



BENSENVILLE PARK DISTRICT WOMEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE Fall/Winter 2015/2016

League play starts November 10, 2015. League Fee is due in full November 3, 2015 and final roster is due November 10, 2015.

SECTION I – GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Basics—

Games will be played on Tuesday Nights between 6:30-10pm, beginning Tuesday, February 17th at the Deer Grove Leisure Center. Teams may warm-up beginning at 6:00 pm. Each team plays 8 games in the regular season. League play will begin on Tuesday, November 10th and will take place every Tuesday. Games will not be re-scheduled after the schedule has been distributed to captains. Games will only be cancelled due to very extreme weather such as a debilitating blizzard and captains will be told in advance of cancellations. In these cases, a revised schedule will be communicated to team captains. Assume there are games unless you hear otherwise from the Athletic Supervisor, Score Supervisor, or a BPD Staff member.

Team managers/captains are responsible for weekly line-ups, all contacts with team members and conduct of his team and his team's spectators. All players and spectators are expected to be made aware of all rules of conduct in the Deer Grove Leisure Center and abide by them.

2. Standings & Playoffs—

The Regular Season League Champion will be determined by end of the regular season standings. At the end of the season, there will be a single elimination tournament where teams will be seeded according to their final regular season standings.

Ties—If two or more teams are tied for any position in the regular season, the following procedures will be utilized to determine the final league standings for awards and Playoff seeds:

- a. Tied teams records in head to head competition with other teams involved in the tie will be used to determine the final standings to that point in the season.

If two or more teams are still tied:

- b. The total points scored against all other teams involved in the tie in head to head competition.

3. Players, Rosters & Roster Disputes—

Rosters must consist of at least 7 players and no more than 14 players. Rosters are complete and frozen at game time of each team's **second** scheduled game. A copy of the roster for **every** team must be submitted by **before your team's game on the second Tuesday of League Play, November 17, 2015. Teams not submitting a roster or having proper IDs will be issued a forfeit until they are received.**

Player eligibility - Players must meet the following requirements:

- a. Must be 18 years or older or out of high school.
- b. Each Player must sign the roster indicating that liability claim will be waived and they have read and will abide by league rules and regulations.
- c. Must submit photo identification, if asked for upon roster checks.
- d. Must not play on any other team in the league.

Roster Disputes—IDs will no longer be copied prior to the start of the season, but all players should carry an ID in case of a roster dispute. An opposing team must bring to the attention of the Score Supervisor an ineligible player prior to the start of the game. Once the game clock has started all players are considered legal players for the remainder of the game. If a roster check is called on an illegal player, the player in question must show their ID to prove they are on the roster. If the player involved is unable to produce an ID, as to proof of their identity, they will be deemed to be an illegal player. If a team is found to have an ineligible (illegal) player, they will receive a forfeit for that game, and the forfeit fee of \$25 is applicable. In addition, the **team** may be deemed ineligible for post season play as determined by the Recreation Supervisor.

→ Once a roster is frozen, no changes may be made unless authorized by the Bensenville Park District through a roster substitution form. Authorization will only be granted in the case of injury or illness causing the player to be unavailable for the remainder of the season. The substitution form must be accompanied by a certified MD's verification. All substitution forms must be submitted to the Bensenville Park Districts Recreation Supervisor 24 hours before their next game.

*****Playoff Eligibility**—To be eligible to participate in the playoffs, an individual must have played in at least 4 regular season games.

4. Entry fee—

The total fee for the Fall/Winter Season is \$550/\$600, plus a refundable \$70 deposit (see Rule 8 for details). The fee will be due in full by Tuesday, November 3, 2015, prior to the start of the scheduled games.

5. Uniforms & Equipment—

All players are required to wear their team colors and have a jersey with a fixed number on it. Reversible jerseys are preferred. Proper game attire is required for **every game**. *Any player without a shirt of the proper color with a fixed number will be ineligible for that game.* Every team needs their jerseys by the first game of league play.

6. Protests—

The referee and/or the on-site Score Supervisor have full authority to enforce I.H.S.A. and these Bensenville Park District league rules. A protest must be brought to the attention of the Score Supervisor on duty immediately. Protests on judgment calls **will not** be recognized.

7. Forfeits—

A forfeit is defined as having less than four (4) players at the start of the scheduled game time. No game will begin with a team having less than (4) registered players on the court. A forfeit will occur five (5) minutes after **scheduled** game time. The Score Supervisor's time is official. Once a game has begun with (5) players, a team may continue to play with four (4) players if a player leaves the

game for any reason. Fewer than four (4) players will result in a forfeit of the game at any point. **For Standings purposes, a forfeit results in a 10 point loss.**

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8. Forfeit Deposit-

In order to deter missed games and encourage full participation, a \$70.00 deposit will be collected at the time of registration and will be held in case of forfeits. This deposit will be refunded in full if:

- a. The team has full participation throughout the scheduled season
 - b. The team notifies the Athletic Supervisor by 10am on the Monday prior to the game. At that point, all efforts will be made to reschedule the game. *
- The deposit will be assessed a **\$25** penalty if the forfeit is made known to the Athletic Supervisor after the 10am Monday deadline, this game may be rescheduled (time permitting) ***Please note that if a game is made up after the \$25 penalty is assessed, it will NOT count toward the team standings as the game was considered forfeit at game time and the forfeiting team will receive a 10 point loss (See Rule 7)***
 - If a team forfeit's for a second time past the 10am Monday deadline, the remaining Balance of the deposit will be lost and the team will need to re-enter the league with **another \$70** deposit before they will be allowed to continue in the league. This new deposit will continue with the same rules outlined above.

9. League Awards & Playoff Awards—

Teams records at the end of the season will determine their teams seeding for the single elimination Playoff Tournament. The winner of the regular season and playoff tournament will win prizes.

SECTION II - PLAYING RULES & PLAYER CONDUCT

Illinois High School Association Official Basketball Rules will apply to the Bensenville Park District league with the following exceptions:

1. **Line-ups** - Each captain will be required to submit the team's line-up to the scorekeeper five (5) minutes prior to **scheduled** game time. Last names and jersey #s only should be used in the line up. **Failure to do so will result in a technical foul for each player who does not check in.**
2. **Time** - Two twenty minute halves will be played with a running clock. The clock will be stopped **only** during "stop clock" plays during the last minute of the 1st half AND 2nd half, during time outs, or during an official's time out. **The clock will also be stopped during free throws.** In case of 15 or more point lead, clock will not stop during final minute.
3. **Overtime** - In the case of a tied score following regulation play, a three (3) minute overtime will be played with stop clock during the last one (1) minute. If the score remains tied following two (2) overtime periods the game will be determined a tie.
4. **Time Outs** - Each team will be allowed two time outs per half. Time outs should not exceed one (1) minute. Teams will be allowed one (1) time out per overtime period. There will be no accumulation of unused time outs.

5. **Free Throws** - One and one will be on the 7th team foul per half. 2 free throws on the 10th team foul. **Players lining up in the lane can enter the key on the release of the ball from the shooter. The shooter must remain behind the free throw line until the ball hits the rim.**
6. **Unsportsmanlike conduct** - Flagrant fouls, fighting, or offensive language, directed at either the officials, Score Supervisor, Recreation Supervisor, other players, fans, or other patrons will result in automatic suspension of the offending player(s) for the game, tournament, or possible the season. A player ejected from a game by an official or Site Supervisor for unsportsmanlike conduct will be ineligible for the remainder of the game and a **minimum** of the following two scheduled games, including post season play.
FANS: Teams will be responsible for the actions of their fans. On first incident: the team will be charged with a technical. On 2nd incident: the team will be awarded a loss and the game is over.

Only the team captain or coach should be talking with a referee. Any discussions about calls should be handled by the captain or coach during a break in play. Another player doing so will be suspended. Prior to every game, the two team captains can meet briefly with one or both of the officials with any questions. Any questions or comments about how the game will be called should be handled at that time so players can adjust.

7. **Technical Fouls** - Two technical fouls by any player or bench personnel (player, coach, and spectator) will result in ejection from the game and premises. Exceptions: Too many women on court, illegal jersey, etc.
8. **Suspension** - Suspensions will be issued by the Recreation Supervisor after consultation with the Basketball Site Supervisor and/or officials according to the following guidelines:
 - 1 Game** -
 - Any player other than a manager/captain arguing with an official or park district staff member.
 - Refusal to abide by an established league rule.
 - Incessant arguing by any player with an official, park district staff member, or another player.
 - 2-3 Games** -
 - Verbally abusing, or using profanity towards an official, park district staff member, or another player.
 - Dismissal from the League** -
 - Angered physical contact with an official, a park district staff member, or another player.
 - Physically threatening or violent behavior will result in suspension for the REMAINDER OF THE SEASON, or complete suspension from Park District athletics.**

Any player ejected from a game must leave the premises immediately. During a player suspension, she must not attend any scheduled game of the Bensenville Park District league. A player ejected from a game for a second time will be suspended for an indefinite period of time upon review of the Recreation Supervisor. The Recreation Supervisor has the final word on the length of suspension.

9. The official may correct an error if a rule is inadvertently set aside and results in:
 - failure to award a merited free throw

- awarding an unmerited free throw
- permitting a wrong player to attempt a free throw
- attempting a free throw at the wrong basket
- erroneously counting or canceling a score

In order to correct any of the above errors, an official or team captain must address the error before the first dead ball becomes alive after the clock has started.

10. If an injury requiring stoppage of play happens, an official or Score Supervisor should be informed and play stopped immediately. The clock will be stopped to deal with the situation appropriately and a time out will not be charged. An injury stopping play that is determined to not be genuine will result in disciplinary action up to and including forfeiture of the game.

11. Any rule(s) not specifically addressed by the I.H.S.A. or the above rules will be interpreted and determined by the officials and/or the on-site Basketball Supervisor.

SECTION III - MISCELLANEOUS

1. Leisure Center Gym Rules

- No food or drink will be allowed in the Deer Grove Leisure Center gymnasium.
- No smoking or alcoholic beverages allowed in the Deer Grove Leisure Center. Any player showing signs of intoxication will be asked to leave the premises.
- Spitting on the floor of the gymnasium before, during or after a Park District Basketball game will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct. A technical foul will result.
- Additional facility rules available upon request.

Scoresheet Game Reports - A game report is filled out by league scorekeeper for every scheduled game. Every game report has spaces for a team captain to record constructive criticism regarding officials, league rules or other concerns that a team may have. If a captain's concerns are recorded on this form, they will be followed up by the Recreation Supervisor. Please be specific.

The Score Supervisor and/or Recreation Supervisor has full discretion to issue warnings to anyone who violates any of the above rules, followed by a request that they leave the premises, if violation continues. The Basketball Supervisor, Recreation Supervisor and/or the officials may deem any player or team ineligible for the game if any of the above rules are violated.

Any questions regarding additional information about the Fall/Winter 2015 Women's Basketball League should be directed to Christine Hartnett - chartnett@bensenvilleparkdistrict.org / 630-238-4929