

**2017-2018**

**Buffalo Charter School  
Basketball League  
Handbook**

## Game Day Responsibilities

At each game, each school should provide the following adults:

- Statistics Recorder: track team fouls, ball possession, and scoring.
- Clean-up Crew: clean any and all trash from spectator seating, players' bench, and locker rooms
- The home team provides a school staff member to act as the League Representative to handle any spectator and game concerns. League Representative should be familiar with and have the League Handbook in their possession at scheduled games. League Representatives should arrive to the community center 20 minutes prior to scheduled game and remain on site 15 minutes after scheduled game has ended. League Representatives should be declared to the League Coordinator via email 48 hours prior to game day.

## League Considerations:

1. Each team is responsible for bringing the following to each game: warm-up basketballs, uniforms, scorebook, and medical kit.
2. Teams are responsible for securing school uniforms. Uniform colors cannot be duplicated by any other active team in the league.

## League Rules and Regulations

1. **Supervision:** Schools are responsible for properly supervising their athletes. It is expected that athletes, coaches, and spectators follow the following guidelines:
  - a. Athletes must remain in the spectator seating until game time or called to locker room.
    - o Penalty:
      - First Offense: Notification of coach.
      - Second Offense: May result in disqualification of individuals.
  - b. Vandalism is strictly prohibited.
    - o Penalty: Suspension of individuals from League for one year.  
School will be billed for total cost of repairs.
  - c. Coaches are responsible for their athletes in the spectator seating or locker rooms 30 minutes prior to game time.
    - o Athletes must remain in spectator seating prior to locker room/ game.
    - o Athletes choosing to attend games prior to or after his/ her game **MUST** be with a parent/ guardian.
    - o Athletes must either wear their school issued uniform or basketball uniform/ warm-up while in spectator seating before and after scheduled game.
    - o Food or beverages should be handled responsibly inside the spectator area or gym.
2. **Jewelry/ Electronic Devices:**
  - o All jewelry must be removed prior to the start of any competition. Jewelry may not be covered with tape. Failure to remove jewelry will result in disqualification from event.
  - o Elastic hair bands are allowed to hold hair back. Barrettes, beads, and other hard or metallic items are prohibited.
  - o Electronic devices are prohibited during competition and/ or warm-ups.
  - o All medically acceptable electronic devices as well as medical identification are permitted.

## **3. Spectators:**

- All visitors should feel as though they have been treated fairly and dealt with in a sportsmanlike way. The skills of the participating teams should be recognized and appreciated. Everyone needs to work to create a positive atmosphere within the league.
- The following behavior is not acceptable at any competition: language that is considered vulgar or profane, booing or jeering, mocking or taunting, yelling negative comments, confronting officials, coaches, participants, and/ or spectators prior to, during, or following a competition.
- If a problem occurs, inform the league coordinator or on-site school representative and allow them to deal with the situation. An official or school administrator (or their designee) has the authority to remove any person from the confines of the athletic competition for unsportsmanlike behavior. Also, the school may deny them the privilege of attending future competitions.
- Your role as a parent and spectator is very important. Support your athlete, your team, and your school in a positive manner. Your efforts of support, communication, and sportsmanship are appreciated by the administration, coaching staff, and most of all, the athletes.

#### **4. Inclement Weather:**

- Games will be cancelled no less than two hours prior to the start of scheduled game.
- If schools are closed at any time during a week day game due to inclement weather, all league games will be cancelled for that day.
- League Coordinator will send out a text message to coaches stating that games are cancelled.
- Cancellation of games will be posted on [www.wivb.com](http://www.wivb.com) and [www.wgrz.com](http://www.wgrz.com).
- Coaches are responsible for notifying parents and players that games are cancelled.

#### **5. Eligibility:**

- Student athletes must be in good academic standing with their school, carrying an A, B, or C / 75% or higher average / E, V, or S in ALL classes.
- Student athletes must be in good standing with their school regarding discipline or behavior referrals.
- Students who fail to meet academic requirements will be viewed as ineligible for the duration of two (2) weeks. The Athletic Director of the student(s) in question will review the academic standing of the student(s) during that time period. Students failing to increase academic grades to a C/75%/S minimum will be declared ineligible for the remainder of the season.
- In the event of academic retention or late birthdays, athletes' age must be within two years of the standard age level for their team.

#### **6. Rosters:**

- Team rosters are limited to a maximum of 15 players.
- Rosters are due to league coordinator by November 9, 2012.

#### **7. Games and Playing Time:**

- Games will begin at their scheduled times.
- 5/6 Teams will play four 6-minute quarters with a 5-minute halftime.
- 7/8 Teams will play four 8-minute quarters with a 5-minute halftime.
- All divisions will play a 5-minute overtime period in the event of a tie score at the end of regulation play. As many overtime periods as necessary will be played until a winner can be declared.
- The scoreboard clock will run continuously with the following exceptions: foul shots, the last minute before halftime, and the last minute of regulation play.

- Each team will receive 3 time-outs per half (two full {1-minute each} and one 30-seconds in length).

**8. Rules of Play:** Official NYSPHSAA Modified Game Rules and Conditions for the league shall apply, with the following conditions and exceptions:

- Parents, coaches and league coordinators will provide **equal play opportunity** for all athletes regardless of race, creed, sex, economic status, or ability. Every athlete on the team roster who practices according to the team standards will play equal amounts of time in competitive games, including any tournament or playoff situations.
- Players receiving two technical fouls will be automatically ejected from the game in progress. Each technical foul will result in a 2-point credit to the opposing team.
- Any player ejected from a game is automatically suspended from the next game. He or she will be required to meet with the league coordinator before his or her next scheduled game. Repeated technical violations will result in expulsion from the league.
- Teams accumulating multiple technical fouls shall be subject to consequences as stated in sections 2 and 3 of the Charter School League's Sportsmanship Policy and Code of Conduct (Explained on page 8).
- Players committing their 5<sup>th</sup> personal foul will be automatically disqualified from further play during the game in question. This constitutes "fouling out."
- A team may start, and play, a game with only 4 players. Teams who have less than 4 players present within **5 minutes** after the game is scheduled to start will **automatically forfeit to the opposing team. The community center's clock shall be the official timepiece.**
- Forfeitures may be declared by the league coordinator for any of the following reasons: failure of a team to provide the minimum number of players to hold a game; utilization of an ineligible player, demonstration of unsportsmanlike conduct by a team, individual player, or coach; the harassment of coaches, players, officials, or spectators.
- Bonus 1-and-1 free throws will be shot for fouls called at the accumulation of 7 team fouls in each half. At the accumulation of 10 team fouls, two free throws will be shot.
- Three-point shooting will be in effect for the duration of the game. The shooting player must have both feet completely behind the 3-point arc when he or she leaves the floor. Any 3-point shot made without correct foot placement will be considered a 2-point shot.
- Teams may not press (full or half court) until the last minute before halftime, and the last two minutes of regulation play. Teams who lead their opponents by 10 or more points may not press (full or half court) at any time while holding that lead (Mercy Rule).
- Dunking is permitted, but players are prohibited from hanging on the rim. Players will receive a warning for their first rim infraction; subsequent rim infractions will automatically be assessed a technical foul.
- Officials will be asked to utilize a teaching approach when officiating game play.

**9. Miscellaneous:**

- Teams automatically forfeit their right to reclaim any portion of the league entry fee once they have participated in their first game. This extends to teams wishing to drop out of the league once the season has begun, as well as severe and unique circumstances where a team may be dropped by the league coordinator as a result of league infractions.
- The Charter School Basketball League's Sportsmanship Policy and Code of Conduct shall be enforced by league officials, volunteers, and staff.

## Sportsmanship Policy & Code of Conduct

1. Sportsmanlike behavior is essential to interscholastic competition as it is a critical part of education and the quality of life of those involved. The definition of sportsmanship includes, but is not limited to the following:
  - a. Honesty
  - b. Being fair
  - c. Having knowledge of the rules
  - d. Respecting rules and officials
  - e. Demonstrating self-control
  - f. Treating others and situations in a manner you would expect to be treated
  - g. Accepting victory with grace and defeat with dignity.
2. Penalties for School and/ or Team Violations: These incidents are largely the responsibility of a school/ team, to include unacceptable behavior by personnel or supporters, or by the majority of team members and/ or coaches.
  - a. Letter of Concern: From League Coordinator to the school principal (cc: Superintendent/ Board of Education and Athletic Director) expressing concern about specific incident(s). The intent is to bring a matter of concern to the attention of school leaders with the expectation that the matter can be resolved before it becomes more serious.
  - b. Letter of Admonishment: From League Coordinator to be sent to Superintendent/ Board of Education (cc: Principal and Athletic Director) requiring a written response from the Superintendent/ Board of Education to include a description of the action intended to prevent repetition of the incident.
  - c. Notification of Sanctions; A series of stronger measures.
    - i. Probation: May include the assignment of specific measures to be implemented.
    - ii. Forfeiture: Requires forfeiture of specific contest(s).
    - iii. Disqualification: Involves disqualification from competition for remainder of season.
    - iv. Suspension: Involves suspension from competition for a longer but specified period, including the assignment of remedies to be implemented prior to lifting the suspension.
3. Penalties for Player(s) Violations: These incidents involve the unsportsmanlike conduct of player(s)
  - a. An automatic one-contest suspension for the next scheduled contest following ejection from current competition by officials for unsportsmanlike conduct. (i.e. fighting, use of profanity, disrespect for officials.)
  - b. Extended suspension to include a specified number of games for flagrant or repeated acts of unsportsmanlike conduct that result in ejection from competition.
  - c. Letters of concern: directed to appropriate school personnel.
  - d. Letters of Admonishment: directed to the appropriate school personnel.
  - e. The coach of an ejected athlete will report the incident to the appropriate school personnel within 24 hours.
  - f. The league coordinator will report any coach ejected by an official to the appropriate school official within 24 hours.

## *North Buffalo Community Center Spectator Policy*

As a member of the North Buffalo Basketball League who supports Athletics **I will:**

1. Support the decisions made by the officials, coaches and athletes.
2. Act in an honorable, responsible and respectful way when attending and enjoying a competition.
3. Promote cooperation between fans, team members and the school district.
4. Encourage fellow spectators to display sportsmanlike conduct.
5. Demonstrate genuine concern for an injured player, regardless of the team they play for.
6. Keep all cheers positive.

As a member of the community who supports Tapestry Charter School Athletics, **I will NOT:**

1. Make derogatory comments, chants, songs, and or gestures.
2. Show disrespect while teams are being introduced, or when teams, cheerleaders or drill teams are performing.
3. Perform actions that will take away from the game (ex. Using names, numbers, nicknames or ethnic slurs, profanity, artificial noise makers, etc...)
4. Boo or heckle an officials decision.
5. Create unsafe situations.

**Be a Fan “NOT” a “Fanatic”**