

2022-23 3A-4A-5A YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE RULES

All Arkansas Activities Association (AAA) rules will govern this youth basketball league unless a specific rule is listed or written in this document that is different from the rules of the AAA.

Period Length

3rd Grade (2) 12 Minutes Halves

4th Grade (2) 12 Minutes Halves

5th Grade (2) 15 Minutes Halves

6th Grade (2) 15 Minutes Halves

Half-time for all games is 3 minutes.

Sub-quarter/B game

3rd-4th Grade (1) 12-Quarter

5th-6th Grade (1) 15-Quarter

Sub-quarter/B games will always be played before regular games. Only if a team has less than 8 eight players will there be an option to play after the regular game. Score in the sub-quarter/B game will not carry over in the regular game. All games must play a sub-quarter/b game. If coaches refuse to play sub-quarter it will result in forfeit of regular games. All players in uniform must play in the regular game or sub-quarter/B game.

Game Clock

Clock will run continuously unless:

- a. time-out is called,
- b. a player is injured.

Clock will stop on ALL whistles in the last minute of each half.

Time-outs

Each team will get (2) full and (1) 20 second time-outs in the regular game.

Teams will have (1) 20-second timeout for the sub-quarter/B game that cannot be used during the regular game.

Full Court Pressing

NO full court pressing will be allowed in 5th-6th grade games when a team is leading by 10 or more points.

NO full court pressing will be allowed during 3rd-4th grade games.

NO full court pressing will be allowed in sub-quarters.

1st OFFENSE-WARNING. Technical foul will be assessed after warning if offense occurs again.

Mercy Rule

Mercy rule will be enforced when a 20 point lead occurs at any time during the 2nd half. Teams leading while the mercy rule is in effect will not be allowed to call timeouts once the mercy rule starts. Clock will run continuously.

Overtime

Overtime will be (2) two minutes. (Clock will run during the first minute of overtime and will stop on all whistles during the last minute of overtime, the same as in a regular game.)

All games will continue until a winner is decided.

Admission

\$5.00 (League Admission Price)

Arkansas Activities Association (AAA) passes & school staff passes will be accepted for all events.

Game Times

Saturday games 9:00 AM

Weeknight games 5:30 PM

The next game will start 5 minutes after the finish of the game before.

Equipment

3rd-6th grades will use a 28.5" size ball.

Game balls must be new or near new condition.

Host schools will furnish basketballs for warmups. DO NOT TAKE BASKETBALLS ON THE ROAD

Officials

Two AAA certified officials will be used in all games.

Each official will be paid a minimum of \$25.00 per game.

The officials may stop play to remove a fan, if a fan is ejected and refuses to leave, that fan's team will forfeit.

All officials must have AAA certification.

Officials must not be employed in any way with the home team school or by anyone coaching that team. Violation of any of the rules for officials will result in forfeit of game.

Coaches

Two coaches will be allowed on the bench during the game.

Use of profanity or bad sportsmanship will not be tolerated. Any coach who is using profanity will be required to leave the gym or arena.

Coaches will help monitor fans.

Coaches should stress sportsmanship at all times, for themselves, their players and their fans. When the score gets one sided remember that there are young children on the other team. Please try not to run up the score.

Free Throws

3rd-4th grade girls and boys will shoot free throws from 12 feet.

5th-6th grade girls and boys will shoot free throws from 15 feet.

Age of Players

3rd Grade Maximum age 9 on or before October 1st.

4th Grade Maximum age 10 on or before October 1st.

5th Grade Maximum age 11 on or before October 1st.

6th Grade Maximum age 12 on or before October 1st.

A player can move up to play in the next grade level but can never move down to play. Teams having 15 or more players may not move players up.

Players may not play on two or more teams for schools having multiple teams in a given grade level.

School Choice Students

Our league is school based and should follow the order of priority listed below when determining a student's playing eligibility:

1. Students can play for the school in which they attend or the school district they live in.
2. If the school in which they attend or the school district they live in does not offer a youth basketball program, they have the option to play at a school that allows out of district players.

Home School Students

Home School students will be allowed to play for the school's team in the school district in which they live if that school offers a program and allows them to participate. If that district does not offer a program, see #2 above.

Out of District Player

Students attending a school that does not offer any type of youth basketball (example: City Parks and Rec, Boys & Girls Club, Optimist Club or school team.) in the school district or town they live in may play for a school in this league if that school allows out of districts students to play on their team.

Tie Breaker Rule

The Arkansas Activities Association (AAA) tie breaker rule will be used to determine seeding for post season tournament play if needed.

<u>3A Schools</u>	<u>4A Schools</u>	<u>5A Schools</u>
Jessieville	Arkadelphia	Sherdian
Centerpoint	Fountain Lake	Hot Springs
Bismarck	Bauxite	Lakeside
Glen Rose	Malvern	Benton
Harmony Grove		

Our league will have a separate postseason conference tournament based on the current Arkansas Activities Association (AAA) classification cycle. We will review and adjust our league according to numbers used by AAA each cycle.

3A Jamboree Schedule

2022-23 3rd-Harmony Grove, 4th-Bismarck, 5th-Glen Rose, 6th-Centerpoint

2023-24 3rd-Bismarck, 4th-Glen Rose, 5th-Centerpoint, 6th-Jessieville

4A Jamboree Schedule

2022-23 3rd-Malvern, 4th-Bauxite, 5th-Arkadelphia, 6th-Fountain Lake

2023-24 3rd-Bauxite, 4th-Arkadelphia, 5th-Fountain Lake, 6th-Malvern

5A Jamboree Schedule

2022-23 3rd-Lakeside, 4th-Hot Springs, 5th-Benton, 6th-Sherdian

2023-24 3rd-Hot Springs, 4th-Benton, 5th-Sherdian, 6th-Lakeside Blue

Jamborees will be a 24 minute running clock with each team playing 2 games minimum. The clock will stop in the last minute of each game the same as in a regular game.

3A Postseason Conference Tournament Schedule

2022-23 3rd-Harmony Grove, 4th-Bismarck, 5th-Glen Rose, 6th-Jessieville

2023-24 3rd-Bismarck, 4th-Centerpoint, 5th-Jessieville, 6th-Harmony Grove

4A Postseason Conference Tournament Schedule

2022-23 3rd-Bauxite, 4th-Fountain Lake, 6th-Arkadelphia, 6th-Malvern

2023-24 3rd-Fountain Lake, 4th-Arkadelphia, 5th-Malvern, 6th-Bauxite

5A Postseason Conference Tournament Schedule

2022-23 3rd-Lakeside, 4th-Benton, 5th-Hot Springs 6th-Sherdian

2023-24 3rd-Benton, 4th-Hot Springs 5th-Sherdian, 6th-Lakeside

Schools hosting postseason conference tournaments will provide trophies for the winners and runner ups in each grade level for boys and girls teams. Host schools will also be responsible for all expenses of hosting tournaments.

If a school skips their turn to host the postseason conference tournament or jamboree they will move to the bottom of the rotation. Teams will not be allowed to trade places in postseason conference tournaments or jamboree rotation.