

Grade 8 Basketball

Grade 8 West Zone Rules and Regulations

Results should be emailed to the commissioner by the **Home/Host Team** **within 24 hours**. If a game needs to be rescheduled, it is the responsibility of the coach and athletic director to inform the other school involved, the officials, the West Zone President, and the commissioner as soon as possible.

The league will be organized depending on the number of teams.

Guidelines

1. Grade 8 is a participation-oriented year, and teams should include as many players as possible; however, you are encouraged to create a strong competitive experience for your players.
It has been decided that for each game, you must play everyone equally for the first three quarters.
Player development at the Grade 8 level is a priority.
2. While you are permitted to make cuts, it is encouraged to keep as many players as possible for future development.
3. Playing Time: Equal playing time from game to game is not required at this level; however, most players should have opportunities to compete throughout the season, particularly those who meet team expectations. Playing time decisions may consider factors such as injury, illness, missed practices, attitude, attendance, academic effort, ability, and school or team philosophy. Coaches may make roster and playing time decisions based on these factors, but once a game roster is submitted to the scorekeepers' table, all rostered players must receive equal playing time for the first three quarters.
4. Each team/coach is responsible for playing in accordance with the spirit and intent of the Guidelines, Rules, and Understandings. Positive and respectful sporting behaviour and fair play must be demonstrated at all times.

Rules

Game:	4 quarters. 8 minutes long. 4-minute overtime if needed. 8 min half.
Start Times:	5:00pm for the first game and 6:30 pm for the second game.
Ball:	Size 6 for Girls & Boys
FIBA:	The game is officiated according to the FIBA Rules, with high school modifications permitted by our governing body, BC Basketball Officials Association (BCBOA)
Defence:	All defences are allowed (Man-to-Man and Zone)
Press:	Allowed except by a team if they are leading by 20 points or more.

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PRESSING RULES

- If a team presses when they are ahead by 20 points or more, the other coach needs to remind that team's coach of the correct rule. This should resolve the matter immediately.
- If the same team continues to press, even after the other coach asks, please finish the game and bring this incident to the attention of the Grade 8 Commissioner and the West Zone President within 24 hours of the game. They will investigate and apply the necessary consequence management.
- This would apply to escalating any other issue or concern you may have.
- FIBA Rules and Modifications **do not** include refereeing the Press. As such, Officials cannot enforce this while refereeing and will focus on calling a fair and balanced game. However, if asked, they will be happy to remind the coaches of the Rule.