



Potomac Valley Basketball League / Tournament

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RULES OF PLAY

1. A. Games shall consist of two halves (3 min ½ time & warm up).
 - a. Each half shall be
 - i. **15 minutes** (29.5 Ball)
 - ii. **14 minutes** for 6th Grade and under (28.5 Ball)
 - b. **3 min** ½ time break & warm up
2. Games are played with running clock. The clock is stopped at any time during the game for
 - a. shooting fouls
 - b. time outs called by the officials or either team.
 - c. In the final two minutes of the second half, the clock is stopped on all whistles.
3. 4th Grade and under, no pressing during the 1st half unless agreed upon by both head coaches!
4. **Time Outs:** (2) full and (2) 30 second time during a game. One full time out will be credited each team for each overtime period (No Carry Over). Head Coaches or players may call time outs.
5. **Bonus situation:** Double bonus is effective upon the 10th team foul of each half.
6. A player is disqualified upon committing a 5th personal foul and must leave the game. Any player or Coach ejected from a game will not be allowed to participate in the team's next game.
7. **Mercy Rule** - shall apply for all divisions. If at any point during the game one team holds a 20+ point lead there will be a running clock for everything except timeouts until lead 15 or less.
 - a. Any team up by 20 or more cannot press beyond ½ court.
8. **Overtime periods when will be as follows (1 min Warm-Up):**
 - a. 1st overtime 3 min (stop clock on last minute)
 - b. 2nd 1-minute (No Stop Clock)
 - c. 3rd-sudden death, starting with a jump ball and ending when the first team scores.
9. Forfeit Rule – CLOCK STARTS 1 Pt. per Min. for 10 minutes then **FORFEIT IS FINAL!** – A team that forfeit may not be eligible to play for a championship. (A \$100.00 forfeit fee may be applied)