

Mudsock Intramural Basketball League Rules

➤ **Basketball Rules:**

All divisions will follow standard IHSA basketball rules except as modified by these rules.

➤ **Team Formation:**

Teams are made of at least five (5) but no more than ten (10) HSE and/or Fishers High School students. Coaches/Captains must be an HSE or Fishers High School student. Each team is required to provide one volunteer. One team's volunteer must operate the scoreboard, the other needs to manage the score sheet. Only approved adults are permitted on the player bench area during duration of the game. These adults must be rostered as a coach or assisting the team with the scorekeeping.

If you have less than 8 players registered (under the same team captain), the league reserves the right to place individual players "free agents" on the team. The league reserves the right to make final roster decisions. The intramural program has officiated games but there are no formal practices or coaches.

➤ **Illegal Players:**

Only the officially registered players can play in games. You are not allowed to have any players participate in any game that are not on your official roster, even if you are shorthanded. If teams have illegal or non-rostered players participate in any game, that team will not be allowed to participate in the season ending tournament.

➤ **Start Times:**

All games must start at scheduled times. A minimum period of three (3) minutes is allowed between games for teams to warm-up. Have your team arrive fifteen (15) minutes before gametime but keep them under control and be respectful of the players and spectators for the games in progress. Each team must start the game with five (5) players. If a team does not have five (5) players, the team will have to forfeit the game. However, the league does encourage the teams to go ahead and play an unofficial scrimmage of four on four even though the team starting without five (5) players is required to forfeit.

➤ **Running Clock:**

All games are two halves with a running 20 min clock. The game clock starts with the opening tip-off and runs the entire game, stopping only for (i) time outs, (ii) during the last one (1) minute of the second half or overtimes, for out of bounds and player infractions (normal IHSA rules).

➤ **Time outs:**

Each team is allowed two (2) timeouts that last no longer than sixty (60) seconds per half. In the event of overtime each team is allowed one (1) sixty (60) second timeout and no carryovers.

➤ **Scoreboard and Score Sheets:**

Each team must have a volunteer to sit at the scorer's table. One volunteer must run the clock, and the other must keep the book/Scoresheet: Very important for keeping the book/Scoresheet: You must have your team numbers and final score recorded on the score sheet. Scoresheets without team numbers or final scores will be recorded as a loss. Please check your sheets at the end of the game.

➤ **Overtime:**

First overtime is one (1) minute. Second overtime is sudden death, the first to score wins.

➤ **Officiating:**

The league will provide a referee(s) for each game. Their role is to focus on keeping the games fair, instructional, and safe. They will occasionally make a “bad” call or “miss” making a call, just like referees do at the high school, college, and professional level. They have no interest in helping or hurting a team to the detriment of any other. **DO NOT ARGUE WITH REFEREES OVER CALLS MADE OR NOT MADE IN A GAME.** The referees must be treated with the utmost respect. Calls made by a referee are **FINAL**. It is not a coach’s or player’s role to argue or debate with a referee. If you have a concern about actions taken by any referee, you should **ONLY** express those concerns to the league commissioner, a Mudsock Boys Basketball Board Member, or Mudsock Youth Athletics. In the event a referee does not show for the game, teams are to mutually agree upon someone to officiate the game. Please begin the game promptly with the agreed upon referee.

➤ **Code of Conduct/ Sportsmanship:**

Unsportsmanlike conduct, including “trash talking” or any unsportsmanlike physical contact by players, coaches, or parents will not be tolerated. Please report any offensive conduct to the league commissioner, a Mudsock Boys Basketball Board Member, or Mudsock Youth Athletics as soon as possible. Actions by any player, student coach, or spectator demonstrating unsportsmanlike conduct before, during, or after a game or practice will be subject to review by Hamilton Southeastern or Fishers High School or the Mudsock Boys Basketball Board.

The Mudsock Boys Basketball Board will have the right to take whatever action it deems appropriate to deal with any type of unsportsmanlike conduct; including, but not limited to: issuing warnings, suspensions, and/or removal of a player or student coach from the league and/or barring a spectator from any league games. Any player, student coach, or spectator who is cited by a referee for un-sportsmanlike conduct may be given a warning, removed from the game, or asked to leave the facility. Failure of a student coach or player to comply with a referee’s decision may result in the forfeiture of the game. Failure of a parent to comply with a referee’s decision may result in the removal of that parent’s player from the game. Decisions by a referee on these matters are **FINAL**.

The HSE/Fishers School Code of Conduct is in effect for all players and student coaches.

Any student coach or player ejected from a game will automatically be suspended from the next game. The Mudsock Boys Basketball Board will review the incident and reserves the right to increase the suspension.

➤ **Player Disqualification/ Fouling Out/ Free Throws:**

A player committing five (5) personal fouls during a game will be disqualified. The student coach is allowed one (1) minute to substitute for the disqualified player. If the team has no eligible players to sub, the team must forfeit the game.

Prior to the last minute of the game, players will only shoot 1 free throw for all violations.

- If a shooting foul occurs on a 2 pointer, the player will shoot only 1 free throw that is worth 2 points.
- If a shooting foul occurs on a 3 pointer, the player will shoot only 1 free throw that is worth 3 points.

- If a team is in the bonus and a foul is committed. Instead of “1 and 1”, the player will shoot only 1 free throw that is worth 2 points.
- If a team is in the double bonus, instead of 2 shots, the player will shoot only 1 free throw that is worth 2 points.
- If a shooting foul occurs and the basket counts, then the team automatically gets the “and 1” extra point and the game resumes without any foul shooting. In the last 60 sec of the game, IHSA rules apply regarding clock stoppage and foul shooting. The custom foul shooting rules do not apply in the last minute of the game

➤ **Facilities:**

We need to show the utmost care and respect for the school facilities that our league utilizes. Players, coaches, parents, siblings, and other spectators need to be careful not to damage anything on school property. Participants and spectators should get into the gymnasium, stay there until the game is over, and then exit the building leaving it look the same as when they entered. Stay away from any nets, pads, or other equipment in the gymnasium. Keep away from “stage” areas.

Please pick up the trash near your bench after your game. Respect our gyms and be courteous to the team playing next. Make sure the bench is clean when you leave.

➤ **General:**

IF WE DON'T TAKE GOOD CARE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES, WE RUN THE RISK OF LOSING OUR ABILITY TO USE THE SCHOOL GYMS FOR OUR PROGRAM. PLEASE HELP US KEEP SCHOOL PROPERTY CLEAN AND IN GOOD ORDER.