



1. **The goal of these divisions is to prepare players for high school basketball participation.**
2. Placement into divisions shall depend on grade status for the school academic year, split into gender-specific divisions.
3. Goals for this division will be set at 10 feet. The boys' division will use a 29.5 men's size basketball. The girls' division will use a 28.5 women's size basketball.
4. Games shall be two 16-minute halves with a running clock and a 2-minute halftime. If the lead is 10 points or less, the clock will stop the last minute of the game.
5. Each team shall receive 2 timeouts per half, with no carryover.
6. Substitutions must report to the scorer's table and are allowed on dead-balls only.
7. There will be a 2-minute overtime in the event of a tie at the end of regulation. The clock will stop the last minute on all dead balls. No extra timeouts will be given.
8. A game may start with 4 players on the court. If a team cannot put 4 players on the court, an opposing team may "lend" a player. **The purpose and goal of this rule is to avoid forfeitures when possible.**
9. Full court pressing is allowed. Once a team is up by 20, they may not defend outside of their defensive half-court.
10. A 3-second offensive lane violation is to be used.
11. Coaches are to remain in the bench area during the game.
12. Any rules not specifically covered in this rule set shall default to NFHS.
13. The Branson Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to change/alter these rules during the course of the season should the need arise. Any and all interpretations of the rules made by the department is final.
14. On-site Game Administrators have the authority to settle disputes during the course of a game without the requirement of contacting the program director for information/instruction. These decisions are also final and are not subject to protest. If the belief is misinterpretation, the head coach has the ability to inform the program director of the situation for clarification, but no games will be replayed based on the decision of the on-site game administration.

15. Only the head coach of the team may request a call explanation/clarification from the on-court official. Coaches are encouraged to carry these rules with them to each game should a question arise regarding division-specific rules. A coach may call a time-out to conference with the on-court official regarding a belief of violation of these rules, but questions are not to be raised during live-ball action.
16. It is the intent of the Branson Parks and Recreation Department to help with the individual growth of each participant, and all rules, interpretations, and judgments are done with the best interests of the division and league as a whole in mind.