

# **CENTRAL OKLAHOMA YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION BYLAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS**

## **ARTICLE 1**

### **Administrative Organization**

- 1.1 All administrative and policy-making functions of this organization shall be under the supervision of the Central Oklahoma Youth Basketball Association.
- 1.2 There should be at least one representative from each host town and that representative must be at least the Director/Coordinator of basketball for that town. The representatives are defined as the commission.
- 1.3 Points of contact for the Association will be voted on by the commission annually.
- There will be two points of contact for each league season.
  - Points of contact will be responsible for organization of meetings, awards, complaints, general communication for COYBA, and be listed on the COYBA bank account to direct expenses and revenue.
- 1.4 Any matters related to the administration and policy-making functions of the league shall be voted on by the commission. Each township represents one vote. Majority will prevail over any vote, and in the event of a tie there will be no changes made to the administration or policy in question.

## **ARTICLE 2**

### **Duties of Commission**

- 2.1 To approve the admissions of teams and townships into the league.
- 2.2 To establish and enforce game rules and regulations as well as rules pertaining to eligibility.
- 2.3 To provide a schedule for all games.
- All townships that comprise COYBA will split the costs that are to be paid to the scheduler on a cost per team amount.
  - The Schedule is final once approved by the commission.
  - There will be no rescheduling of any games other than for high school playoffs and inclement weather.
  - To provide a weekly update, during the regular season, of team standings as they relate to playoffs.

2.4 To provide trophies for post-season league tournament winners (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place). Costs of trophies are to be paid by all townships on a cost per team amount.

2.5 To take any actions necessary, in any situation, not specifically provided for in these rules and regulations.

2.6 To provide referees for all games.

- All townships that comprise COYBA will split the costs that are to be paid to the referee coordinator on a cost per team amount.
- The referee coordinator will have out a schedule for the coming weekend no later than Tuesday before weekend of play for approval by each township.

2.7 To serve as the judicial body for the Association. As such, the commission shall have authority to suspend or remove permanently from the Association any team, coach, or player who, in the opinion of the commission, exhibits misconduct or behavior which is detrimental to the purpose(s) of the league.

### **ARTICLE 3**

#### **Duties of Townships:**

3.1 As of the beginning of the 2025 - 2026 season, the towns are as follows:

- Newcastle
- Noble
- Bridge Creek
- Blanchard
- Dibble
- Washington
- Purcell
- Lexington
- Chickasha
- Tuttle
- Wayne
- Lindsay

- 3.2 To mandate league fees that will cover player insurance and any other expenses.
- 3.3 Each township shall govern any specific cases of hardships for their town(s).
- 3.4 Ensure OSSAA certified officials, (1) timekeeper and (1) scorekeeper are present for their home sites.
- 3.5 To take necessary action, in any situation, not specifically provided for in these rules and regulations.
- 3.6 To provide each team with (2) coaches' passes and each gate keeper with a weekly sign-in sheet for said coach(s).

## **ARTICLE 4**

### **League Organization**

- 4.1 League organization shall consist of several teams from each represented town.
- 4.2 There will be separate boys' and girls' divisions.
- 4.3 Divisions will be separated into groups based on grade and gender.
- 4.4 Divisions will be: 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- 4.5 All Townships will put teams playing in 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades into respective divisions.
- 4.6 The commission will divide the teams into one or more divisions to enhance competitiveness. 1<sup>st</sup> grade will all be in the same division and split into an East and West division if enough teams.
- 4.7 Tiebreakers will help ensure a fair outcome.
- 4.8 All games shall be played at the scheduled time and on the scheduled date of the scheduled gym as authorized by the Commission. If a game is postponed because of inclement weather, or other valid reasons, the Commission may reschedule that game. Any games that cannot be made up will result in a forfeit by both teams. Any changes in the schedule must be communicated and approved by the Commission in advance.
- 4.9 Failure of a team to appear for a scheduled game will result in the forfeit of that game. If any team is not on the court and ready to play within 10 minutes after the scheduled starting time, the officials may forfeit the game. It is the coach's responsibility to ensure their teams appear for all scheduled league games. In the event of forfeiture, a fee of

\$50.00 must be paid to the host town. If the fee is not paid at least 24 hours prior to that team's next regularly scheduled game, their next game will be forfeited as well.

4.10 Only appropriate basketball footwear will be allowed on the gym floors. Absolutely no boots, cleats or colored soles, that can mark the gym flooring, are allowed. It is strongly recommended that gym shoes be brought to the gym to be put on prior to the game to prevent dirt and small rocks from damaging the playing surface.

4.11 Host sites will have a set of (2) hanging goals or goals that raise and lower for 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade games.

4.12 Gate fees shall be \$5/per person for attendees out of High School to 65 years old. All Veterans as well as attendees ages 66 and older are free.

4.13 Each township will be responsible for each player's, parent's, and coach's ethics and sportsmanship.

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **Player participation rules**

5.1 A minimum of four minutes per game needs to be logged by every player that is eligible to play in regular scheduled league games and post season scheduled games.

5.2 Proof of grade level must be provided on official letterhead from each town's school district.

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **Pulling players up to your team for emergency use**

6.1 Player must be of same gender.

6.2 Maximum of two players can be pulled up.

6.3 Player must be pulled from the grade below yours.

- 1<sup>st</sup> grade would be the exception. 1<sup>st</sup> grade can pull from 1<sup>st</sup> grade of the same township.

6.4 Grade is determined by grade playing. EX. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is playing up in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. They are considered 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

6.5 A team/player can only play up one grade level.

6.6 Team in need MUST have less than six rostered players on game day to use "emergency players."

6.7 The coach must notify the referee and the scorekeeper, prior to the game, if a player on the roster that is dressed out/suited up but will not be participating in the game.

6.8 Valid reasons for a suited roster player not to play would include injury, sickness or disciplinary action.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **Team Rosters**

7.1 Roster size shall be determined by each individual township to suit the needs of teams based on the total amount of kids signed up in each division.

7.2 Team rosters containing player name and uniform number must be provided to the scorekeeper at least 10 minutes prior to the start of every game.

7.3 No player shall participate in an organized practice or game before he or she is lawfully bound with insurance through their townships league.

7.4 All players must provide proof of grade within 72 hours after a game to the Commission if that player's grade is in dispute. If that player is found to be illegal, all games participated in will be forfeited and the team will be placed on probation. The Commission will decide length of probation.

## **ARTICLE 8**

### **Eligibility of teams not associated with the Central Oklahoma Youth Basketball Association**

8.1 There are no longer any teams outside of the COYBA townships allowed to play in or through any towns that are already associated with the league.

## **ARTICLE 9**

### **SPECIFIC RULES THAT ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO PLAY IN THE COYBA**

9.1 There are multiple ways your player is deemed eligible for participation.

- Your player attends the school in which he or she plays for
- Your player lives in the school district in which he or she plays for
- Your player attends a feeder school that "feeds" into a larger high school. An example of this would be Middleburg "feeding" into Blanchard. This in-turn deems Middleburg students eligible to play in the COYBA.
- Any players residing inside Middleburg must play for Blanchard.
- Any players residing inside Friend or Pioneer must play for Chickasha.

- Shiloh attendees will go off of physical address.
- Any players residing in a K-8 district not mentioned above are not eligible to play in the COYBA.

## **ARTICLE 10**

### **Ejections from Games**

11.1 Any parent, fan or coach being ejected from a COYBA event for the first time will have to take an online anger management class that the guilty party will be responsible for paying for. They will not be allowed back into the gym until they bring a certificate of completion to their child's coach and or it is turned in to the league.

11.2 Their first offense will also result in an immediate two game suspension of the next two games on that team's schedule.

11.3 If the fan, parent or coach has multiple children playing in the league they will have to miss any games that fall in that two-week span or until the anger management certificate is received by the league.

11.4 Upon the ejection of the player, fan or coach the officials will assess a technical foul to the proper team's bench and the "seatbelt" rule will be put on the coaching staff for the remainder of the game.

11.5 If anyone refuses to take the class or serve the suspension the referees of your game will be put on notice that your game will start with the opponent shooting technical free.

throws and receiving the ball out of bounds. This will also enforce the seatbelt rule on your bench, and no one will be allowed to stand during the game for its entirety.

11. 6. If any fan, parent or coach approaches a referee after a game, they will have to attend an online anger management class and get a certificate of completion before they can return to next week's events. The cost of the class will be paid by the guilty party.

11.7 In the event that a referee ejects an entire section it will be at the discretion of the gym coordinator if anyone receives ejections or is required to take the anger management course.

11.8 In the event that a gym coordinator, league official or referee files a formal complaint against a fan for any of the reasons above, but an ejection was not made, all the above consequences can and will be handed down to the team at hand.

11.9. All ejections must be reported to the league office.

11.10 Starting in 2022-23 season, COYBA is adopting the OSSAA Sportsmanship rule: "Anytime an egregious act of unsportsmanlike conduct occurs two or more times during the same season, at the same school, in the same activity, the team and/or individual will be suspended from participation in that activity for the remainder of the season." This rule is for coaches, fans, and players. It is cumulative, meaning for example: 1 coach ejection, 1 fan ejection, and 1 player ejection can end the season for the entire team, not just individuals involved. An "egregious" act will be determined by COYBA Board. An egregious act can be, but not limited to: Referee verbal or physical abuse, fighting, ejections, etc."

## **ARTICLE 11**

### **Jewelry**

12.1 Jewelry of any type shall be taken off prior to tip off.

12.2 This rule applies to both boys' and girls' teams.

## **ARTICLE 12**

### **Protests/ appeals**

13.1 The one and only protest that will be heard by the commission is that of the questioning of a team's appropriate age.

13.2 The referee's decisions are 100% final.

## **ARTICLE 13 Post game**

14.1 Coaches are to maintain professionalism toward the other team, fans and referees.

14.2 There will be a no tolerance policy for approaching the refs after the game to do anything other than to say good job.

14.3 Approaching/touching the ref in any hostile manner will be subject for suspension.

## **ARTICLE 14**

### **Post season participation**

15.1 Each team must decide by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 20XX, of the season whether they will participate in the post season.

15.2 If you choose to play and then forfeit your post-season game a \$200 fine will be handed out to the team's coordinator.

- It will be each township's discretion to collect said fees from the coach in question.

## **ARTICLE 15**

### **Start of Season – End of Season**

16.1 Signups can begin on August 1, 20XX.

16.2 Each township can end signups at their own discretion.

16.3 Practices of any kind may not begin until October 1 20XX.

16.4 League games will start in December and end in February.

16.5 Post season tournament will be the week after season ending.

**SEE ATTACHMENT 1 FOR OFFICIAL GAME RULES**