

Big Cat Basketball Fall and Spring League

Rules

- 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-12th grade** 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