



EBA League Rules Boys and Girls Grades 4 - 12

1. Please review all EBA league policies (*Sportsmanship Mandate, Discipline policy, Fans Code of Conduct and General League Policies*), contained in the Coaches Letter or posted on the EBA website www.easthamptonbasketball.com. These policies will be enforced!
2. All games must start on time! A team will forfeit if they do not have at least five (5) players present at the schedule game time. There is a 5-minute grace period from the **scheduled starting time**; however, if the previous game ran late, there is no grace period given.
3. Any player or coach who is ejected from a game due to unsporting or flagrant technical foul(s) is automatically suspended for their team's next two (2) regularly scheduled games (*see league policies*).
4. Equal playing time for all players. Consult the playing time chart provided for playing time combinations based upon the number of players who are in attendance during the game. Any coach willfully circumventing this rule will be suspended from their next regular season game.
 - a. Disciplinary action taken against a player must be disclosed prior to the game. The scorekeeper and opposing coach must be notified that one of your players is being disciplined.
5. Injury substitutions may be made at any time. The substitute that is inserted into the game as a replacement will be charged for playing time as follows:
 - a. First Minute - Time is charged against the substitute and not the injured player.
 - b. Second thru Fourth Minute - Time counts against player injured, not the replacement.
 - c. Any player inserted as a substitute for an injured player can only do so once in a game. Another injury mandates that another player who is on the bench enter the game.
 - d. The same scenario applies when players foul out of the game.
6. Protests will not be heard. If there is a disagreement on rule interpretations, the coaches and referees shall confer to resolve the issue.

Playing Rules – All Divisions (*See Rule Variations Boys 4/5/6, Girls 4/5/6 and Girls 7/8*)

Unless specifically addressed below, all games are played using the National Federation of High School (NFHS) basketball rules.

1. Game Timing
 - a. Two (2) sixteen (16) minute halves. The official will stop the clock as close as possible to the four (4), eight (8) and twelve (12) minute mark of each half for substitutions. The referee's judgment will stop play at the first opportune time when play warrants.
 - b. Five (5) minute half time.
 - c. Three (3) minute overtime period will be played until a winner can be determined. Any player who is still eligible can participate in the overtime periods.
 - d. Three (3) sixty (60) second timeouts per game with one (1) additional timeout awarded to each team for each overtime period.
 - e. **No shot clock.** The officials will call a violation if a team is deemed to be "stalling" the ball.
2. One-and-one bonus free throws on the 7th team foul in each half. Two shot bonus free throws on the 10th team foul of each half and thereafter.

3. A team leading by 15 points or more cannot press and must collapse to the defensive half of the court.

Rule Variations for Boys 4/5/6 & Girls 4/5/6

1. No full court pressure is allowed at anytime except the last two minutes of the second half unless the team is up by 15 points. In all other cases, the defensive team must fall back to the division line.
2. The offensive team may not tie up a defensive rebound once it is controlled. Ball possession remains with the team that has rebounded the ball.
3. A Free Throw shooter may step over the line while shooting; however, they cannot charge the basket for the rebound. If they do, it is a free throw violation
4. Girl's 4/5/6 coaches should ask for rule clarification when playing games in Southampton or Northampton. Their local rules apply when playing in their facility.

Rule Variations for Girls 7/8

1. Equal playing time must occur; however, game rules do not apply as the Girls 7/8 play in the Quabbin Valley Recreation League. Please see separate playing and timing rules for that league.