

Big Cat Girls & Boys Basketball Spring League

- Rules will follow the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) unless outlined in this form.
- **You must bring your own basketballs.**
- **Sportsmanship:** If the coach is demonstrating unsportsmanlike conduct, the officials or director will take a timeout to deal with the situation. The timeout will be charged to the coach's team. If the team's fans are demonstrating unsportsmanlike conduct, the coach will be forced to take a time out and the coach will be responsible for dealing with the unsportsmanlike fan. If the coach does not have a time out, it will cost his team a coaching technical. If unsportsmanlike conduct persists, the fan will be treated like a coach and be given 2 technical fouls (4 points), possession of the ball, and ejection from the premises.
- **Any technical foul** will result in 2 points (No Free Throws) for opposing team and possession of the ball. Flagrant fouls are 2 points and automatic ejection. Intentional fouls are 2 free throws and possession of the ball.
- If a coach/parent gets ejected, they must leave the building immediately, and they cannot coach the next game or be present in the gym for the remainder of that day.
- **Games will be 2 twenty-minute halves. The last 2 minutes of second half is stop clock. The 3RD and 4th grade division will play 2 sixteen-minute halves and the last 2 minutes of second half is stop clock.**
- **3 time-outs** allowed per game.
- **All ties after Regulation** will result in a 3 man shoot off between the teams. Whichever team has the possession arrow will shoot first from the free throw line.
- No outside food or beverages will be allowed (player water bottles are the exception). Teams must clean up their bench and throw away water bottles after their game.

- Entry fee for visitors is \$5.00 per person
- **On the 8th team foul (per half), players shoot 2 free throws. “One and one” free throws have been eliminated.**
- **3rd and 4th Grade Division**, everyone must play half court man to man, no presses or half court zone defenses. Full court man press is allowed the last 30 seconds of the game.
- **In the 5th Grade Division**, everyone must play half court man-to-man defense or full court man-to-man defense. Teams are allowed to press but it must be man-to-man. No traps or zone defenses are allowed.
- **6th-8th** can play any defenses they want.
- If a player gets 2 technical fouls or 1 flagrant foul, they are out of that game and the next following game.
- Any fights by a player are an automatic ejection from that game.
- **Coaches are responsible for their players and fans at all times.**
- Each team will provide one adult to serve as scorer or timer.
- The individual scorer (score sheet) will keep track of fouls, time outs, score and possessions.
- The Home Team will run the clock and the score, and the Visiting Team will keep the score sheet.

** Good luck to all the teams & thank you for participating in Big Cat Basketball.*

Pat Schluter, League Director