

## 2. BASKETBALL — BOYS AND GIRLS

### A. GENERAL REGULATIONS

#### 1) Interscholastic Participation

- 1.1) Any scheduled regular season basketball game which is not started due to unforeseen circumstances such as failure of team to arrive, strikes or school closings is considered “No Contest.” Games not played are not included in won-lost statistics and cannot be considered “Forfeits.”
- 1.2) Schools or a school team representative are permitted to video record or photograph a regular season contest in which the school team is participating. It is NOT permissible for a school or a school representative to video record or photograph scrimmages, previews or regular season contests of other school teams or opponents without the written consent of all schools participating in the contest(s).
- 1.3) PREVIEW — A preview may be scheduled and played only starting with the first day after the official start date of coaching and ending with the date of the first regular season game of the teams involved. Each team may schedule one preview and no player may participate in more than one preview. Previews must be played according to National Federation Basketball Rules and shall meet all definitions in Sports Regulation 23.
- 1.4) A student athlete in grades 9-12 may play in a maximum of 110 quarters plus OHSAA sponsored tournament. (Penalty — See Sports Regulation 20.)
- 1.5) A student-athlete in grades 7-8 may play in a maximum of 70 quarters plus one postseason or league/conference tournament not to exceed four games by one team. (Penalty — See Sports Regulation 20.)
- 1.6) A student shall not be permitted to participate in more than five quarters during any one day. Any part of a quarter is to be considered as a full quarter. In an overtime game, the extended time shall be considered an extension of the fourth quarter.
- 1.7) Penalty for participation in more than five (5) quarters per day:
  - When discovered during a contest, the team shall be assessed a technical foul by the official and the student shall be disqualified from the game. All quarters played shall count toward the maximum permitted.
  - When discovered after a contest is completed, there is no team or individual penalty but all quarters played by the individual shall count toward the maximum permitted for the player.
- 1.8) Length of quarters:
  - a. Varsity — 8 minute quarters.
  - b. Freshman, reserve or junior varsity — 6 minutes recommended, maximum of 7 minutes.
  - c. Grades 7 & 8 — 6 minutes maximum.
  - d. Overtime — 8 minute quarters – 4 minute overtime; 6 or 7 minute quarters – 3 minute overtime.
- 1.9) Member schools electing to participate in the *Basketball Service Week Foundation Game* are permitted to use one of their five allotted scrimmages to play a regulation game under all normal game conditions. Foundation games do not count against a team’s won-lost record and may be played any time between November 10 and the first Sectional tournament contest (Girls) and November 17 and the first Sectional tournament contest (Boys). Each participating school is required to make a \$250 contribution to the OHSAA Foundation.
- 1.10) Game Ball: The official game ball adopted by the OHSAA is the Rawlings CompOhioCB (boys) and the Rawlings CompOhio28.5CB (girls) and is required to be used for all regular season and tournament contests in grades 7-12.

**Note:** If a school is under a current contract (a contract executed before May 1, 2013, and still in “term”) for its use of a ball other than Rawlings, that school may continue with said ball in honor of its current contract.

## 2) Out-of-State Travel

A basketball team may travel out of state to compete in contest scrimmages, previews and games in states or provinces in Canada that are contiguous to Ohio regardless of distance to travel. The states include Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The province includes Ontario. Additionally, a basketball team may travel out of state one time per interscholastic season to compete in states or provinces in Canada that are not contiguous to Ohio provided there is no loss of school time.

“School time” is defined as any time during any day during which the school is in session as stipulated in its Board-adopted school calendar exclusive of contingency days. Penalty for violation: The school shall be ineligible for the OHSAA postseason tournament in the sport in which the out-of-state travel was involved and could be subject to additional penalties as referenced in Bylaw 11.

**EXCEPTION:** If, because of missed school days due to calamity situations, an otherwise non-school day(s) becomes a school day(s) in order to make-up for the missed school day, the school may compete in a contest(s) outside the state of Ohio provided:

- 1) The school had contracted for/committed to said trip/contest(s) at least three months prior to the contest(s) in question and;
- 2) The school receives written permission from the Executive Director’s office at least one week in advance of the scheduled event.

**Note:** A basketball team may not travel out of state to practice only. However, teams may practice out of state while there to compete in contests.

## 3) Ejection for Unsporting Conduct

See *Ejection Policies for Players and Coaches* under Sections 13 and 14 of the General Sports Regulations.

## 4) Transfer Bylaw

Due to the many questions regarding this bylaw and its application to students wishing to play basketball please go to this link <http://www.ohsaa.org/Eligibility/Transfer> to assist in understanding this bylaw. Note that students who transfer and do not meet an exception to this bylaw are ineligible for all regular season contests and including the OHSAA tournament beginning with regular season game #12.

## 5) Non-Interscholastic Participation

- 5.1) Basketball Players Who Have Not Competed for Their School This Season:  
A sports regulation identified as the Individual Non-Interscholastic Competition Date stipulates that a basketball athlete who has not participated for the school team in basketball that season must cease non-interscholastic basketball participation (28 days) prior to the Monday of the week of the State Tournament in basketball in order to be eligible for OHSAA Tournament competition provided all other applicable bylaws and regulations have been followed.

In addition, an athlete who has participated for the school in basketball who violates this non-interscholastic competition date by participating in a non-interscholastic contest in basketball shall be ineligible for OHSAA tournament competition in basketball in addition to any other penalties that may be prescribed.

Girls: February 7, 2019 – No non-interscholastic competition permitted on or after this date  
Boys: February 14, 2019 – No non-interscholastic competition permitted on or after this date

- 5.2) A member of an interscholastic basketball squad (any student who has played in a scrimmage, preview or regular season/tournament game as a substitute or starter)

sponsored by the Board of Education shall not participate in a non-interscholastic program (tryouts, practice or contest) as an individual or a member of a team in the sport of basketball during the school's season (Sports Regulation 7.2).

- 5.3) A member of an interscholastic basketball squad (any student who has played in a scrimmage, preview or regular season/tournament game as a substitute or starter) sponsored by the Board of Education may participate in non-interscholastic basketball prior to and after the school season under the conditions of General Sports Regulation 7.3 and 7.5 and are detailed as follows:

- 5.31) The number of interscholastic basketball players from the same school on the non-interscholastic squad is limited to two on the roster of that non-interscholastic squad. A roster is defined as all the members of the entire squad on that non-interscholastic squad that would practice together or participate together in any non-interscholastic event. "Rotating players" that would exceed this number (2) is not permitted and use of any "substitute players" on a non-interscholastic roster would be counted as one of the 2 players permitted on the non-interscholastic roster.

**Note:** Graduating seniors who are participating on a non-interscholastic basketball squad after their final interscholastic contest of the season in the sport of basketball are exempt from this limitation.

- 5.32) There is no limit on the number of basketball squad members from the same school participating on the same team during the period June 1-July 31 in accordance with General Sports Regulation 7.3.
- 5.33) A player may continue to play with a non-interscholastic squad in a national qualifying tournament in excess of the two player limitation after July 31 until the squad is eliminated but no later than Labor Day.
- 5.34) Non-interscholastic participation includes tryouts, training, practice and competition.
- 5.4) A student may not play in a non-interscholastic basketball contest, game or scrimmage while a member of the school basketball squad. Non-interscholastic programs are defined in their entirety in General Sports Regulation 7.1 and "team membership" is also defined in General Sports Regulation 7.1.
- 5.5) Participation in "3 on 3" tournaments (such as but not limited to "Gus Macker" tournaments) is **not** a violation of OHSAA non-interscholastic Team Sports Regulation 7.3 for student-athletes.
- 5.6) All-Star Games — "All-Star" events are non-interscholastic events by rule. Student-athletes in team sports who wish to participate in one of these "all-star" competitions outside the school basketball season may do so without jeopardy to eligibility provided the students maintain compliance with General Sports Regulations 7.3 and 7.6 that address Non-School Team Competition.

The purpose of this special "All-Star" regulation is to provide an opportunity for the interscholastic team sport coach to coach players from his or her school. Coaches are permitted to coach in "All-Star" contests if they meet all the provisions of General Sports Regulation 7.6.

## 6) Instructional Programs

See *Regulations for Instructional Programs* under Section 7 of the General Sports Regulations.

## 7) No Contact Period — Coaches

See *Regulations for No Contact Period — Coaches* under Section 11 of the General Sports Regulations.

**8) Penalties**

- 8.1) The maximum penalty for violation of Sports Regulation 7.2 (participation with a non-interscholastic basketball squad while a member of the school’s interscholastic basketball squad) or any OHSAA regulations for any member of the school squad, EXCEPT a senior, is ineligibility for the remainder of the interscholastic basketball season or the ensuing basketball season. For a senior, the maximum penalty shall be ineligibility for the remainder of the school year.
- 8.2) The penalty for a coach for violation of Sports Regulation 7 (non-interscholastic teams) may include suspension, probation, public censure, fine not to exceed \$1,000 per occurrence or such other penalty as the Executive Director may deem appropriate.

**B. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — Grades 9-12**

- 1) Tryouts, coaching, instruction may begin — Girls: October 26, 2018  
Boys: November 2, 2018
- 2) First game — Girls: November 23, 2018  
Boys: Thursday, November 29, 2018
- 3) Deadline date for OHSAA Tournament — Girls: January 28, 2019  
Boys: February 4, 2019
- 4) Tournament draw/seeding meeting — Girls: February 3, 2019, 2:00 p.m.  
Boys: February 10, 2019, 2:00 p.m.
- 5) Coaching and Season end — Girls: February 23, 2019\*  
Boys: March 2, 2019\*  
\*Unless later date is approved due to weather issues
- 6) Scrimmage or Previews — Maximum of five scrimmages plus one preview.  
(Note: An approved OHSAA Foundation Game may replace one scrimmage).
- 7) Regular season games — Maximum of 22 games.
- 8) Rules — National Federation Basketball (NFHS).
- 9) Officials:
  - 9.1) Varsity — Class 1 Basketball Only. In the event only one OHSAA registered basketball official arrives to officiate the game, the game may be played provided the participating coaches agree.
  - 9.2) Reserve/Junior Varsity — Class 1 or Class 2 Basketball Only. In the event only one OHSAA registered basketball official arrives to officiate the game, the game may be played provided the participating coaches agree.
  - 9.3) Freshman — Minimum of one OHSAA Class 1, Class 2 or Class 3 basketball official required. All other officials are required to be OHSAA Class 1, 2 or 3 or basketball official in training.

**C. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — Grades 7 & 8**

- 1) Tryouts, coaching and instruction may begin — Girls: October 26, 2018  
Boys: November 2, 2018
- 2) First game — Girls: November 23, 2018;  
Boys: November 29, 2018
- 3) Coaching and Season end — Girls: February 23, 2019  
Boys: March 2, 2019
- 4) Scrimmages or Previews — Maximum of two scrimmages plus one preview.
- 5) Regular season games — Maximum of 16 games.

- 6) Postseason games — 1 league/conference tournament or 1 postseason tournament not to exceed 4 games.
- 7) Rules — National Federation Basketball (NFHS).
- 8) Basketball — The approved ball shall have a circumference minimum of 28 1/2 inches to a maximum of 29 inches for 7th & 8th grade competition.
- 9) Officials — One OHSAA Class 1, Class 2 or Class 3 basketball official required. All other officials required to be an OHSAA Class 1, 2 or 3 or basketball official in training.

**Girls Basketball**

	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>
Coach-No Contact Period	8/1-8/31/18	8/1-8/31/19	8/1-8/31/20	8/1-8/31/21
Coaching and Tryouts Begin	10/26	10/25		
Season Begins	11/23	11/22		
Sectional	2/11-2/23	2/10-2/22	<i>Future dates will be determined by the Board of Directors. Please check OHSAA.org for updates.</i>	
District	2/25-3/2	2/24-2/29		
Regional	3/4-3/9	3/2-3/7		
State	3/14-3/16	3/12-3/14		
Season Ends	3/16	3/14		
Easter	4/21	4/12	4/4	4/17

**Boys Basketball**

	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>
Coach-No Contact Period	8/1-8/31/18	8/1-8/31/19	8/1-8/31/20	8/1-8/31/21
Coaching and Tryouts Begin	11/2	11/1		
Season Begins	11/29	11/27		
Sectional	2/18-3/2	2/17-2/29	<i>Future dates will be determined by the Board of Directors. Please check OHSAA.org for updates.</i>	
District	3/4-3/9	3/2-3/7		
Regional	3/11-3/16	3/9-3/14		
State	3/21-3/23	3/19-3/21		
Season Ends	3/23	3/21		
Easter	4/21	4/12	4/4	4/17

**BASKETBALL — STATE TOURNAMENT ROTATION SCHEDULE**

2019-2022-2025	2020-2023-2026	2021-2024-2027
III	II	IV
II	IV	III
IV	III	II
I	I	I