

# QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

## YOUTH BASKETBALL RULES

### I. AGE DIVISIONS – As of September 1

Peewee	Divisions	Boys and Girls	Ages 6-7
Midget	Divisions	Boys and Girls	Ages 8-9
Junior	Divisions	Boys and Girls	Ages 10-11
Senior	Divisions	Boys and Girls	Ages 12-13 (14 in 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)
High School	Divisions	Boys and Girls	Grades 9 - 12

### II. EQUIPMENT

Boys and Girls leagues (Peewee and Midget) will use a youth basketball, 26.0 - 27.5. Girls' leagues (Junior and Senior) will use an intermediate basketball, 28.5. Junior league boys will use an intermediate basketball, 28.5. Senior and High School league boys will use a regulation basketball, 29.5 – 30.0.

### III. PLAYING RULES

1. NO ONE is allowed on the playing floor in street shoes.
2. Teams may wear t-shirt of black or white under uniforms, but players must wear all the same color.
3. Playoff seeding Tie Breaker: Head-to-head competition, and coin toss.
4. Equal playing time for all participants. (No child should play the entire game unless you only have 5 players.) The Park and Recreation requires players the minimum playtime of **6 minutes per half**
5. Clock will stop for free throws and time outs.
6. Overtime rules for playoffs only: 3 minutes length with 1 time-out per team. Also, 10–11-year-old age groups can full court press for last 1 minute. If score remains tied, play until first point is scored.
7. NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS rules will be followed except for the above changes and division rules will govern play.

### IV. TEAM ASSIGNMENT

Queen Anne's County Parks and Recreation will be instituting a new **Team Assignment Policy effective July 1, 2019**. The main points of this new policy are as follows:

1. **Team Configuration**
  - a. All participants will be randomly assigned to a team by age.
  - b. Random Sequence Generator will pick all participants registered by age (i.e., 10-year-olds and then 11-year-old)

## 2. **Late Signee Policy**

- a. This is defined as players that register after the team assignments. The late signees will be placed on teams by order they register in the same order as the original assignment.

In response to the feedback received from last season's survey, this change in policy was developed to promote a level playing field for all participants

## v. **DIVISION RULES**

### **Ages 6-7**

1. Free throws will be shot from the inside of bottom of Key.
2. No pressure until the top of key (straight line from top of key), other than against a fast break by the opposing team. If pressure is applied then a warning will be given to that team, after that a technical foul may be called for backcourt pressure.
3. Players will be allowed five (5) fouls per game.
4. Each team is allowed four (4) time-outs – two (2) per half. **NO OVERTIME.**
5. The games will be played in four (4) quarters consisting of eight (8) minute quarters with a running clock. The clock will stop for **time-outs and free-throws only.**
6. Half time will be three (3) minutes in length.
7. Five (5) second lane violations will be called in this division.
8. Ball size will be a 26.0 - 27.5
9. **Baskets will be at 8 feet high for this division.**

### **Ages 8-9**

1. No backcourt pressure, other than against a fast break by the opposing team. If pressure is applied then a warning will be given to that team, after that a technical foul may be called for backcourt pressure. If a team on defense is ahead by fourteen (14) or more points, they must play inside the top of the key (straight line from top of the key)
2. Players will be allowed five (5) fouls per game.
3. Each team is allowed four (4) time-outs – two (2) per half. **NO OVERTIME.**
4. The games will be played in four (4) quarters consisting of eight (8) minute quarters with a running clock. The clock will stop for **time-outs and free throws only**
5. Half time will be three (3) minutes in length.
6. Three (3) second lane violations will be called in this division.
7. Ball size will be a 26.0 - 27.5
8. **Baskets will be at 9 feet high for this division.**

## **Ages 10-11**

1. Teams may only full court press the last two minutes of each half. If the team on defense is ahead by fourteen (14) or more points, they cannot press full court. Team ahead by fourteen (14) or more points may press after the ball has advanced beyond half court. A technical foul may be called if the rule is not adhered to. If one team should achieve a lead of 30 points or more any time during a game the clock will run continuously including free-throws.
2. Each team is allowed four (4) time-outs – two (2) per half.
3. The games will be played in four (4) quarters consisting of eight (8) minutes with a running clock for all but the last two (2) minutes of each half, time-outs. **No overtime during regular season.** The clock will stop for **time-outs and free-throws only.**
4. Half time will be three (3) minutes in length.
5. Ball size will be a 28.5

## **Ages 12-13**

1. Teams may full-court press throughout the game. If the team on defense is ahead by fourteen (14) or more points, they cannot press full court. Team ahead by fourteen (14) or more points may press after the ball has advanced beyond half court. A technical foul may be called if the rule is not adhered to. If one team should achieve a lead of 30 points or more any time during a game the clock will run continuously including time-outs and free throws.
2. Each team is allowed four (4) time-outs – two (2) per half.
3. The games will be played in four (4) quarters consisting of eight (8) minutes with a running clock for all but the last two (2) minutes of each half, time-outs. **No overtime during regular season.** The clock will stop for **time-outs and free-throws only.**
4. Half time will be three (3) minutes in length.
5. Ball size will be a 28.5 for Girls and 29.5 for Boys

## **Grade 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**

1. Teams may full-court press throughout the game. If the team on defense is ahead by fourteen (14) or more points, they cannot press full court. Team ahead by fourteen (14) or more points may press after the ball has advanced beyond half court. A technical foul may be called if the rule is not adhered to. If one team should achieve a lead of 30 points or more any time during a game the clock will run continuously including time-outs and injuries.
2. Each team is allowed four (4) time-outs – two (2) per half.
3. The games will be played in four (4) quarters consisting of eight (8) minutes with a running clock for all but the last two (2) minutes of each half, time-outs. **No overtime during regular season.** The clock will stop for **time-outs and free-throws only.**
4. Half time will be three (3) minutes in length.
5. Ball size will be a 28.5 for Girls and 29.5 for Boys