



Ionia Parks and Recreation Basketball Rules 2023



I. Rules

All Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) rules are to be used except:

The games shall consist of two (2) – 20 minute halves with a running clock the first half and **stops only in the last two (2) minutes of the second half unless a mercy is in play. (This is subject to change on gym availability.)**

Overtime periods will consist of (3) minute period running clock except during the last minute of the overtime period.

Each team is granted two (2) full time outs per half and one (1) – 30 second time out per half. However, if a time out is called during a free throw situation, the clock will remain stopped until the ball is either in bounded after a made free throw or rebounded after a missed free throw. In Overtime each team will receive 1 time out.

If a team is ahead by 15 or more points in the last two (2) minutes of the game, the clock shall continue to run without stoppage.

All teams must provide their own matching jerseys/ t-shirts. Shirts must be similar in color and have a number on that back that does not match any other number on the team. The number may not be taped on, but written-on numbers are allowable.

II. Eligibility

A. All players must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older at the time they sign a player eligibility/roster form with the Ionia Department of Parks & Recreation. Individuals presently attending high school may not be currently participating in the same sport.

B. Players may be added to the roster **Until February 15th**. They need to sign the roster/waiver before the game that night or by 5:00pm at the Armory Community Center before they play.

C. All players may be required to sign in with the official prior to starting the game. A driver's license or picture I.D. may need to be shown to verify who that person is. This will be enforced if eligibility of a player is in questions by the opposing team's captain, official or the parks and recreation staff. Have your License or picture I.D with you.

D. Any team may start and complete a game with four (4) eligible players. When a team has less than four (4) eligible players, the team will forfeit the game. Forfeit time

is game time. An official may start the game on time if both teams have at least four (4) players.

III. Policies and Procedures

A. "Profanity Rule" - in the judgment of the official if a player or team uses profanity or any abusive language, that team will be assessed a technical foul. Baiting or taunting an opponent and if, in the judgment of the official, is called, will automatically disqualify a player from the game and be subject to the ejection rule.

B. Managers/Captains are responsible for the actions of their players, team, and spectators before, during, and after their games. In addition, all information must be relayed by the manager/captain to his/her team players.

C. Any team forfeiting two (2) games may be dropped from the league. The parks and recreation department will make all decisions concerning the status of a team(s) in remaining league and playoff games.

D. Only the manager may confer with an official on calls.

E. Games stopped because of an official's decision (interpretation) will be replayed from the point of stoppage. Team manager and officials cannot set aside any rule.

F. Teams must supply their own first aid kit/supplies and treat their own injured players. (It is recommended that teams or players bring additional clothing to the games.) A player, coach or official who is bleeding or who has blood on his uniform shall be prohibited from participating further in the game until appropriate treatment can be administered. If medical care or treatment is administered in a reasonable length of time, the individual will not have to leave the game. The length of time that is considered reasonable is left to the official's judgment.

The official shall: (A) stop the game and allow treatment if the injured player would affect the continuation of the game; (B) immediately call a coach, trainer or other authorized person to the injured player; or (C) apply the rules of the game regarding substitution, short-handed player and re-entry if necessary.

G. **Official costs are \$25.00 per team per game**, payable at the school, only in cash. Any team that forfeits a game is responsible for the entire official fee (\$50.00). That must be paid to the Ionia Parks and Recreation Department by 5:00 pm the next business day or that team will forfeit their next game resulting in being dropped from the league.

H. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO OR OTHER CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE SCHOOL PREMISES OR PROPERTY.** This area is an established "Drug Free Zone". Any player caught using such controlled substance will be subject to penalties enforced by the local law enforcement agencies.

***Check in at scores table; wait for an official to enter you into the game.**

IV. Ejections

A. All players are subject to conduct themselves in an adult manner. There shall be no unsportsmanlike actions taken against anyone at anytime. If a player is ejected the following will happen:

1st offense: The player will not be allowed to finish the game and will be suspended for the next game.

2nd offense: The player will not be allowed to finish the game and will be suspended for the next five (5) games.

3rd offense: The player will not be allowed to finish the game and will be suspended for one (1) year from the time of the offense.

*** Ejections and suspensions are not limited to in-game play, but may also be taken from player conduct before and after games. Also, if any player receives three technical fouls throughout the season they will receive a one game suspension. Every technical foul after that will result in a one game suspension. 6 total technical fouls will result in suspension for the rest of the year.**

Note: Once someone is ejected, the player must leave the court and or school, whichever is selected by the officials or parks and recreation staff. Games will not resume until the player has left. If the player does not leave in a timely manner or refuses, the game will be a forfeit charged to that player's team. This is a judgment call to be made by the official or the Sports and Recreation Coordinator.

Exception: **The parks and recreation department reserve the right to suspend a player more than the above numbered games if: Physical contact is involved, Object (balls, etc.) were thrown in disgust or at another person, Verbal abuse of officials or players is used anything else determined by the Staff to be above the minimum suspension.**

V. Tie Breaker Rule

In the Case of a tie at the end of the season between teams, the tiebreaker will be handled in this order. Head to head records, head to head point differential, total division points. More than 2 teams tied, will be total division points.

Special note:

THE IONIA PARKS AND REC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ALTER ANY OR ALL RULES / LEAGUES AT THEIR DESCRETION TO PROMOTE FAIR PLAY