

Oxford Township Parks & Recreation Youth Boys Basketball League Rules

LEAGUE GOALS & OBJECTIVES

The Oxford Township Parks and Recreation Boys Youth Basketball Program is designed to give all players the opportunity to participate in the sport regardless of past playing experience. Participants will learn the benefits, basic rules and positions of the game in a fun and safe atmosphere. To promote teamwork and a positive individual experience for all players, coaches and parents, we will not keep score, standings or promote an all-star team. Every child in this program will be seen and treated like a true champion. Remember it's a kids program.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

All boys currently enrolled in 2nd through 8th grade. All players must be registered with the parks and recreation department before a child will be placed on a team. **A player should never be allowed to play without being registered.** Players not registered and not listed on a team roster, should be reported to the Parks & Recreation Office. No participant is eligible to play youth basketball with the Oxford Township Parks & Recreation Department if they are currently members of organized interscholastic teams (private and public). Once the season is completed, they are eligible for the Recreation program (Michigan High School Athletic Association rule) this affects all middle school boys.

League Policies

1. Oxford Township Parks & Recreation Commission reserves the right to rule and make recommendations on any or all matters covered or not precisely covered in the league rules.
2. A representative of each team will conduct officiating, this will enable play to move more consistently and provide the opportunity to educate the specific player or players on the violation that was called.
3. Score and standings will not be kept.
4. This league is intended to teach the sport of basketball in a safe and fun atmosphere. All players are winners.

Game Rules and Regulations

The current High School basketball rules shall apply to all league play with the following exception/addition

1. A team must have at least four (4) players present to start a game. Minimum number of players will equal opposing team.
2. Game Timing: Four 10-minute running clock quarters, with a 1-minute break between quarters and 3 minutes at half time. Each team is allotted 2 time outs per half.
3. Substitutions may be made, with no charged timeouts, at a stoppage of play.
4. No full-court presses allowed in all leagues. When the defensive teams get a rebound the offensive team must get back on defense immediately. Pressuring the defender may not begin until the offensive player reaches the three point line.
5. The 3-second lane violation as well as the 10-second mid-court violation will be called in the Platinum Division only.
6. Teams will only play man-to-man defense in the Silver (2nd-3rd) and Gold (4th-5th) Divisions. The Platinum (6th-8th) Division may play either man-to-man or zone defense.
7. Over and back will be called in the Platinum Division only.
8. All players on each team must play a minimum of half the game.
9. Fouls: if a player is in the act of shooting they will receive 2 foul shots. Each player is allowed unlimited fouls. The foul line will be moved up 3 to 5 feet in the 2nd/3rd & 4th/5th grade division. **Teams may choose to take the ball out of bounds instead of shooting a free throw. (This decision will be left up to the coaches).**
10. During free throws shots, the shooter and players along the lane are not allowed to enter the key area until the ball touches the rim or backboard, or until the free throw ends.
11. The alternating possession rule will be used as follows:

Home team is listed first on the schedule and will begin the game with the possession. Situations other than the start of the game teams will alternate taking the ball out-of-bounds. **Alternate possession rule will be in effect on all tie-ups.**