

Liberty Youth League By-Laws

- **Payment:**

The League Coordinator sets the payment due date schedule. Guideline is for no later than one week after practices start.

Payment is due in full on or before the assigned date.

Failure to pay will result in the following escalations:

- The player will no longer be allowed to practice with the team until the payment is received.
- If the payment extends beyond one week late the player will be asked to leave the team and an alternate player can be added.

Multi-player discount: The league will offer a multi-player discount for families with more than one player in the league. The amount will be set by the league coordinator. The guideline is a 10% discount for the second player or third players.

- **Refunds:**

There are no guaranteed refunds. Payments are final.

- **Tournaments:**

The league coordinator will set a dollar limit for each team based on the going rate of local tournaments.

- The target is that each team will play in 4 regional tournaments.
- The coach can look for opportunities to play more than 4 tournaments if the entrance fee total is under the spending cap.
- Additional tournaments will come at the expense of the individual team.

- **Players playing outside their grade level**

- For 5th graders and beyond the player must try out for, and be placed on, the team matching his grade level.
- 4th graders are welcome to try out for the 5th grade competitive team and will be evaluated equally against the other players.
- Upon returning the next year, the parents can decide whether to have the player tryout for the 5th grade level again or tryout for the 6th grade team. If the player does not make the higher level team the evaluating coaches can decide to move the player back to his true grade level. This is solely at the discretion of the evaluating coaches. Playing level decisions will be final.

- **Player selection**

- Players for each team will be picked through a 2-day tryout process.
- The player evaluations will be done solely by the Liberty High School basketball coaches.
- The evaluations will target 10-12 players per team depending on talent level and numbers at the tryouts.
- Previous participation in the league will not be a factor when evaluating player skills but can act as a tiebreaker if players receive the same evaluation scores.

- **Scholarships:**

The total number of scholarships will be decided upon by the league coordinator at the beginning of each year. It will be based on the budget model put together to cover ongoing costs of operation.

Those scholarships will be awarded in the following way:

- Parents will have one week from the day the rosters are determined to request scholarship funding.
- The scholarship funds will be divided equally amongst the applicants at a given grade level.

Parents will be informed quickly of the scholarship funding levels and will still be held to the payment schedule outlined in the "Payments" section of this document.

Player/Parent Guidelines

Liberty Basketball is a competitive basketball program. The time requirements for the player and parents are going to be greater than for recreational leagues.

- Players are expected to make it to each and every practice and game.
- If a player misses a practice, for whatever reason, it may cost the player playing time in subsequent games (at the coaches discretion but guidelines are below).
- Chronic missing of practices and games is grounds for the player being asked to leave the team. No refund will be considered on this basis.

Practice and Game Requirements

It is expected that there will be 3-5 practices/week for every grade level. This translates into 4.5 to 7.5 hours per week.

When games start practice days will be cut back to 3 times per week, with one game per week that may or may not displace a practice day.

Each team will get a minimum of 4 tournaments per year (paid as part of the league entrance fee). These are weekend tournaments that will have games on both Saturday and Sunday. Depending on the tournament there is either a 3 or 4 game guarantee, perhaps more if your team advances to a championship game.

Missed practices and games:

It is critical for team and individual development that your child attends each practice, game and tournament. Of course, conflicts happen but please let your coach know as soon as possible if your child is going to miss practice.

These are the guidelines for unexcused absences of practices and/or games:

- 1st instance: Player does not start at the next game
- 2nd instance: Player is suspended for one half of a game
- 3rd instance: One game suspension
- 4th instance: Additional suspensions or expulsion from the team.

Administering of these guidelines is at the coach's discretion.

Playing Time

There are no playing time rules or minimums for this league.

The guidelines given to coaches are that we want our teams to be competitive but at the same time be developing the skills of **all** team members. This is recognized as a delicate balance.

All playing time decisions are at the coach's discretion.

Game Conduct Rules

Players: Respect your opponent and the officials. Complaining to the officials or engaging in verbal or physical altercations with the opponents will not be tolerated and are grounds for suspension or expulsion from the program without refund.

Uniforms (jerseys and shorts) must be worn to all games.

Parents: Positive cheering is encouraged and expected. Negative comments directed at officials is not welcome. Talking to officials after the game is expressly forbidden and will result in parent suspensions from future games or for the entire season.

Negative Comments towards the opposition players or coaches is also strictly forbidden and will result in parent suspensions from future games or for the entire season.

Player Evaluations

Each year every player will be given an end of the year evaluation focusing on items to work on during the off-season. We are hoping that this feedback will lead to players returning the next year better in the areas identified for improvement.

Liberty Basketball will provide opportunities and information for off-season workouts including camp information and possible open gym times. It is critical that you child is continuing their basketball skills improvement during the off season to keep pace with the others that are moving forward.