

Muslim Youth Basketball Association- MYBA

Provisional Operational Rules & Regulations

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A. Facilities

1.0 Purpose

The Facilities portion of the Rules and Regulations govern the terms and conditions of using the facilities in which MYBA is hosted. This applies to board members, players, referees and spectators participating in MYBA functions.

2.0 Penalties

- 2.1 Board members and players who violate any of the terms and conditions outlined in article 3 may be faced with expulsion, suspension, and/or fining.
- 2.2 Referees and spectators who violate any of the terms and conditions outlined in article 3 may be escorted and/or banned from the facilities.
- 2.3 Damage of equipment or facilities will result in the responsible individual(s) to pay for the expenses of replacement or repair.
- 2.4 Police will be called upon the occurrence of a serious incidence and to deal with uncooperative individuals. Individuals who fail to take responsibility for their perpetration will be reported to campus police.

3.0 Terms and Conditions

- 3.1 Demonstrate respect for all individuals and maintain self-control at all times (refer to section B. Ethics below).
- 3.2 Respect the facility in which you participate.
- 3.3 All users are required to wear appropriate athletic clothing and athletic shoes with non-marking soles. Street clothes, ripped or torn clothing, sandals and open-toed shoes, and cleats are not permitted **on the court**.
Bare feet are not permitted unless participating in a specific program (e.g. prayers).
- 3.4 All personal belongings are the sole responsibility of the owner.
- 3.5 Food and beverages (with the exception of water bottles) are not permitted in any areas of the facility. Water bottles must be plastic, unbreakable containers. Glass containers are not permitted.
- 3.6 Spitting on the playing surfaces, or in any other areas of the facility, is strictly forbidden.
- 3.7 All users are required to vacate the athletic areas promptly at closing time.
- 3.8 No users are to enter any athletic areas apart from the host site gym.
No users are to use any equipment except those that MYBA have acquired for the duration of the rental.

- 3.10 Any damaged or broken equipment must be reported to the host Facility Supervisor as well as the MYBA Facility Supervisor (or any other board member if he is not present).
- 3.11 In case of injury or accident, the host Facility Supervisor should be contacted immediately. In case of serious accident or injury, police can be called using the Emergency Phone Lines located in the facility.
- 3.12 In the case of a fire alarm, the premises are to be evacuated immediately.
- 3.13 Users are to ensure that showers in locker/change room are turned off.
- 3.14 No users are to use the full lockers in the host facilities (with the exception of those who have rented the lockers). Temporary lockers (half lockers) may be used for the duration of MYBA's rental. Lockers will be cut if not removed by the closing time.
- 3.15 All users are responsible for cleaning the gym as well as the locker/change rooms.

B. Ethics

4.0 Purpose

The Ethics portion of the Rules and Regulations govern the etiquette of board members, players, referees and spectators participating in MYBA functions. This includes religious and professional etiquette.

5.0 Eligibility

Board members are required to be Muslims. Players, and spectators are not required to be Muslims, however, to keep with the essence of the league, they must adhere to the teachings of Islam in all matters pertaining to the league.

6.0 Islamic Etiquette

MYBA encourages and fosters an Islamic environment before, during and after each game and meetings. MYBA is based on the principles of Islam and thus requires its members to also function within these principles. Along with basic respect and professional behavior, the following rules will be followed strictly:

7.0 Profanity

Swearing, Cursing or other forms of foul language will be subject to fines of \$2 for players, \$5 for team reps and board members. Profanity is defined as abusive, vulgar, or offensive language. The presiding board member is responsible for issuing the fine and receiving the payment.

8.0 Fighting

Any sort of fighting, be it verbal or physical may be subjected to one or more of the following actions: suspension from the league, expulsion from the league, fines. Penalties will be determined by the board in a review hearing. Due to the seriousness of these offences and the penalties imposed, the accused will have a chance to present his case. Also, there may be further consequences according to the rules and regulations established by the law enforcement authorities governing the host site.

9.0 Trash talking

Since the goal of MYBA is to foster an Islamic environment free of humiliation and disrespect, therefore *excessive* trash talking is unacceptable and players will be penalized with a foul and/or fines and suspensions. Referees are responsible for enforcing this rule and the presiding board member will issue the fine and collect the payment.

10.0 Intimate interaction

MYBA does not enforce any gender restrictions on spectators, however, all players, reps and board members will refrain from any intimate encounters with anyone during MYBA events. Intimate encounters are acts done with members of the opposite sex such as kissing, hugging, flirting, play fighting or any other acts deemed inappropriate by the board. The board will first issue a private warning, if the situation does not change, the spectator(s) will be asked to leave and if a player is involved he will be issued a technical foul.

11.0 Appeals

If a team rep, player or team feels that they have been dealt with unfairly, they are eligible to appeal any disciplinary actions. All appeals are to be sent in writing to the board within 1 day of the infraction occurring.

12.0 Referees and Officials

Disrespecting, insulting and harassment of MYBA referees and officials will not be tolerated and players may be subjected to fines and/or suspensions to be defined by the board. Presiding board member will note the incident and bring it to the board for a hearing.

13.0 Smoking, Alcohol, Drugs

Smoking, drinking alcohol and taking narcotics is strictly banned by the league during any MYBA event. If a player appears intoxicated, the presiding board member(s) are authorized to remove him from the game and may be subjected to fines and/or suspensions. See facility regulations for more information.

14.0 Theft

MYBA is not responsible for any thefts that occur during MYBA events. If a player is found to be stealing they will be suspended and may be subjected to further legal action.

15.0 Spitting and Vandalism

Spitting on facility surfaces and/or vandalism is strictly prohibited and is subject to fines and/or suspensions from the MYBA. Further actions may be taken by the host facility.

16.0 Attendance

MYBA does not enforce any gender or beliefs restrictions on spectators.

17.0 Dress Code

MYBA encourages but does not enforce Islamic Dress Code unless it is perceived as completely unacceptable by the board members.

18.0 Responsibilities of the Board

- 18.1 The board of Directors must conduct themselves according to Islamic etiquette during any MYBA related events/meetings
- 18.2 **Enforcement of Rules and Disciplinary actions.** The board of directors are responsible for the creation and enforcement of all rules and regulations. The board is also responsible for applying any disciplinary actions based on the above actions taken by a player.
- 18.3 **Review of Appeals**
The board of directors is responsible for reviewing all appeals to disciplinary actions taken. The final decision lies with the board and the decision is final.
- 18.4 **Approval of Team names**
The board of directors has be the final authority on the team names. Teams may chose from a pre-defined list of cities that the board provides OR may select another pending board approval.
- 18.5 **Presiding over Games**
There must be at least 1 board member who is not playing present at each game in order to monitor enforcement of rules, player's etiquette and general MYBA operations. Board members who are presiding over games are responsible for collecting all fines and noting all infractions that warrant disciplinary actions.

19.0 Responsibilities of Team Reps

- 19.1 All Team Reps must conduct themselves according to Islamic etiquette at all times during MYBA events.
- 19.2 **Notification of Rules**
All reps are responsible for explaining to their team the rules that govern MYBA
- 19.3 **Appeals**
Team Reps are responsible for preparing and presenting formal appeals to board regarding disciplinary issues within 1 day of the infraction occurring
Team Reps must accept the boards ruling as final.
- 19.4 Team reps will be only ones who can speak on behalf of their teams unless there is an issue between the players and a rep, in this case the player involved or a selected representative amongst the players involved may present their case to the board

- 19.5 Team reps are responsible for ensuring that only the players he drafted and/or traded legally are playing. Also, team reps are responsible for not having any non-team members on the bench or court.
- 19.6 If a rep fails to comply with their responsibilities, they may be subjected to disciplinary actions as decided by the board

20.0 Responsibilities of Players

- 20.1 All Players must conduct themselves according to Islamic etiquette at all times during MYBA events
- 20.2 If players have any concerns, they should first speak with their team rep who then will contact the board of directors
- 20.3 All players must accept the decision of the board as final

21.0 Team Names

Refer to article 6.4 for approval of team names.

The descriptive name of the team cannot be any name which is offensive, vulgar or discriminatory in nature and must be approved by the board as well.

C. Game Play

22.0 Rules on the Basketball Court

Regulation High School Activities Association (RHSAA) rules will be followed with the following exceptions:

- 22.1 20 minute running clock except for the last 2 minutes of each half, unless a team is ahead by more than 15 points. If the lead falls to 15 points or below, the clock will stop. In addition, the clock will stop on all technical fouls. Clock does not restart until it would in a normal dead ball situation
- 22.2 4 full time-outs per game, two 20-second time-outs.
- 22.3 Overtimes will be 2 minutes in length with regular clock operation. The clock stops on all dead balls. 1 additional time-out in each overtime period.
- 22.4 5-minute half time and 5 minute pre-game warm-up.
- 22.5 Game time is forfeit time.
- 22.6 9u boys division will use official 26" dia. youth ball. The 11u and 13u boys division will use the official intermediate 28.5" ball. Boys divisions 14 and

above will use the official men's 29.5" ball. The 11u and 13u girls division will use 26" dia. youth ball. Girls 14 and older use the official WNBA ball.

- 22.7 9u boys and 11u girls' teams will play on 8.5 foot goals.
- 22.8 Jerseys must have a number on both the front and back with no number restrictions.
- 22.9 Players may play on only 1 team within a league or tournament age group. Player's eligibility will be checked if requested. Players may play "up" in an older age group but never "down" in an age group.
- 22.10 Teams may trade players only after commissioner approval and before the 5th game of the season. Players wishing to join draft team **AFTER** the draft will follow the order of draft sequence. The team owning the draft rights to the new draftee may add the player to its roster, or use its draft pick in a trade. **ALL TRADES MUST BE APPROVED BY MYBA Commissioner.**
- 22.11 Each team must provide a clock operator or score keeper for each game.
- 22.12 Tiebreaker procedure is as follows: The first criterion is head to head competition. If a 3-way tie exists and there is no head to head winner, a coin flip will be used to determine seeding. If the tournament is a "Round Robin" tournament, a point differential system will go in effect at the commissioners' discretion. Margin of victory up to a 14-point max per game will be used to determine final placing if there are no brackets.