



BIG LEAF BASKETBALL

POWERED BY THE NATIONAL BASKETBALL ACADEMY

2025 2026 SEASON

LEAGUE RULES

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- Players may play in their grade or play up a grade(s). Players may **NOT** play down unless it is cleared by the league. These cases must be brought to our attention upon registration.
- Teams must be constructed with kids from the same school or live within the same district. Exceptions will be made in certain instances based on the situation. Each case must be brought to our attention upon registration.
- All teams and players must be registered through the Exposure registration system. Teams will not be able to participate until their entire team is registered.

PREGAME NOTES

- 🔊 Game Ball - Team listed first on the schedule must supply the game ball.
- 🔊 Score table- each team must provide 1 person for the table.
- 🔊 Coaches and scorekeeper admission to get in is free every game. A sign in sheet will be available.
- 🔊 On schedule: AWAY team (dark jerseys) is ALWAYS listed first/on top. HOME team (light jerseys) is ALWAYS listed second/on bottom.

GAME LENGTH

18 MINUTE HALVES WITH RUNNING CLOCK

WARM UP

All teams will have a minimum of 5 minutes before the game. Coaches or referees do not have the ability to start a game early.

HALFTIME

4 minutes.

CLOCK STOPPAGE

Last 10 seconds of the 1st half and the last 90 seconds of game.

OVERTIME

Overtime period is 2 minutes. Second overtime is sudden death.

TIME OUTS

Each team is given 3 (1 min) timeouts per game. No extra time outs will be awarded for overtime. Timeouts may roll over to overtime if they are not used in regulation.

*****ONLY TWO COACHES PER TEAM ALLOWED ON BENCH. ONLY ONE COACH CAN STAND AND COACH DURING GAME.*****

****FINAL 10 SECONDS****

The ball will advance to half court after any timeout with 10 seconds or less left in the game at the offensive coaches' discretion.

FOUL SHOTS

for 3rd and 4th GRADES...

Player can move up to 12 feet to shoot but CANNOT jump over the 12-foot line. If there is no line, official will direct where to shoot.

for 5th and 6th GRADES...

Player must start **BEHIND** regular free throw line but **CAN JUMP OVER**

*****TEAM BONUS*****

Team bonus starts on 7th team foul EACH half. Teams will shoot 2 foul shots (no more 1-and-1 in correspondence with OHSAA changes).

GAME TIME

ALL OHSAA RULES APPLY UNLESS NOTED

DEFENSIVE RULES

Grade	Half-Court Defense?	Pressing?	Types of Presses Allowed?
***** FOR 3rd Grade Boys and 3rd/4th Grade Girls*****			
3rd/4th Boys & Girls	MAN-TO-MAN ONLY	No pressing until last two minutes of game and overtime	MAN-TO-MAN PRESS ONLY
5th Boys	MAN-TO-MAN ONLY	Pressing allowed in second half and overtime	MAN-TO-MAN PRESS ONLY
5th Girls	MAN-TO-MAN ONLY	No pressing until the last 9 minutes of the second half and overtime	MAN-TO-MAN PRESS ONLY
6th Boys	All defense (Man and Zone) allowed all game	Pressing allowed all game	MAN-TO-MAN and ZONE presses
6th Girls	MAN-TO-MAN ONLY in first half. All defense (Man and Zone) allowed in second half and overtime	Pressing allowed in second half and overtime	MAN-TO-MAN PRESS ONLY

NO PRESSING WITH 15+ POINT LEAD!!!

If it is deemed that the rules are being bent or a zone is being played, officials may issue one (1) Illegal Defense warning. A second occurrence and all future occurrences, for the remainder of that game, will result in an Illegal Defense Violation. This Violation carries with it 2 free throws and the offense then retains position of the ball to be inbounded at the mid court line opposite of the table.



DON'T CHEAT THE SYSTEM!!!

Proper help side man-to-man is encouraged. Please do not be the coach who tries to bend the rules. A coaches' job is to instruct the game within the rules. **BY BENDING THE RULES, YOU ARE TEACHING THE CHILD TO CHEAT.**

CONSEQUENCES FOR EJECTED PLAYERS/COACHES

Any coach that is thrown out of the game will be suspended a minimum of 2 games. Big Leaf reserves the right to extend the discipline beyond 2 games depending on the severity pervious encounters/warnings with the coach . In the event of a player/coach being ejected, officials will be required to report, via email, what occurred to the Director of Officials.