



Rules for 2018-2019 Season

Grades 9 through 12: Boys & Girls

Welcome to the 2018-2019 season. As you read these rules, you will realize that TBA strives to maintain a program that allows each player to realize his or her full potential, while keeping the ideals of sportsmanship and fair play above all else.

Since this is a recreational organization, competitiveness is downplayed and participation and fun are emphasized. There are some fundamental safety rules enforced at all grade levels. These include:

- Absolutely no jewelry of any kind is allowed except NFHS exceptions
- Metal or hard plastic hair clips are prohibited
- No casts of any kind are allowed
- Absolutely no food or drink is allowed in any gym as per school district rules. Only individual plastic water bottles containing water are allowed. No sports drinks, coffee or pop. Violation may result in a bench technical foul.
- Flash pictures are prohibited during play
- No spectators will be allowed to stand or sit along the end lines during game play. Teams arriving to play in the next game must either sit in bleachers/chairs with other spectators or remain in the foyer. At Fowler, temporary foot traffic will be permitted in order to access Court 2 (farther from main entry).

By following these safety rules, the program provides a safe environment for our children. We expect every coach, player, parent and spectator to adhere to these rules.

Players who participate in practices must play at least 50% of each game held that week. It is the responsibility of parents to report any non-compliance of this rule to the TBA Hoop Line.

GAME RULES

TBA operates under the current rules of the National Federation of High School Associations (NFHS) with the following modifications and exceptions. Any situation not covered under the written rules will be decided by the game officials. Their decision is final. TBA does not recognize appeals.

At least 5 minutes prior to the start of each game, each head coach will:

- a) Produce a volunteer to work at the scorer's table.
- b) Present a roster with player names (first and last) and jersey numbers to the scorekeeper.
- c) Penalty for each a) and b): administrative team technical foul – 2 shots for opposing team and possession of ball to start the game.

TBA-issued jerseys for the current season must be worn, or the game will start with an administrative technical foul assessed to each player with a non-conforming jersey (all season long, every game). If both teams violate, the technicals do not offset each other. Each team will shoot two shots for each infraction by the opposing team. The player technicals count toward their 5 personal fouls and 2 technical fouls before disqualification. Players may participate with non-conforming jerseys after penalties have been assessed.

If tee shirts (short sleeve or long sleeve) are worn under jerseys, they must be of the same or similar color as the jersey color. This means white under white and dark under green. Players will be asked to remove non-compliant tee shirts. Shooting sleeves must be one of the colors approved by NFHS: white, black, beige, or the predominant color of the game jersey (green). Teammates are encouraged, but not required to wear the same color shooting sleeves. Sleeves with subtle patterning will be allowed. Headbands and wristbands may be any color.

Shirts must remain tucked in during play and shorts pulled up.

Only registered TBA players shall participate in TBA games. Use of a player in a game who is not registered will result in the game being declared a forfeit, and the head coach receiving a flagrant technical foul for unsportsmanlike conduct. The head coach will be suspended from all team activities for at least the next week and the next scheduled game. Review and reinstatement will proceed as described in TBA Policies and Procedures.

Teams should have at least five players to start the game. If a team has fewer than five, they may play with four, or they may recruit other registered TBA players who are in the gym at the time and who are of the same gender and the same status level or below, as long as both coaches and the officials agree. Only as many players as it takes to get to a full complement of five are allowed to be recruited. If that team's roster players arrive during the game, they must replace the non-roster players at the next substitution opportunity, and the non-roster players cannot participate further in the game except for injury.

If a number of players are disqualified to reduce the available players to less than five, the last disqualified player(s) may remain in the game, but each foul assessed thereafter against a disqualified player shall be penalized as a result of the foul, plus one free throw, and the ball to resume play by a throw-in. Only the last disqualified player(s) may remain in the game, except for injury.

If a team is assessed 3 technical fouls in a game, that team forfeits and the game will end. This is in addition to any individual sanctions that may result.

Ejections: Parents and/or spectators may be ejected at any time for unsportsmanlike behavior at the discretion of the officials and/or TBA board members. Ejected players may never reenter a game. Anyone ejected for any reason will be suspended for the next game, and not allowed in the building. A person who is suspended, is suspended from all TBA activities at all grade levels in any capacity: player, coach, spectator.

Fines: In addition to being suspended from the next scheduled TBA game, any player or coach ejected from a game must meet in person with the High School section VP and pay a \$30 fine before that person may participate in another TBA game.

If a coach is ejected from a game or gets 2 unsportsmanlike technical fouls in separate games, then he/she must either referee a TBA game or serve a suspension before coaching another game. The suspension will be for one game or one week, whichever is longer, and there will be no participation in any TBA activities until after the suspension is served. If the coach opts to referee a game instead of serving the suspension, he/she will be assigned a game at a different level than the coach's team plays. Coach/referee will be in addition to the normally assigned referee crew.

Any player or coach ejected twice in a season will be dropped from TBA.

Point System for Tournaments: A team's eligibility for any end-of-season tournament will automatically be reviewed by the TBA Executive Committee if, during the season, the team accumulates five or more "points" which are any combination of player or coach unsportsmanlike technical fouls (UST) and/or ejections. USTs carry one point and ejections carry two points.

TBA does not recognize a designated coaching box at any level and coaches must remain seated except that the head coach may stand to request a timeout, confer with the scorer's table, or spontaneously react to an outstanding play by a team member.

Teams are allowed to play any type of defense, including zone, at any time. If at any time during the game a team has a lead of 15 or more points, that team is not allowed to backcourt guard. One warning per team shall be given for violations of the no backcourt guarding rule. Subsequent violations may be assessed as team technical fouls.

Games shall consist of 7 minute stop time quarters, a 3 minute halftime and 1 minute between quarters. If games are running long, the officials may alter the timing regulations of the games as needed to stay on schedule. The third quarter will go to a running clock when halftime starts after the half-way point of that game's allotted time, and thereafter the game may, or may not, return to stop clock as determined by the game officials

Each team may be granted up to three 60 second timeouts and two 30 second timeouts per game.

Overtime: if the game is tied at the end of regulation, a single 2 minute stop-time period shall be played, time permitting. Each team may be granted one-30 second timeout in overtime. If the game is still tied at the end of one overtime, the game will be declared a tie.