

WEST LINN YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
SELECT PROGRAM RULES

West Linn Youth Basketball Association (“Association”) sponsors Select (competitive) teams for both boys and girls in the 5th through 8th grade levels. The following rules will apply to all such teams, players, coaches and players’ parents.

RULE I – PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- (A) Any 5th through 8th grade child who resides within the boundaries of West Linn’s five primary schools (Bolton, Cedar Oak, Stafford, Sunset, Willamette) or two middle schools (Athey Creek, Rosemont Ridge) or attends one of those schools or Three Rivers Charter School shall be eligible to tryout for participation in the Association’s competitive basketball program (“Program”).
- (B) Under exceptional circumstances, players in the program may petition to be allowed to tryout for a higher grade-level team. Such a player must display talent and physical capabilities which, in the opinion of the applicable varsity coach, would rank him/her as a number 1 or 2 player on the next level A team. To begin the petition process, the player must contact the applicable varsity coach or Select Coordinator no less than two weeks prior to tryouts. The decision to allow a player to tryout for a higher grade-level team will be made by a committee of the Board. Such committee shall consist of at least two board members and the applicable varsity coach. Such decision will be based on previous observation of the player and/or from an individual testing session. The committee must be certain that allowing the player to tryout for a higher grade-level team would be a beneficial experience for the player and for the team on which the player would play. The committee’s decisions shall be a simple majority vote and are not subject to appeal. No player will be allowed to tryout for a higher grade-level team without prior approval from the committee. If a player receives prior approval to tryout for a higher grade-level team and is not selected for that team, the player will be allowed to tryout for his/her actual grade-level team.
- (C) Players who transfer into the West Linn-Wilsonville School District after the tryouts and meet all player eligibility rules may petition the Board to be allowed to tryout for a team. Such a player must have capabilities which, in the opinion of the applicable varsity coach, would rank him/her as an exceptionally strong player. To begin the petition process, the player must contact the applicable varsity coach or Select Coordinator no later than Thanksgiving, with the tryout to occur prior to November 30th. The decision to allow a player to tryout for a team and the decision as to whether the player is added to a team will be made by a committee designated by the Board. Such committee shall consist of at least two Board members and the applicable varsity coach. Such decisions will be based on previous observation of the player and from a tryout session. The committee must be certain that adding the

player to a team would be a beneficial experience for the player and for the team on which the player would play. The committee's decisions shall be a simple majority vote and are not subject to appeal.

RULE II – TRYOUT PROCESS AND TEAM FORMATION

- (A) Prior to prospective players attending the tryout sessions, the parent or guardian of each child must complete a medical release form.
- (B) Tryouts will be run by the varsity high school coaches. No one will be allowed to observe the tryout sessions except the varsity coaches, their assistants from their high school staffs and any non-parent who will be coaching a Select team. No parent, guardian, or board member will be allowed in the gym during a tryout session.
- (C) Tryouts will generally cover two nights for each age group and gender. The tryouts will consist of drills and various games geared toward giving the coaches a broad view of the players' talents and capabilities.
- (D) Following the final session for each age group and gender, the coaches will select the players for the designated number of teams for that group. Teams will generally consist of 10 players and will be limited to 12 players.
- (E) The names of the players selected for each team will be posted on the Association's website on the respective Friday following the final try-out session. The status of one or more teams may be contingent on the outcome of certain events. In such cases, the posting of the names of the selected players may be delayed.
- (F) All tryout participants must have at least one year organized basketball experience prior to attending the tryout session.

RULE III – COACH SELECTION

- (A) Persons desiring to coach a team must request online to be interviewed by a committee of board members.
- (B) Interviews will be scheduled through the Coaches Coordinator.
- (C) The committee's decisions shall be a simple majority vote and are not subject to appeal.
- (D) Each coach will be required to agree to a background check and sign a Code of Ethics, which clearly defines the expectations of behavior on the bench and in the stands.
- (E) Coaches and/or an assigned team manager will be responsible for ensuring coaches' and parents' behavior is exemplary and offers only positive interaction with the players and referees.
- (F) Coaches will be selected after the teams have been formed.

RULE IV – FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

- (A) The fee charged for each player will cover the following expenses:

- (1) Uniforms (a partial credit may be offered for using a uniform for a second season).
 - (2) Insurance.
 - (3) League participation expenses, consisting of a minimum of 14 games.
 - (4) Participation in three tournaments in addition to the Three Rivers League end-of-season tournament.
 - (5) Rental of gym space for practices and games. The number of practice/game times per week will depend on the Association's ability to acquire affordable gym time.
 - (6) Other fees associated with the program.
- (B) If a child is selected for a team following the tryout sessions, a completed registration form, along with the appropriate fee must be submitted to the Association. If financial assistance is desired, a request process is described herein. No child will be allowed to participate in any game prior to the receipt of a completed registration, payment of the full fee or the review and acceptance of a Request for Financial Assistance form,
- (C) To request financial assistance, access the Association's website, print, complete and sign the Request for Financial Assistance form, and mail to the Association's post office box. The Board will review all requests and contact the requester with a response or with additional questions.
- (D) Although full assistance may not be available, the Association may be able to grant partial relief. Therefore, families seeking financial assistance are asked to consider contributing some amount of their fee.

RULE V – GAME RULES AND REGULATIONS

- (A) All play will follow National Federation High School Rules. Each coach is expected to have a basic understanding of such rules.
- (B) It is mandated all 5th and 6th grade teams will give all players equal playing time in all league and tournament games.
- (C) It is recommended all 7th and 8th grade teams give all players equal playing time in all league and tournament games. It is mandated each player plays at least one and one-half quarter of every game.

RULE VI – BENCH DECORUM

- (A) Each coach and the parents of every player will be required to agree to and sign a Code of Ethics, which clearly defines the expectations of behavior on the bench and in the stands.
- (B) Coaches and/or an assigned team manager will be responsible for ensuring coaches' and parents' behavior is exemplary and offers only positive interaction with the players and referees.

- (C) Coaches are prohibited from voicing disrespectful remarks or using force (such as striking or shoving) to deal with the referees, opponents, or their own players. Additionally, coaches are prohibited from using threatening, demeaning, or abusive language with any referee or player. Any violation of this rule should be reported immediately to the Players Advocate.

RULE VII – ENFORCEMENT OF RULES

- (A) The Board of Directors is charged with assuring the team composition, practices and games are conducted equitably among the Select teams of the Association. Further, the Board is charged with assuring that coaches, players and parents are properly observing these rules. In such cases as it appears there is a problem, the Players Advocate will initiate the following procedures:
 - (1) A Situation Report will be completed, outlining the complaint in as much detail as possible.
 - (2) The offending party will be contacted by the Players Advocate and given an opportunity to clarify the situation.
 - (3) If a rule is misunderstood, it will be explained to the offending party. The Situation Report will then be completed, giving an indication that the specific problem has been resolved.
 - (4) If a rule is objected to and the offending party refuses to follow the rules, then the situation will be discussed by the Board and appropriate action taken. This action may involve a warning, a suspension or, in extreme or repeated cases, removal of the individual from the Program. The Situation Report will then be completed, giving particulars.
 - (5) Situation Reports are to be maintained by the Players Advocate for three years, and then destroyed. They will not be generally available, other than to the party named in the report and to the Board as needed when dealing with subsequent reports and when appointing coaches.

RULE VIII – COMMITMENT

- (A) Each player participating in the program will be required to sign a Commitment Agreement, stating that membership on his/her team will be his/her first-priority activity from the beginning of the winter season as defined by the Oregon School Activities Association through the season-ending league tournament.
- (B) Coaches will be authorized to establish team rules for attendance and behavior and to judiciously reduce playing time as a disciplinary tool to enforce such rules.