

Yeshiva Middle School Sports Association

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2015-16 League Dates

1. **Varsity and 7th grade league games** will take place between October 25th 2015 and February 8th 2016.
2. Championship game(s) scheduled for Sunday March 6th 2016.
3. All-Star Game is scheduled for Sunday March 13th 2016.

League Rules:

- **Home team** is responsible for emailing the score of the game to League Supervisors within 24 hours after the completion of the game.
- For all leagues, only kids in that specific grade are allowed to participate. For example, in the 6th grade league, only kids in 6th grade can play for their respective teams. You can play UP grades. **EXCEPTION FOR PLAYING DOWN HAS ONCE AGAIN BEEN GRANTED TO BPY**
- No more than two (2) kids can play up for any team on the exemption list (BPY).
- You MAY choose to play a kid UP a division; if OK'd by the school and the league prior. You may NOT play kids DOWN in a division (BPY exception).
- Games should begin no later than 7:30PM unless both coaches agree to later start.
- All "Federation" high school rules are in effect; similar to the existing leagues today. Coaches should familiarize themselves with all the new rules as they are made available. Information can be found on the website: <http://www.nfhs.org/activities-sports/basketball/>
- All teams should wear LEGALLY numbered uniforms. Teams **should** have (but not necessary) white home and colored road uniforms. Legal numbers are 5 and below. IE 55 is a legal number, 56 is NOT legal.
- T-shirts worn under uniforms **must** be the same color as uniform.
- 29.5 size basketballs are used for boys league and 28.5 size basketballs are used for girls league
- Each game will be four (4) 8 minute quarters with full stop time. All overtime periods will be three (3) minutes in length.
- **3 POINTERS ARE NOW PART OF BOYS VARSITY (7th/8th) LEAGUE.** All other divisions DO NOT have 3 pointers.
- Normal 1 and 1 free throw rules will take place for 7th foul in the half and the 10th foul will be a double bonus (2 shots). This is for ALL leagues.
- Each home team should and provide the following at each game
 - A regulation basketball.
 - A handheld time clock in the event the scoreboard goes down.
 - A basketball scorebook and a scorekeeper.
 - A possession arrow if not part of the scoreboard.

- A first aid kit.
- In the event a gym is not equipped with a digital scoreboard a like scoreboard must be made available.
- In the event a game needs to be postponed, please email both the opposing coach and League Supervisors or call both. (See contact information above). As well, a list of all coaches' email and cell will be made available.
- The league will be handling assigning refs. We will be using board certified refs. Once the game begins, the ref has COMPLETE jurisdiction over all aspects of the game.
- It is highly recommended to have coaches seated through the entire game. Any coach or team member who attempts to communicate with his team in any position other than the recommended may be subject to a technical foul.
- Points will NOT determine a tiebreaker. In the event the standings are tied at the end of the season, a coin toss will determine the tie breaker. This is to avoid running up scores.
- Any change to agreed upon schedule must be approved by the League Supervisors.
- Schools are URGED to provide adequate faculty supervisors at all games (nurse/CPR). At least one individual at all games should be CPR certified and defibrillators must be accessible at all gyms. ALL COACHES ARE ENCOURAGED TO OBTAIN CPR CERTIFICATION.
- MERCY RULES:
 - A team that is winning by 20 or more points at ANY time during the game may not press or play defense beyond the arc.
 - A team winning by 25 or more points SHOULD remove its starters from the game.
- There is NO 3 point shot in this league (for all divisions).
- **5 timeouts per game.** In the event of OT, there is one (1) timeout per OT session. **All timeouts are FULL timeouts.**
- **OT Rules: 3 Minutes and each team will receive 1 timeout.**
- This is a YESHIVA league. As such, it's expected that all kids AND coaches (of the Jewish faith) will wear their kippahs during the entire game. Abusive behavior and foul language will not be tolerated.
- Any player or coach receiving two (conduct related) technical fouls in any season will be subject to probation or suspension determined by the League and school administration.
- No artificial noise makers are allowed.
- **Special Rule for 6th Grade League:**
 - No team may play defense beyond its own half court line
 - You **MAY** full court press at:
 - 3 minutes left in 2nd Quarter for remainder of half.
 - Last minute of game in 4th quarter if the game is within 10 points.
 - No pressing in OT

Playoff TieBreakers

- Head to Head
- Record vs Common Opponent by PCT
- Record vs Playoff Team by PCT
- Coin Toss