

BECKER YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

RULES AND REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1.1 The Becker Youth Basketball Association (BYBA) is a community-based organization designed to provide an opportunity for all interested players to participate in an organized, competitive program focused on skill development, teamwork, and fostering a life-long love of the game while representing Becker in a positive fashion. In our program, winning should be secondary to development of basketball skills.
- 1.2 The BYBA operates a web site with the web address – www.beckerbasketball.org. The web site contains a copy of these rules and regulations, general information concerning the operation of Becker Youth Basketball, coaching guidelines, applications for coaches and players, a listing of current Board members, and various other information, as deemed necessary by the Board.
- 1.3 The basketball program will be implemented by volunteer coaches and parents with instruction / guidance by high school staff and through cooperation with BYBA, Becker Youth Sports Association and Becker Community Education.

ARTICLE 2.0 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 2.1 The BYBA is governed by a Board of Directors (Board) consisting of five members. Board members will be selected on an annual basis for staggered two-year terms. Each Board member is expected to serve in an advisory capacity for a third year following completion of their two-year term.
- 2.2 It is the responsibility of the Board to enforce the rules of the BYBA to help assure the highest possible standards for play.
- 2.3 Board members should completely familiarize themselves with the BYBA Code of Conduct and Rules, as they are the primary guide to the BYBA's system of play and conduct on the court and in the gyms for all participants, including the spectators, and especially the coaches. A Board member's knowledge of the BYBA Rules is essential for a successful BYBA season.
- 2.4 Board member responsibilities include (but are not limited to):
 - 2.4.1 Handling sign-ups for the BYBA at registration night.
 - 2.4.2 Selecting coaches.
 - 2.4.3 Conducting tryouts, as well as makeup tryout if necessary.
 - 2.4.4 Coordinating with the coaches, if applicable, to ensure that intramural team rosters do not include travel team players.
 - 2.4.5 Providing BYBA information materials for all coaches at registration night and as the season progresses.
 - 2.4.6 Coordinating issuance of uniforms and team balls.
 - 2.4.7 Assisting Community Education, to the extent necessary, with the various schedules involving practice times.
 - 2.4.8 Handling situations and issues with regard to games and participants, as they are brought before the Board.
 - 2.4.9 Supervising and requiring the return of all Player Evaluation and survey forms for return by all teams/coaches to the Board.
 - 2.4.10 Organizing and running the annual fundraising basketball tournament.
 - 2.4.11 Attending Board meetings.

ARTICLE 3.0 REGISTRATION

- 3.1 Registration will be held on two nights to be determined by the Board.
- 3.2 Registration will be limited to boys and girls between, and including, 3rd grade and 9th grade. Each player must be a student in the Becker School District.
- 3.3 It is required that every adult and child participating in the league will abide by the BYBA Code of Conduct. At least one parent (or parent's agent/representative) must, at registration, sign the BYBA Code of Conduct on behalf of the player's entire family.
- 3.4 A player is allowed to play on a team in a higher grade but cannot play on a team in a lower grade. Grade will be based on the grade the player is in at the time of registration. A player will not be allowed to move up a grade if he/she displaces a player in the higher grade.
- 3.5 Late registration: The Board will only accept as many late registrations as there are available slots based on 10 players per team. These late registrations will be put into separate blind draw conducted by the Board.
- 3.6 No late registrations will be accepted after first practice has started.

ARTICLE 4.0 FEES

- 4.1 Participation Fees
 - 4.1.1 Participation fees are to be paid at the time of registration.
 - 4.1.2 Board reserves the right to adjust fees on a periodic basis.
 - 4.1.3 Current participation fees are \$40/player for 3rd and 4th grade players. Current participation fees are \$80/player for 5th through 9th grade players. The money from these fees is used to pay for league fees, tournament entries, officiating and operation of the basketball program. There will be a late fee charge of \$10 for those signing up after the last scheduled sign up day.
 - 4.1.4 Participation fees are capped at \$360/family on an annual basis.
- 4.2 Uniform Deposits
 - 4.2.1 A \$60 uniform deposit is required from each player at the time of registration. Uniforms are to be returned in like condition to that at the beginning of the season. The uniform deposit will be returned at the end of the season when uniforms are returned in good condition.
- 4.3 Volunteer Deposits
 - 4.3.1 A \$75 volunteer deposit is required from each player at the time of registration. The volunteer deposit will be returned at the end of the year following the satisfactory completion of volunteer duties.
 - 4.3.2 Volunteer deposits are capped at \$150/family on an annual basis.
- 4.4 Refunds
 - 4.4.1 All requests for refunds must be submitted to the Board, based on the following rules.
 - 100% refund if player withdraws prior to first practice
 - 100% refund if player is injured prior to start of first practice
 - 4.4.2 No refunds of participation fee will be given after first practice. Decision on refund can be appealed to Board, who reserves right to refund at other percentage, depending upon specific circumstance.

ARTICLE 5.0 VOLUNTEERS

- 5.1 One volunteer per player is required to assist with various BYBA duties, including coaching, team manager, and working at the annual fundraising tournament. The following duties satisfy the volunteer commitment.
 - 5.1.1 Coaching - two coaches are allowed to qualify for volunteer hours per team.
 - 5.1.2 Team Manager - one team manager is allowed to qualify for volunteer hours per team.
 - 5.1.3 Board Members - membership on the Board qualifies for volunteer hours.
 - 5.1.4 Working a ½-day session at the Annual Fundraising Tournament.
- 5.2 Families with more than two kids playing in the BYBA need only satisfy the commitment for two volunteers.

ARTICLE 6.0 TEAM SELECTION

- 6.1 The Board shall conduct player distribution in the manner described in 6.1.1 through 6.1.5 below. The members of the Board determine the method of player selection and may use the principles of this rule as a guide to help assure fairness. All Board determinations of player distribution shall be final.
 - 6.1.1 The Board shall determine, by number of registrants, how many teams can be formed. Individual teams shall generally be limited to ten players. Teams can consist of a minimum of 8 players. Traveling (tournament) teams will be limited to ten players.
 - 6.1.2 It is intended that players at the 3rd grade level will concentrate on the development of skills in a practice setting, and tournament play will not be available at that grade level. 3rd grade players who display sufficient level of skill are allowed to play up to the 4th grade, if numbers allow, where they have the opportunity to be on a tournament or recreational league team.
 - 6.1.3 Recreational teams, when formed, shall be split as evenly as possible, based on skill level, if sufficient players are available. Splitting of players shall be at coach's discretion.
 - 6.1.4 Skills evaluations will be held for all players between 4th and 9th grade, at a time and date to be determined by the Board. Skills evaluations will be held by volunteers, who will assist with drills, and the varsity basketball coaches, who will evaluate talent based on 3 on 3 and 5 on 5 competition. Teams will be selected by the Board with some input from coaches, as necessary.
 - 6.1.5 If sufficient time and interest is available, teams may be formed to play in recreational leagues prior to tournament ball season. These teams will be split evenly amongst players in an attempt to allow players with differing skills play alongside each other. It is anticipated that recreational leagues, if offered, will only be available to players in grades 4 through 6.

ARTICLE 8.0 TRAVEL (TOURNAMENT) TEAMS

- 8.1 Travel (tournament) teams will be formed at the 4th through 9th grade levels to allow players to play in tournaments throughout the basketball season. At the 4th and 5th grade levels, players on travel teams will be split evenly by talent level. At the 6th through 9th grade levels, players on travel teams will be split by talent level into "A" and "B" teams. At the upper level grades, the purpose of the "A" traveling team is to take BYBA's more skilled players and promote their abilities further to provide for greater skill development in preparation for basketball participation at the high school level. It is expected and hoped that with advanced coaching, and playing against better players, they will advance their play. Initiated by the Varsity coaches, this program will provide an extended competitive season and more practice time for boys and girls grades 6 – 9.
- 8.2 Under no circumstances should a travel team coach recruit players from outside of the Becker School District boundaries. Due to the purpose of improving the local teams and the expense of

operating this, if there is not sufficient interest in a specific grade, that specific team should be eliminated for that year.

- 8.3 5th Grade Travel Team - The Board reserves the right to establish a separate “developmental A” level travel team for 5th grade players, provided there is interest from enough youths, plus an available coach. Due to the age of the players on this team, and the goal to develop basic skills at this age level, the following shall apply:
 - 8.3.1 Each player shall play equal portions of each game.
 - 8.3.2 Absolutely no fourth graders are allowed on this team.

ARTICLE 9.0 RECREATIONAL (IN-HOUSE) LEAGUE TEAMS

- 9.1 If there is sufficient interest, recreational teams will be formed to play in a recreational league. There are several options for recreational leagues; however, BYBA will attempt to play in a local league consisting of local schools primarily aligned with the Mississippi 8 conference.
- 9.2 Recreational leagues will be formed at the 4th through 6th grade levels, if there is sufficient interest from participating communities. 7th and 8th grade recreational players may combine to form a recreational team, if there is sufficient interest from participating communities in forming such a league.

ARTICLE 10.0 COACHES

- 10.1 The coach should foster an atmosphere that will allow the players to enjoy the game of basketball. The basic fundamentals of the game should be focused on heavily as these are young players that are eager to learn.
- 10.2 Prospective coaches may apply in person for a coaching position on registration night. Additionally, coaches may apply by filling out an application form, available on the BYBA web site, and either turning the completed application form in to a Board member or returning the completed application form to the Community Ed office in Becker High School.
- 10.3 All coaches will be selected by the Board following team selection.
- 10.4 Assistant coaches will be picked by the head coach, but still have to be approved by the Board. Only one assistant coach is allowed to use his coaching time to fulfill criteria for volunteer time.
- 10.5 All coaches are required to undergo mandatory background checks from local law enforcement officials. Board reserves the right to refuse an applicant to coach if he does not pass background check.
- 10.6 Coaches are required to have a mandatory meeting with parents of team members before league practices begin to cover rules, the BYBA Code of Conduct, and encourage parent participation. Communication between the coaches and parents/players is vital. Create an email distribution list if possible as this will assist with getting any updates to the players. The coach should provide a list of contact numbers and email addresses if available to each player/parent. This list should include the players' information and the coach and assistant coach's information. This is helpful when parents have questions or they need to contact another player about sharing rides
- 10.7 All coaches shall select a Team Manager to assist with administrative duties. The team manager duties shall be as follows:
 - 10.7.1 Arrange, staff and document all volunteer time during the annual Becker Tournament. We will look for volunteers to not only run the concession stand, but also work at the door, run game clocks, help set-up and prepare for the tournament, as well as cleanup.
 - 10.7.2 Help the Concessions Supervisor to arrange and staff volunteers from your team to work. Keep parents on your team abreast of their volunteer hours.

- 10.7.3 Be available to the coaches and all parents on your team for communications, via telephone or e-mail.
- 10.7.4 Order Shooting Shirts for your team, along with organize the pictures for your team the night that they are scheduled.
- 10.7.5 Assist with other duties as determined by the coach.
- 10.8 Behavior of Coaches
 - 10.8.1 The coach will conduct themselves and the players in a manner that represents the Becker community in a positive manner regarding ethics and sportsmanship.
 - 10.8.2 Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their assistant coaches, players and parents at games and practices.
 - 10.8.3 A head coach who habitually misses or fails to conduct sufficient practice sessions will be subject to dismissal by the Board.
 - 10.8.4 Any coach or assistant coach having three written complaints registered in any one year must appear before the Board.
 - 10.8.5 All coaches will be required to sign a form that states that the coach has read and agrees to abide by the Code of Conduct and Rules of the BYBA.
 - 10.8.6 Talking to Officials

Coaches are not allowed to communicate (yell, complain, etc.) to officials on any matter while the game is in play. Coaches must take an official "time-out" to discuss any matter (play, call, ruling, etc.) with an official in a quiet, professional manner. (Official time-outs and game breaks are also permissible time for such discussion.) Coaches must control any discussion or comments to officials, from their bench or players' parents, at all times. No one is permitted to discuss any game matters with the officials during time-outs other than coaches. Any Board Member (except when coaching) shall be fully empowered to enforce this paragraph as if he/she were an acting official on the court floor. Any coach or assistant coach using profanity or excessive actions toward any game Official will be subject to suspension, dismissal or both. The final decision will be made by the Board.
- 10.9 Additional information and guidance for coaches is posted on the BYBA web site.

ARTICLE 11.0 PLAYING TIME

- 11.1 3rd through 6th Grade Players
 - 11.1.1 Each player should play at least 1/3 of game on average for each tournament or league game.
 - 11.1.2 Exceptions to playing time may be made, depending on a) practice attendance, b) attitude, and c) effort. This is to be discussed prior to game with player, coach and parent.
- 11.2 7th through 9th Grade Players
 - 11.2.1 Each player should play at least ¼ of game on average for each tournament or league game.
 - 11.2.2 Exceptions to playing time may be made, depending on a) practice attendance, b) attitude, and c) effort. This is to be discussed prior to game with player, coach and parent.
 - 11.2.3 Coach has discretion for playing time depending on game situations.

ARTICLE 12.0 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 12.1 The philosophy of the BYBA is that playing the game of basketball should be fun and rewarding experience for all concerned: players, coaches, spectators and referees. We strive to maintain this environment throughout the duration of our program.

- 12.2 Every person who attends or participates in BYBA activities is expected at all times to exhibit good sportsmanship and respect for other players, coaches, officials, and fans. Unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of players, coaches, parents or fans will not be tolerated and may be penalized. Penalties may include suspension or expulsion from BYBA activities and events for a specified period of time or permanently.
- 12.3 All players, fans, and coaches must agree to follow and be bound by these conduct code rules as a condition of participation in BYBA activities. If a player is ejected, suspended, or expelled from participation in one or more BYBA events, he/she shall not be entitled to any refund of fees paid, including registration fees and volunteer deposits. Uniform deposits will be returned upon return of uniform if a player is expelled.
- 12.4 Coaches and players in game situations will conduct themselves at all times in a sportsmanlike manner. All technicals for unsportsmanlike conduct will be reported by game officials to the Board. Ejection from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct will result in an indefinite suspension that can be removed only by the Board.
- 12.5 The Board shall, upon evidence of misconduct of any player, notify the coach of the team which the player is a member within 24 hours of the act. The said coach shall appear, in the capacity of an advisor, with the player before at least three members of the Board within three days of the act, for appropriate action.
- 12.6 The Board may, by majority vote, remove or suspend a player, parent, or coach from the BYBA. Reasons for this action may include, but are not limited to, the following:
- Unsportsmanlike conduct
 - Failure to obey playing rules
 - Profane language
 - Any conduct detrimental to the BYBA
 - Not accepting decisions or judgements of on-court officials and referees
 - Berating any player, opposing coach, official or parent, either privately or otherwise.
- 12.7 An individual penalized under these rules may appeal the decision at the next regular BYBA Board meeting. If at least one member of the BYBA board of directors so requests, then a special meeting of the Board may be called to address the appeal.
- 12.8 There shall be a 24-hour "cooling off" period immediately following league and/or tournament games. No discussion is allowed regarding conflicts between players, coaches or parents during this period.

ARTICLE 13.0 RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

- 13.1 Any and all rights to establish rules of play and conduct for players, coaches and those in attendance are held by the BYBA. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary found herein, nothing stated or implied, shall impair, diminish or modify the absolute right of the BYBA to establish rules of play and conduct for players, coaches and those in attendance at league games. Specifically, the league reserves the right to empower certain of its Board members with authority to make permanent, binding and non-reviewable decisions concerning the conduct of players, coaches and those in attendance at league games. The Board shall have the absolute right to declare a final result regarding disputes and, if they deem it appropriate in their absolute discretion, to suspend a coach, player or individual from attending or participating in league play.