

Loudoun County Travel Basketball League By-Laws

2009-2010 Season

1. All Leagues will encourage their travel players to honor the commitment needed to play for a Loudoun County Travel Team and will honor their commitment to the Loudoun County Travel League.
2. Each participating league will appoint a Liaison/Point person that will attend meetings and respond to all issues and concerns regarding Travel Basketball. This same individual will be responsible in communicating with Loudoun County PRCS weekly to confirm correct scores and/or other game details as needed.
3. Team Personnel
 - a. The Loudoun County Travel Basketball League will be composed of Boys and Girls teams 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.
 - b. Players participating on a 6th grade travel team cannot turn 14 years old before March 31, 2010.
Players participating on a 7th grade travel team cannot turn 15 years old before 31 March 2010.
Players participating on an 8th grade team cannot turn 16 years old before 31 March 2010.
 - c. Players selected for each travel team must be grade specific. For example, only 7th grade boys can play on a Boys 7th Grade Travel Team. All home-schooled or other players must participate on the age-appropriate travel team. Loudoun County Public School age-attendance policies will be used to determine the appropriate travel team. EXCEPTION: If necessary to achieve minimum roster size or to even the playing field, leagues may allow up to two players per team 6th or 7th grade to move up to 7th or 8th grade levels. (Only two underage players per team)
 - d. Players must play for the travel program that serves their middle school. Any home schooled or private schooled children must play for the travel league team associated with the middle school they would geographically attend if they went to public school. Case by case decisions could be made on a limited amount of individuals with special arrangements extending their status to other jurisdictions.
 - e. Players are not permitted to play both House and Travel.
4. Travel rosters
 - a. Each team must have a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 12 players.
 - b. All players who are participating must meet the minimum-playing requirement.
 - c. Rosters must be turned into PRCS (Jonathan Hudgins: jonathan.hudgins@loudoun.gov) prior to 14 November 2009, which is at least 2 weeks prior to the first scheduled game. The roster form must include the following information for each player on the team, unless it is provided on the league registration form:
 - Full Name
 - Date of Birth
 - Grade and School
 - d. No changes are allowed to the roster once the season begins unless approved by a majority vote of the commissioners during a meeting, which may be conducted in person or via email.
5. Practices
 - a. Organized travel practices may not begin prior to Friday October 31, 2009. Each team is allowed a maximum of 3 hours practice time per week.
6. Playing rules for all regular season and tournament games are in accordance with Virginia State High School Rules (<http://www.nfhsa.org/rules-basketball.htm>) except those changed or emphasized within this document, including the following:
 - a. Periods: 7 minutes
 - b. Timeouts: 3-full and 2-20

- c. Overtime period(s) will be 3 minutes long
 - d. A coaching “box” will be provided during each game (Referees discretion)
 - e. Each player suited up for a game must play the equivalent of one period or 7 minutes per game, not including any overtimes. Coaches are free to play whomever they wish during overtime periods.
 - f. Once playoffs begin every participant has to play, but there is no mandatory minimum playing time. From this point on it is up to the coach to decide how much playing time each player receives.
 - g. Teams scoring more than 20 points than their opponent after the first half of play will Not be allowed to press the entire second half of the game. Each rule infraction during the second half leads to an automatic technical on the coach in violation.
7. All travel games must be officiated by the same official’s organization during the 2009/2010 season.
8. The home team must wear a light color jersey, and the visiting team must wear a dark color jersey. The offending team will be change their jersey or wear a “pinnie”.
9. Regular Season
- a. 7th and 8th Grade Divisions will play a 10 game (home and away) schedule
 - b. Each team will supply a volunteer at least 16 years of age to keep score or to operate the clock.
 - c. All score books at the end of each game should be given back to the facility attendant to place in a secure location.
 - d. The regular season champion and runner-up teams within each division will receive individual awards.
10. Post Season Tournament
- a. All divisions will play a single elimination playoff, with teams seeded according to their finish during the regular season.
 - b. The post-season tournament champion and runner-up teams will receive individual trophies.
 - c. During the post-season tournament the higher seeded team is the home team (and will wear a light color jersey).
11. The approach that will be used to break all ties, including seeding for the post-season tournament are as follows in descending order:
- a. Won/Loss percentage
 - b. Head to Head Record or Won/Loss Record among the tied teams/opponents - this is the won/loss record among the teams that are tied (this is used to break 3-way ties for example)
 - c. Number of points allowed in head-to-head games - e.g., if the teams that are tied played 2 games against each other, and each won 1 game, the team that allowed the fewest points in those 2 games would win this step.
 - d. Number of points allowed in games against common opponents - this would be a comparison between points allowed for the entire season
 - e. Coin Flip
12. League infractions – Loudoun county PRCS appointed travel commissioner will make the final decision regarding all alleged rules violations, and conduct after consulting with the appointed Travel representatives from each league. The Rule infraction will be discussed as an open forum with each commissioner every attempt being made to include a fair decision PRCS will then make the final ruling.
13. All players, coaches, league staff, and spectators are required to follow the Loudoun County Code of Conduct, at all times. (Please refer to the Loudoun County Web PRCS Web Site for more details.