

**2009 Middle School Basketball League
Rules**

Game Time: Games will be played on Saturday mornings at Prisco Community Center starting at 8:30 a.m.

***League information regarding schedules, scores, standings can be found online at:** www.fvpdathletics.com

2009 Rules

1. The league supervisor reserves the right to interpret and/or change any of the league rules at his discretion.
2. Schedules/Scores/Standings are updated and posted inside the gymnasium at the Prisco Community Center.
3. Current ISHA rules will govern league play, except for those listed below.
4. A team may start and play with four players with the fifth player entering upon arrival during the next dead ball situation. If a team has less than 4 players at game time, the game will be forfeited. A practice game may be played if both teams accept.
5. All team members must wear the same colored jersey with each jersey having an identifiable number. A team cannot have two players with the same number participating in any game. Officials will check this prior to the start game.
6. All jewelry (rings, ear rings, nose rings, eyebrow rings, etc.) will either be removed or taped over during the game. At no time shall a player be playing in a game with any type of jewelry exposed.
7. All games will start with a jump ball. Each additional quarter will begin with in-bounding the ball according to alternate possession. All jump balls will be alternate possessions. Overtime periods will start with jump ball.
8. Game length will consist of four 7 minute quarters with a 3-minute half time. A continuous running clock will be used for the first three quarters except for free throws and until the last 2 minutes of the 4th quarter, except for injury, time-outs, or official request. Regulation clock will be in effect during the final two minutes of the game and any overtime periods. Clock will stop for all whistles the final two minutes and overtimes.
9. Fouls will be shot throughout the entire game. 2nd half foul totals carry over to all Overtime periods.

10. If a team is up by 20 or more points with 2 minutes remaining in the game a continuous running clock will be used. The score will be reset to 0 – 0.
11. Each team is allowed 2 time-outs per half. Each team will receive 1 time out in the first over time session. 2nd Half timeouts do not carry over.
12. Scoring is as follows: 2 pt/Field Goal, 3 pt/field Goal beyond the arc, 1 pt/per free throw, 1 free throw and possession on technical, flagrant, intentional, and sportsmanlike fouls.
13. All technical fouls are an automatic free throw shot and possession against the offending team.
14. A team receiving 3 technical fouls in a game will automatically forfeit that game. Any player receiving 2 technical fouls during the game will be ejected and serve an automatic 1 game suspension. If a player is ejected twice in the same season, the player will be suspended for the remainder of the season.
15. Use of profane or abusive language or gestures toward any Fox Valley Park District employee or official will result in an immediate 3 game suspension of the person(s). The league supervisor will review the incident and add any additional game suspension will be given if warranted. Any decision or stipulation is final; there will be no appeal process.
16. Any team/player caught in possession/consumption of drugs or alcohol will be expelled from league play.
17. During a free throw attempt, players may enter the lane area once the ball hits the rim after the shot.
18. If the score is tied at the end of regulation play, there will be a 2-minute overtime period with normal clock (Clock stop on all whistles and free throws will be shot if a team is in the bonus or the foul was committed during the shot). Each team will be given 1 time-out for overtime. If overtime ends in a tie, the game will be decided by a sudden death period. First team to score wins.
19. Any fighting will result in **Immediate Dismissal** from the league **and Possible Legal Procedures**. An “Incident Form” will be filled out immediately following the altercation. The league supervisor will complete the “Incident Form” with statements coming from the game officials. Once the form has been completed, officials, scorekeeper/gym supervisor will sign it. This form will then be filed with the League Supervisor.
20. There will be **NO ALCOHOL** allowed in gym, parking lots or Prisco Center grounds.

21. There will be **No Abusive Language** allowed on the court toward other teams, officials, league supervisor or any other persons in the building. A technical foul can be called by the referees at any point for abusive language violations.
22. **Verbal Assault** (Threats/Threaten) toward any player, game official, league supervisor or any other persons in the building will result in immediate ejection from the game, with a mandatory 3 game suspension. The league supervisor has the right to increase the suspension to up to a 1 year suspension if he feels that an additional punishment is warranted. **Verbal Assault may also lead to Criminal Charges being pressed upon the offender.**
23. All children **Must Be Seated** in the bleachers during the game and are not allowed to run around the gym or hallways of the building. If a child leaves the gym area, an adult must accompany him
24. The courts are for Middle School Basketball League Players Only. This court is to be used for teams and players to warm-up and practice. No children are allowed on this court.
25. Fox Valley Park District will not be responsible for lost or stolen property.
26. Failure to abide by the above stated rules can result in action by the Fox Valley Park District.

Miscellaneous

1. Should any member(s) of a team verbally/physically attack or abuse an official, league supervisor, employees of the park district, and/or players in the league, that person(s) will be immediately suspended from the league/tournament competition pending an investigation by the program supervisor. The program supervisor will make the decision on eligibility of player(s). Any decision/stipulation will be final; there will be no appeals process. Criminal charges will be pressed against those individuals who violate this rule.