

# SILVER LAKE YOUTH BASKETBALL

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## **GUIDELINES FOR RESCHEDULING, FORFEITING OR ADDING PLAYERS**

**All hosting League rules\* apply. If League rules allow for calling players up to fill rosters when needed, the following SLYB rules apply:**

- All teams will play a game when 6 or more players are available to play.
- No player may play down a level in a game.
- If a team knows they will have a shortage of players and be at 6 or fewer players for a game they may look to add a player/players from a lower team (same age group or grade below) to get to 6 or 7 players.

**The following selection criteria applies and must be adhered to:**

- With as much notice as possible, the coach in need notifies the travel league coordinator that there may be a need to reschedule and or call up an extra player.
- The coach in need contacts the other coach to discuss a player playing with them.
- The coach of the team being asked checks to make sure it will not interfere at all with their team's schedule and decides if it will be possible for a player or players to play with the other team.
- The coach of the team being asked will recommend a player they feel is deserving of "playing up" for a game and the two coaches will work together to select the player that best fits the needs of the asking team.
- If coaches are unable to agree on who to play up no one will play up.
- Player selections must be approved by the Board President before inviting a player to play up.
- The selected players' coach will ask the player and their family if they are interested in playing and practicing (1-2 practices max) with the other team for a particular game.
- Coaches should plan to play their regular team members for as much of the game as possible, and use the additional players from the other team as subs only.

**Expectation of Players of Coaches:**

- All players will prioritize playing for their assigned team for games and practices. This is only allowed on a single game or practice basis.

- Players will not regularly practice or play games with multiple teams. If there are multiple games that require additional players, coaches should offer “playing up” opportunities to different players to provide the experience to additional players.

**Rescheduling or Forfeiting:**

If a team cannot field a team of a minimum of 6 players for a given game, 24 hour prior notice must be given to the travel coordinator in order to attempt to reschedule. Anything less than 24 hours will require a team to forfeit.

*\*South Shore Girls Basketball League requires a roster of fewer than 5 players, league approval and opposing coach approval before a team can call up players to fill a roster. To confirm other leagues' rules, please contact your SLYB Travel League coordinator.*