

2024 Men's/YM's Basketball Procedures

Purpose:

The purpose of the basketball program within the stake and any other athletic type activity is to encourage gathering. Invite your neighbor or friend in the area that you think would enjoy playing basketball. Remember that we as members of the church have committed to stand as witnesses of Christ in all things and all ways. We want to have positive experiences each week.

Rules

- We will follow typical high school basketball rules
 - Bonus 1 @ 7 fouls
 - Bonus 2 @ 10 fouls
 - 5 individual fouls and you are out
 - 8 minute running quarters with the following two exceptions
 - We will stop the clock on all fouls throughout the game
 - Clock stops during the last 2 minutes of each quarter
 - 2 timeouts per half
- In order to encourage teams to show up, sportsmanlike conduct & officiator spots filled, we have a point system. At the end of the season, the top four teams in this point system will be invited to play in the mini bracket tournament.
 - Each ward has the potential to earn 10 points in three categories:
 - Win/Loss/Forfeit - Maximum 4 Points
 - Win - 4 points
 - Loss - 2 points
 - Forfeit - 0 points
 - Sportsmanlike Conduct - Maximum 3 Points
 - Each ward must assign a representative on their team (a team captain) who will talk to the officiators if there is an issue on the court. This is an effort to reduce the intensity level that can come with playing competitively.
 - Great Sportsmanship - 3 points
 - This is a team that plays well and has no noticeable issues with the officiators or other players
 - Good Sportsmanship - 2 points

- This is a team that did mostly well with a noticeable issue that was controlled afterwards.
- Poor Sportsmanship - 1 point
 - This is a team that had difficulty controlling themselves. A technical foul was called, cursing or multiple issues with the team interacting with the officiator or other players.
- No Sportsmanship - 0 points
 - This is a team that has no control. 2+ technical fouls, a player was ejected from the game, physical altercation (those involved will be asked to leave and not return for the remainder of the season), or egregious issues with the officiators or other players.
- We understand that in competition we can get invested in the outcome of the game. This system isn't meant to punish every outburst or being upset with a call from an officiator. This is a program that is run by volunteers from the individual wards and stake athletics who are not normally professionals in the sport. We want to reduce the potential for conflict. Our goal is to have fun playing a sport that we love to play.
- **(For Men's) Officiator Spots filled - Maximum 3 Points**
 - Your team provided an officiator at your assigned time - 3 points
 - You did not provide an officiator at your assigned time - 0 points
- **(For YM's) Coach - Maximum 3 Points**
 - Your team had a coach - 3 points
 - Your team did not have a coach - 3 points