

MOUNTAIN PARK ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
7-8 YEAR OLD BOYS BASKETBALL RULES AND COMMENTS

The rules adopted by the National Federation of High Schools will be followed with the exception of league specific rules noted in this document. Basketball size is 27 or 27.5 inches.

1. Baring injury or ejection from the game, each player on each team is to play, at a minimum, ½ of each quarter. The referee will call a time out halfway through each quarter. At that time all players on the bench are to be inserted into the game and must play the remainder of the quarter. Failure to follow this rule will result in the team losing that game if it is won or forfeiting the next game, although the game will be played.
2. The game will consist of four (4) 8-minute quarters. Half time will be 5 minutes. There will be a running clock for the entire game. The game clock will only be stopped during called time outs. The clock will remain stopped until the next live ball situation (inbounds play or rebounded free throw attempt). Overtime periods will be 3 minutes in length. There is no minimum-playing requirement in overtime. Only two overtime periods will be played. If tied at the end of the second overtime the game will end in a tie.
3. Each team is allowed one full and two 30-second time outs per half and one full and one 30-second time out during overtime.
4. In an attempt to speed up free throw attempts, coaches may go on the court to align players.
5. During the half-time period each player will be given a 1-1 free throw attempt. The same number of players will shoot for each team. If a team is short one player the opposing coach will pick the player to shoot, if a team is short two players the opposing coach will pick the first and the team coach will pick the second. No player may have more that two turns at the 1-1 free throw attempt.
6. No pressing in the backcourt is allowed. When the defensive team gains control of the ball, the offensive team will retreat into their backcourt and assume their defensive positions. If after warnings by the officials, pressing in the backcourt continues to occur, the officials at their discretion can assess the head coach with a technical foul.
7. Double teaming or trapping the ball at half court is limited. The defensive team will not be allowed to double team or trap the ball until the ball penetrates the top of the key extended on the offensive end of the court. Once the ball penetrates this area, double team and trap defenses are allowed. It is legal for the defensive team to apply pressure to the ball once the offensive player crosses half court but only in a man to man or one on one fashion.
8. A team must have four (4) players to start the game. There will be a 5-minute grace period if a team does not have the required number of players to start the game. If after the grace period, a team does not have the required number of players to start the game, the team will forfeit the game, with the final score being 2-0.
9. Proper basketball attire is required. No watches or jewelry are allowed. Shoes must be "sneakers". Jerseys distributed by MPAA must be worn, no duplicate numbers are

allowed. No player can participate without proper basketball attire; this includes wearing an official game jersey. NO EXCEPTIONS.

10. There will be a 3-second count within the standard free throw lane.

11. Two technical fouls on any player or coach will result in expulsion from the gym. Failure to leave the gym will result in forfeiture of the game. Expulsion of any coach will result in immediate suspension of the coach pending further review by the association and league commissioners. Technical fouls will be called for distracting the referee during the course of the game. The only time a coach can address a referee is during a called time out or halftime, on the sidelines in front of the time clock.

12. The home team provides the game ball and the official scorer. The visiting team provides someone to operate the clock and to clean up the gym after the game. Home team wears white. The winning team is to report the score to the league commissioner. Only players, 2 coaches, 1 timekeeper, and 1 scorekeeper are allowed on the sidelines. No siblings or parents are allowed on the sidelines with the team.

13. NO ONE CAN ALTER ANY GAME SCHEDULE WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE BOYS BASKETBALL DIRECTOR AND THE LEAGUE COMMISSIONER. Teams can swap practice times as long as someone is present to open and close the gyms.

14. Georgia High School rules will be followed with the exceptions as noted above.

15. **Water only** in the gyms. No playing on the side goals at anytime. No bouncing of balls on the sidelines during games. The only balls allowed in the gym are those provided by coaches. **We must remember that gyms are for use by players on the teams scheduled for that facility. All spectators must watch the games/practices and refrain from utilizing any equipment in the gyms. Damage to school property, especially that which results from vandalism, hanging on the small goals in the gyms, or climbing on gym equipment WILL result in MPAA not being allowed to use the facilities and subsequent cancellation of games / practices.**