

AMSSAA

GRADE 9 & JUNIOR BASKETBALL

2025 – 2026

RULES & REGULATIONS

- Games will be assigned on **Monday's & Wednesday's** – starting **Wed, Nov. 26th**
 - The most common game times will be 5:30 and 7:00pm for double headers
 - Triple headers ~ 4:45pm, 6:15pm and 7:45pm
 - Quadruple headers ~ 3:15pm, 4:45pm, 6:15pm and 7:45pm
 - With 4 levels and schools ranging from running 1 team to 4 teams; dates and times are subject to change based on conflicts; gym, coach and referee availability
 - When there is a **game conflict**, I expect the two teams' coaches and athletic directors to have an email conversation to find a new date & time that works for both teams. Once everything has been sorted out and agreed to, it is the **responsibility of the home team coach/AD to send me a confirmation email of the changes.**
 - Games are 32-minutes in length
 - **8-minute quarters**, 5 to 8-minute half time, 3-minute overtime (if necessary)
 - FIBA rules in are in effect, with high school modifications (where needed)
 - **30 second clock** will be used for BOYS + GIRLS, **10 second backcourt** count, 18 second reset for a frontcourt foul.
 - **Girls** teams will use a **size 6** basketball – 28.5" ... Does NOT have to be Molten
 - **Boys** teams will use a **size 7** basketball – 29.5" ... Does NOT have to be Molten
 - **"Fair Play"** rules
 - 1) There will be no full court pressing once a team is ahead by 25+ points
 - 2) You will look to make substitutions (play your bench) in games that have a 25+ point difference
- I am open to any other suggestions to add to the "Fair Play" rules**

Playoffs

- **All league games must be completed by Wednesday, January 28th**
- **League playoffs will begin Monday, February 2nd**
 - Host sites will be predetermined based on standings and gym availability
 - # of teams qualifying for playoffs will be determined shortly, but will NOT include all teams from league play (FVBOA officials continue to plead with us to have shorter playoffs)
- **League championships will be on Friday, February 6th OR Saturday, February 7th**
 - The number of berths to the EVAA's will be determined once all leagues have declared how many teams they have

OTHER DETAILS

- Referees
 - Junior basketball must use FVBOA (Fraser Valley Basketball Officials Association)
 - Gr. 9 is encouraged to use FVBOA as well
 - o Lowest priority so may need to use other refs
 - Athletic Directors or Coaches must register their games on the Arbiter website
 - o <http://www.ArbiterSports.com/> -- For help (westagencies@shaw.ca)
 - Referee contacts
 - o Paul Nivins (pnivins@gmail.com) & Trevor West (westagencies@shaw.ca)
- Discipline
 - Please note that player conduct must be handled by coaches and school administration. It is not the role or the responsibility of the league coordinator to handle discipline. Player infractions/offenses will be immediately directed to school administration. Please instruct coaches to directly contact the opposing coach and athletic director for any player conduct concerns, also notifying the league coordinator.
 - Schools are responsible for the decorum of coaches and team followers. This includes how they interact with minor officials and game referees. Officials play a vital part of the game – just as players and coaches do – and they deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. Referees are doing their best, so please recognize and acknowledge this fact while interacting with them.

- Weather
 - Weather conditions often impact the season
 - Unless there is an official “travel advisory” issued by the school district or ministry of transportation games will be ON
 - Away teams must be prepared to accept a forfeit if the decision to not travel to a game is based on their own team/parent concerns
 - Dates are limited so we need to do our best to get games in when we can

Scores, Standings, Schedules

- EVAA Executive and Basketball Coordinators are really pushing hard to have a central website (<https://www.evathletics.ca/>) that is complete with scores and schedule from every league updated as frequently as possible. It is the winning coach’s responsibility to ensure scores are sent IMMEDIATELY after your game. Please keep scoresheets as records in case of any disputes

- **Scores can be filled out by the WINNING team at the following link:**

<https://forms.gle/BXw1bHsw1i19yvh6>

- **Contact information, scheduling, playoffs, etc. can be found at the following link:**

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/100TYDcMxybc98IAopb6FtgBdz2c08_XisGIbK5IbxIA/edit#gid=0

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