

December 21, 2009

Mite By-Laws
11-12 years old

*All Youth Basketball Leagues will be governed by the National High School League rulebook with the addition of the following local league rules.**

1. Each game will start with a jump ball.
2. Each quarter will be eight (8) minutes in length, with a running clock. **The clock will stop on all free throw attempts and time outs. During the last two (2) minutes of the second and fourth quarters, we will use a regulation clock (the clock will stop on every whistle).** There will be a two (2) minute break between quarters and a five (5) minute half-time period.
3. Overtime periods will be two (2) minutes in length with a regulation clock. Each team will be given one (1) time out in the overtime period.
4. Each team will be allowed four (4) timeouts per game. Unused timeouts will carry over into the overtime period.
5. Teams may play “Man” or “Zone” defenses. Teams are allowed to press in the full or half court. If a team builds a fifteen (15) point lead, they cannot engage defensively until the ball crosses the three-point line. If a team fails to do this, a technical foul may be issued at the official’s discretion. Once the lead drops below fifteen (15) points, they may return to playing defense without restrictions, including a full or half court press.
6. Each player must play one full (1) quarter per game without being substituted for. If a team has ten (10) players, five (5) players will play the first quarter and five (5) different players will play the second quarter. Once all ten players have played their full quarter, substitutions may begin. If a team has less than ten (10) players, the players who have met their playing requirement can be substituted for anytime. If a team has more than ten (10) players the player/s that did not play in the first half must start the third quarter and play the full quarter without being substituted for, all other players may be substituted for. The only exception to this rule would be if a player becomes sick or injured during the game. Open substitutions will be allowed anytime for a player who has met their required playing time.
NOTE: If a player arrives late to a game, but before halftime, that player must fulfill his/her mandatory playing requirements.
PENALTY: The player who did not meet the playing requirement must start the next game and play the entire quarter without being substituted for.
7. The Intermediate size ball (28.5) will be used.

8. Three (3) point field goals will be allowed in this division.
9. We will use the high league school rule for free throw alignment. The first space under the basket will not be occupied (this includes gymnasiums that use the portable baskets).
10. A regulation 10ft. goal will be used in this Division.
11. Tie Breaker Rules: If we have a tie for first place at the end of the regular season, we will utilize the following to determine first place:
 1. Head-to-Head Competition
 2. Total number of "Points Allowed" in games between the tied teams.
 3. Total number of "Points Allowed" for all conference regular season games.
 4. Total number of "Points Allowed" for all regular season games.
 5. If teams are still tied after #1, #2, #3 and #4, a single elimination playoff will be used. If three teams are tied, a coin toss will decide which team receives the bye in the single elimination playoff format.
12. There will be no Inter-League "Post Season Tournament". This division will compete in the SCAP All-Star Basketball Tournaments. These tournaments will consist of teams from around the Lowcountry. All-Star Team Selection will be handled by the Athletic Staff.

NOTE: If a division is split into conference play, the coach for the conference champion will be selected as the All-Star coach for his/her area (ie. River Oaks, Danny Jones, Northwoods). If teams from the same area are in different conferences and they finish the season as their respective conference champion, the Tie Breaker Rules will apply to determine that area's All-Star coach. (For example, if the Danny Jones Lakers win the Northern Conference and the Danny Jones Pistons win the Southern Conference; the tie will be broken using the Tie Breaker rules. In this case, the Danny Jones Lakers beat the Danny Jones Pistons 24-21 during the regular season. The coach from the Danny Jones Lakers will be selected to be the All-Star coach for the Danny Jones area.)

Girls Only: The coach for the All-Star team will be the coach of the North Charleston team with the best overall record.
13. Players **must** wear Department issued jerseys and shorts during the

games. If a player has to wear replacement shorts, the shorts may not have pockets or zippers.

14. Coaches are required to wear their Department issued shirt during games. If they fail to do so:
 - a. **First Offense:** A warning will be issued.
 - b. **Second Offense:** Technical Foul
 - c. **Third Offense:** The coach will be suspended for that game and his/her assistant coach will coach the team. If there is no assistant coach, a staff member will coach the team.

15. Players will not be allowed to wear any jewelry during games. This includes earrings, bracelets, necklaces, and hair beads.

16. If a team obtains a 25 point lead, the clock will operate under “running time”, stopping only for time outs and injury. If the trailing team cuts the lead below a twenty five (25) point margin, the clock will return to its previous mode for operating that game

17. A team trophy and individual awards will be awarded to the 1st Place team based on the regular season standings. The Second Place team, based on regular season standings, will be awarded a team trophy only.
NOTE: In the 11-12 yr. old Boys Division, teams will be divided into separate conferences (ie. River Oaks, Northwoods, Danny Jones). The team that wins their respective conference will be crowned the conference champion. This does not include non-conference games. Each conference champion will receive a 1st place team trophy and individuals awards. The runners-up in each conference will receive a team trophy only.

18. Players must be enrolled in day school or home schooled to participate in the recreation program.

19. Players can not play on a recreational team if they are on a Middle School, B-Team, JV Team or Varsity Team at their school. Players can not participate in more than one recreational league and still be eligible for SCAP All-Stars.

20. Free throw distance for this age group will be from the regulation free throw line.