

**CONWAY PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM  
2017 YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE  
RULES & REGULATIONS**

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Conway Parks, Recreation and Tourism Youth Basketball program is to provide the opportunity for skill development, sportsmanship and fun in a participation based atmosphere.

**OFFICIALS**

- This program operates under the authority, sanction and supervision of the Conway Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department.
- Parks, Recreation and Tourism staff and/or Game officials shall have complete control of all games.
- At least one Referee will be onsite for each game.

**ELIGIBLE PLAYERS**

- 1.01.0 All players must be registered in order to participate. Any coach found using a nonregistered player will be suspended from coaching.
- 1.01.1 Little Tykes (5-6) player must be five years of age on or before September 1 of the current year, and shall not have turned seven years of age on or before September 1 of the current year.
- 1.01.2 Pee Wee (7-8) player must be seven years of age on or before September 1 of the current year, and shall not have turned nine years of age on or before September 1 of the current year.
- 1.01.3 Small Fry (9-10) player must be nine years of age on or before September 1 of the current year, and shall not have turned eleven years of age on or before September 1 of the current year.
- 1.01.4 Mite Division (11-12) player must be eleven years of age on or before September 1 of the current year, and shall not have turned thirteen years of age on or before September 1 of the current year.
- 1.02 Date of birth of players shall be certified by an original registration of birth issued by a Governmental agency or a photocopy of the original.
- 1.03 All players shall remain on the same team until their eligibility ends for that league.
- 1.04 Players who are non-residents of the City of Conway shall be required to pay a non-resident fee as adopted by the Conway City Council.
- 1.05.1 The Parks, Recreation and Tourism staff shall have the authority to suspend any team member, coach or volunteer whose conduct is considered to be detrimental to the best interest of the Conway Parks & Recreation Youth Sports Program.
- 1.05.2 The parent or guardian may request that their child be moved to a different age group. This request may be granted, based on several conditions.
- a. A player may not move to a lower age group.
  - b. A player must be within one year of the leagues minimum age in order to request participation in that league (example – a 9 year old cannot play in 11-12 league).
  - c. The CPRT reserves the right to accept or reject that request due to player ability and/or league openings.

## **OFFICIAL EQUIPMENT**

- 2.01 Participants are responsible for providing appropriate basketball shoes.
- 2.02 Participants shall be provided with a numbered game jersey and shorts.
- 2.03 Game uniform consists of the game jersey, shorts and appropriate shoes. Any player who does not have on team jersey, similar shorts or appropriate shoes will not be allowed to participate.
- 2.04 The official basketball for Little Tykes will be a Mini Basketball. The official basketball for Pee Wee will be a Junior Basketball. The official ball for Small Fry and Mite will be Women's or Compact ball. The official ball for Junior's is a Regulation ball.
- 2.05 The height of the basket for Little Tykes will be seven (7) feet and Pee Wee leagues will be eight (8) feet. The height of the basket for Small Fry, Mite and Junior's will be ten (10) feet. Mite and Junior (ages 11-14) leagues will shoot free throws from 15 feet while Small Fry (ages 10) and under may shoot free throws from 12 feet, if needed.
- 2.06 Jewelry that includes, but not limited to earrings, necklaces, bracelets, watches, and other body adornments that could be deemed dangerous will not be allowed. Those players with a medical condition that need to wear medical alert tags in the form of bracelets or necklaces will be allowed to do so. If worn, the medical alert tags should be taped to the body so that the medical alert information remains visible.
- 2.07 Trophies. The Conway Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department will provide trophies in the following format.
  - Little Tykes (ages 5/6) – No Trophies (Instructional league, no standings kept)
  - Pee Wee (ages 7/8) - No Trophies (Instructional league, no standings kept)
  - Small Fry (ages 9/10) – Individual Trophies for Regular Season Champion
  - Mite (ages 11/12) - Individual Trophies for Regular Season Champion
  - Midget (13/14) - Individual Trophies for Regular Season Champion

## **PLAYING RULES**

- 3.01 The South Carolina High School Basketball rule book shall be the accepted standard of play with the following local league exceptions.
- 3.02 Playing Time
  - A. The games will consist of eight (8) three (3) minute periods, with four periods in each half. Half time will last **Three (3) minutes. Two (2) Time outs** will be allotted per half. Break time in between periods will be limited to 20 seconds (for substitutions only)
- 3.03 The Game
  - A. The game is played between two teams consisting of five players each. If one of the teams can only field 4 players, the other team can still play 5 players.
  - B. A jump ball will start the game first. Possession for the rest of the game will alternate.
- 3.04 Fouls
  - A. A player can receive up to five (5) fouls. Upon receiving their fifth foul, a player will be removed from the game.
  - B. A player can be ejected by the officials for conduct deemed inappropriate. This includes but is not limited to poor sportsmanship, fighting and cursing,

3.05 Defense

- A. **Little Tykes (5-6) League:** Defense must be in the free throw box (key) at all times. If a player leaves to box to defend a shot, time may be called and the ball will be given to the offensive team. **Pee Wee (7-8) League:** Defense must be in the first green line within the box (key) at all times. If a player leaves to box to defend a shot, time may be called and the ball will be given to the offensive team. Additionally, defense can be extended to half court only in the 8<sup>th</sup> period. **The Small Fry Division** will only be allowed to full court press during the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) and eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) periods. There are no restrictions in the **Mite or Junior Leagues**.

3.06 10 – 15 – 20 Rule.

- A. In the Small Fry, Mite and Junior Leagues, a team cannot full court press if they have a ten (10) point, or more, lead. If a team has a fifteen (15) point lead, or more, they must be within the three (3) point arch (or a foot in the key if no three point arch is on court). If a team leads by 20 or more, they must remain in the key. A team will be warned if they are violating this rule. An official may call a technical foul on a team for violating this rule.

3.07 All leagues.

- A. No dunking, touching or grabbing of the rims will be allowed. The first offense will result in a technical foul and warning. The second offense in the same game will result in an automatic ejection from the game and facility as well as a two game suspension.
- B. Regulation tie games shall result in an overtime period of play, which shall be two minutes in length. Additional overtime's may be played until a winning team is declared time permitting.
- C. Only Players, coaches and authorized staff are allowed on the gym floor and team seating area.

3.08 Rule changes.

Conway Parks, Recreation and Tourism is always striving to make our programs better. If any coach, parent, or guardian has a rule change suggestion, please contact our department at 248-1740. All rule change suggestions will be considered for future seasons.

- 3.09 The Conway Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department reserve the right to adjust or add any rule(s) for the benefit of the program at any time. Coaches will receive written notification of any rule changes or additions.

## **FORFEITURE**

- 4.01 A team failing to field at least four eligible players at the start of the game shall forfeit that game.
- 4.02 If a team has four eligible players present at game time, they must start play.
- 4.03 There is a 10-minute grace period from scheduled game time to meet the minimum player requirement. As soon as four eligible players are present the team must start play.
- 4.04 Playing ineligible players shall result in forfeiture of the game.
- 4.05 Any protest for ineligible players will affect only the game in question.

- 4.06 If the preceding game ends early, the next scheduled game can only begin early with the approval of **both** team coaches. **If approval is not issued, game time will immediately revert to the original scheduled game time.**

## **PROTEST**

- 5.01 No protests shall be accepted concerning the administration of any playing rule made by game officials.
- 5.02 Protests can only be made concerning player eligibility (**Non-Registered player**). All protests must be submitted in writing to Conway Parks, Recreation and Tourism, within 24 hours of the scheduled start time of the game in question.
- 5.03 Use of ineligible players shall result in forfeiture of game.
- 5.04 Only the head coach or the acting head coach for the game in question may protest.

## **COACHES**

- 6.01 Only coaches who have been certified and approved by Conway Parks, Recreation and Tourism to coach youth Basketball during the current year will be allowed to be on the court during practices and games. All others will be asked to leave. A signed coach's code of conduct is required and a criminal background check will be performed on each coaching applicant. Coaches will be given an ID badge and these badges must be worn at all practices and games.
- 6.02 A person must be at least 18 years of age to be considered for a head coaching position for the Conway Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department.
- 6.03 The coaching staff shall consist of no more than **ONE Head Coach** and **ONE Assistant** in the team area at game time. Under special circumstances other coaches will be allowed to fill in as substitutes if they have filled out the proper paper work and have been approved by the Parks, Recreation and Tourism officials prior to the practice or game in question.
- 6.04 All coaches shall be approved annually by the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director. Coaches shall be responsible for their teams, notifying them of practices and games; as well as their actions on the court.
- 6.05 The Parks, Recreation and Tourism Staff shall have the authority to suspend any coach whose conduct is considered as detrimental to the best interest of the Conway Youth Basketball League.
- 6.06 All ejected coaches will forfeit their right to coach in two consecutive games implemented immediately. The offending coach after being ejected must leave the gymnasium and will not be able to return until after the entire two game suspension has been served.
- 6.07 Any coach ejected from a game must meet with Conway Park, Recreation & Tourism Staff in order to be re-instated to coach. Failure to comply will result in automatic expulsion from the Youth Basketball Program for the remainder of the season.
- 6.08 If a coach is ejected, the ejection will stand regardless of the circumstances.
- 6.09 Second offenses will merit automatic expulsion from the Youth Basketball Program.
- 6.10 A suspended coach has the opportunity to go through the Appeals process.

## **PLAYER SELECTION**

- 7.01 All players entering the league shall be placed on teams through our player placement and draft. In order to be drafted, a player must attend placement. If a player does not

attend, they will be placed on a team through a blind draw. The following rules will conduct the draft.

1. The coaches shall rank the players. The number of ranked players will be determined by Conway Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department.
2. The order of the draft will be the reverse order of the standings from the previous year. The draft will “snake” until all of the ranked players have been selected. After the ranked players have been selected, the draft will revert to a reverse order of standings until all players have been selected.
3. If a coach has a child that is ranked, the coach will get their child on their team for the draft pick that equals their rankings. If the coach’s child is not ranked, they will be placed on the coach’s team.
4. If a sibling of an existing player, already on a team, is in the draft, they will be placed on to the same team for a draft pick that is equal to their ranking. If the sibling in the draft is not ranked, they will be placed on the team. This will be the same for multiple siblings. If multiple siblings are ranked, the multiple draft picks will be the closet value to the ranking.
5. Assistant coaches cannot be selected until after their child is on a team. All coaches must be approved by Conway Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department.
6. Conway Parks, Recreation and Tourism, at their discretion, shall adjust players ranking to the true value of their ability

7.02 Little Tykes and Pee Wee Divisions will be placed on teams in a blind draw.

## **SCHEDULES**

- 8.01 Conway Parks, Recreation and Tourism shall be responsible for scheduling all league games.
- 8.02 If the schools are closed **DUE** to inclement weather, games/practices schedule for that day are cancelled.
- 8.03 In cases of game postponements due to inclement weather occurring **BEFORE 5:00 pm** on game day, Conway Parks, Recreation and Tourism will contact all head coaches involved in games for that day.
- 8.04 In cases of unfavorable playing conditions occurring **AFTER 5:00 pm**, teams should report to the gym prepared to play. All decisions to postpone or cancel will be made by game time. Information after 5:00 p.m. will be available our website: [www.ConwayParksandRecreation.com](http://www.ConwayParksandRecreation.com) . You can also call the Conway Parks & Recreation Event Hotline **843-248-1744**.
- 8.05 Team sessions shall be limited to **two** practices per week prior to the opening of scheduled games (depending on court availability).
- 8.06 Upon the beginning of scheduled games, practices shall be limited to **one** practice a week. (Depending on gymnasium availability).
- 8.07 There may be some local travel involved in leagues with low number of teams.

## **PLAYER PARTICIPATION POLICY**

- 9.01.1 The following shall be the minimum play rule for all Conway Park, Recreation and Tourism Youth Basketball teams.

- A. A player must play 3 complete periods. Once a period begins, a player cannot be substituted for unless they are playing in their 4<sup>th</sup> period.
  - B. Coaches are encouraged to start, rotate and substitute players liberally after all player minimum requirements have been met. Each player should experience multiple positions during the season.
  - C. Coaches are expected to ensure that all participants participate throughout the game and are also expected to ensure that all participants sit out at some point during the game. No player should play the entire game.
- 9.02 In the cases of a player missing practices, games, or other disciplinary problems, the coach may not have to meet a player's participation requirement. In such a case, prior to the start of the game, the coach must present to the Parks & Recreation staff his/her reasons for anyone that is not going to meet their playing requirement in the game in question. The Parks & Recreation Staff will make a final decision on playing time for the game in question.
- 9.02.1 In the case of a player arriving after the game has already started, the coach does not have to meet that player's participation requirement for that game. If a player shows up after the first period is complete, they are only required to play in two periods. If they show up before during the second, third or fourth period are complete, they must play in only one period. If a player shows up after the start of the second half (fifth period or later) they do not have to play at all.
- 9.04 In the case of a player who becomes a disciplinary problem after the game has started, the head coach can make an immediate appeal to the Parks & Recreation Supervisor on site. If that coordinator agrees with the decision the said player may not have to meet their playing requirement for that game.
- 9.05 Only the head coach will be allowed to protest a player participation rule.
- 9.06 There shall be no protest on the decision of the Recreation Staff regarding player participation.
- 9.07 Failure of a coach to allow a player to receive all of their required time, after being informed by the Parks & Recreation staff of a player's eligibility, shall result in forfeiture of the game.

## **SCHOOL FACILITIES**

- 1.01.1 We will be using Horry County Schools for our Youth Basketball program. All Horry County Schools are smoke free and this includes the gymnasium and parking lot areas.
- 1.01.2 There are will be no foods or drinks allowed in the gymnasiums.
- 1.01.3 Please be aware that the schools are closed during our program. Participants, parents and siblings are not allowed to enter the schools for any reason. All participants, parents and siblings must confine themselves to the gymnasium and restroom areas.
- 1.01.4 No personal basketballs are allowed in the gymnasium.

## **CONWAY RECREATION CENTER FACILITIES**

- 1.02.1 When using the Conway Recreation Center, players and coaches must remain in the gymnasium. They may only exit the gym to use the bathroom facilities or to exit the facility. Anyone found wandering the facility may be banned for entering the Conway Recreation Center and removed from participation in the Youth Basketball Program.
- 1.02.2 No personal basketballs are allowed in the gymnasium.