8 minute quarters	8 1/2 ft	28.5	13.5 ft (Volleyball Line)
1st-2nd grade Boys	8 minute quarters	8 1/2 ft	28.5	13.5 ft (Volleyball Line)
3rd-4th grade Girls	8 minute quarters	9 ft	28.5	15 ft
3rd-4th grade Boys	8 minute quarters	9 ft	28.5	15 ft
5th-6th grade Girls	8 minute quarters	10 ft	28.5	15 ft
5th-6th grade Boys	8 minute quarters	10 ft	29.5	15ft

**6. Time outs:** Four (4) one-minute time-outs per game will be allowed. In case of overtime, each team will be allowed one additional one-minute timeout, as well as any timeouts remaining from regulation.

**7. Half-time:** A five minute half time will be observed.

**8. Point Spread Rule:** If one team is ahead by 15 or more points during the last two minutes of each half, the clock will remain a running clock, except for time-outs and free throws.

**9.** If a player is ejected from a game for any reason the player is subject to a minimum one game suspension to be determined by the WYA Board.

**10.** The WYA Board reserves the right to make the FINAL decision on all interpretations and application of the youth basketball rules.

### **Illegal Defense:**

- Man-to-Man defense must be played the entire first half for 1st-2nd grade & 3rd-4th grade. In the second half you are permitted to play zone etc. Full court press will ONLY be allowed the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter in the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade division & the last 2 minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade age division.
- Man-to-Man defense must be played the 1<sup>st</sup> Half of 5th-6th grade games. Any and all defenses are allowed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 5th-6th grade however, the courtesy rule must be observed (**COURTESY RULE: Once the opponent is ahead by 15 points no full court press is allowed**).
- You will receive 1 warning for illegal defense and be given team technical fouls every time after the 1<sup>st</sup> warning. Team technical fouls will count toward your team's foul count for each half.

### **Substitutions and Playing Time:**

1. During the first quarter of every game there will be no substitutions allowed. The five players who start this quarter will be the same five players who finish the quarter.
2. During the second quarter any remaining players who did not start the first quarter will be required to start the second quarter and play the entire quarter without substitutions.
3. During the second quarter, if a team has less than 10 players on their roster then the coach may substitute only for those players who already played the entire first quarter.
4. In the case of an injury to a player who is playing their required full quarter a medical substitution will be allowed. However, if a player is not able to finish their quarter during the first half then that player will be required to play a full quarter with no substitutions allowed in the second half.
5. If a player is medically unable to complete their full quarter in either the first or second half then that player will be disqualified for the remainder of the day.

**Substitutions:** Coaches must inform each player of the number or names of the player whose positions they are replacing. Substitutions must check in at the score table before entering the game. All substitutions must wait at the score table until the official signals the player to enter the game.

**Lane Violations:** Five seconds will be observed in the 1st-2nd grade and 3rd-4th grade divisions. Three seconds will be observed in 5th-6th grade.

### **League Champions:**

1. The Best Record is League Champion.
2. If tied first tie breaker will be head to head
3. If still tied then point spread between head to head.
4. If somehow still tied then the 2 coach's will flip a coin.

Note: The number of teams will determine the number of league games. All divisions do not necessarily play the same number of league games. Coach should explain the league format to all parents prior to the start of the league season.

**GENERAL RULES:**

1. Wearing shorts below the waistline, "sagging" will NOT be tolerated during games. Skid resistant shoes must be worn.
2. Jewelry is not allowed during games.
3. On game days, players should report to their game session and sit in the bleachers until the coach calls them to begin game. LEAVE PERSONAL BASKETBALLS AT HOME.
4. Jerseys must be tucked in shorts for the duration of each game.
5. Exits should remain clear at all times.
6. Loitering or talking in the area of the score table is strictly prohibited. ONLY STAFF IS ALLOWED AT THE SCORE TABLE.
7. Protests on eligibility must be brought to the attention of the scorekeeper before the game has expired. A \$50 CASH protest fee and written statement must be submitted within 48 hours to the basketball commissioner of the town the game is being played.

## **Coach's Conduct:**

See Attachment.

**ALL COACHES ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN, DATE, AND RETURN AGREEMENT TO WYA PRIOR TO ANY GAME, PRACTICE, DRAFT, OR EQUIPMENT LOAN.**

### **In addition, the following applies:**

1. No coach is allowed on the court at any time during the game. A technical foul may be assessed for failure to adhere to this rule.
2. The coach is responsible for calling an official time-out if he/she wishes to confer with an official concerning a correctable error. Anything other than score, time, or foul will be a time-out charged to the team, not an official time-out.
3. All calls made by officials are final. Protests on judgment calls will not be accepted.
4. The coach must remain in the coaches' box. No coach is allowed at the score table until an official time-out.
5. Bench area may "only" consist of two coaches and the players on the team.
6. All coaches need to contact ALL players on their roster to inform them of practices, parent meetings, and games. Please notify the WYA Board if you have a player that has not shown up or cannot be contacted for practice.

**7. It is the Coach's responsibility to ensure that his/her team is able to provide 2 concession workers for their team's scheduled work time. Failure to do so will result in Forfeit of a winning game. Please understand that we are all volunteers and we need all the help we can get. The parent/guardian of all players signed that agreement when they signed their registration form.**

**Points of Emphasis:**

1. Drinking alcoholic beverages is prohibited in or on Whitney ISD property. This includes the parking lot. No drinking in front of the children at any time.
2. Abusive language from players, coaches, parents, and spectators will NOT be tolerated. Anyone using abusive language will be ejected from the property.
3. Anyone exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct is subject to removal from the facility and further suspension from said facility to be determined by the WYA Board.
4. **Coaches and parents should set a good example for the players by showing restraint in their disagreements with officials.**
5. Any coach not conducting him or her in a positive manner is subject to removal from the program.
6. Please follow all facility rules while in each facility.
7. Please keep an eye on your children for safety purposes and do not allow them to deface Whitney ISD property or WYA equipment or property.
8. The Whitney Youth Association shall approve all officials.
9. Any matter not covered in the Basketball Rules shall be left to the discretion of the Whitney Youth Association Board.
10. All games will be played under the UIL rules. WYA league rules will take precedence over all rules.