

North Riverside/Riverside Recreation Youth Basketball House Rules (7th & 8th Grade)

These are the basic rules we will be using for all games. It should be remembered that the referee is the only judge of fouls, out of bounds, and other offensive and defensive fouls. His/Her calls should be respected and not disputed. Referees are teachers of the game along with the coaches; please work together so that the children learn the game of basketball. If you have a concern about a referee's performance, please discuss it with him/her at half time or after the game.

1. Each game will consist of two sixteen (16) minute halves, with a running clock. The clock shall stop for all time outs and in the last minute of each half for all violations. There will be (5) minutes between each half.
2. Standings will be kept for the games played for tournament seeding position.
3. Every player regardless of skill, sex or age must be provided equal playing time.
4. Players should be given the opportunity to play different positions during the game and basketball program.
5. The ball used will be an official sized ball, 29 ½"-30" in circumference.
6. Pressing is allowed! **EXCEPTION: If a team is leading by 10 points or more, no press is allowed by the team that is leading.** Once a basket is made or ball taken away, the now defensive team must immediately fall back to their defensive positions behind the half court line. If a team does not fall back to play defense behind half court, the referee shall stop play and award the ball out of bounds to the offensive team.
7. Only two (2) timeouts per half.
8. Under no circumstances should the game not be played. Teams that do not have enough players present should use players from other teams in the league or from the opposing team. These substitute players should be of equal ability of the players not present. **The coach from the opposing team must agree with the substitute player. Players must be enrolled in either the Riverside or North Riverside program!**
9. The bonus shot (1 & 1) will be shot on the 7th foul of each half and the super bonus on the 10th foul of each half.
10. A single elimination tournament will be played after the regular scheduled games are played.
11. Chanting/taunting of any kind is not allowed during free throws.
12. If the regular games ends in a tie we will play a 3-minute overtime session.
13. All other rules shall be played according to the I.H.S.A. rulebook.