

Predator League Rules 3rd – 8th Grade

Generally, all rules pertaining to basketball for grades 3rd through 8th as defined by the Nebraska State Athletic Association will be used for the Predator League. Some specific rules designed at the coaches meeting, which will be utilized or emphasized are as follows:

1. Girl's 28.5 ball will be utilized for all grades (including 7th/8th grade rec) except for 8th grade boys. The third & 4th grade girls will use a 27.5 ball.
2. Rim heights are as follows: 3rd grade boys = 9', 3rd & 4th grade girls = 9', 5th – 8th girls = 10', 4th – 8th grade boys = 10'
3. All Grades game clock:
 - Two 20-minute halves per game.
 - Clock stops on all whistles during last minute of each half only.
 - One 30-second time-out per overtime period (cannot carry over unused time-outs)
 - 5-minute half time.
4. Overtime period limited to 2 minutes with stopped clock during final minute only. After one overtime, sudden death will go into effect - first team to score wins. No time-outs in sudden death period.
5. Foul Shots.
 - On 7th team foul - 1 and 1.
 - On 10th team foul - 2 shots.
6. Technical Fouls.
 - Two technical fouls on the bench (coach) - ejection from game.
 - Two technical fouls on player - ejection from current and following game.
 - Two coach ejections - elimination of coach from league.
7. Full-court press policy - 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.
 - Any team may press full court unless they have a twenty-point (20) lead or greater. This includes swiping at or stealing the ball after a rebound in transition. If the referee determines that possession was lost in transition before half court, then the team will be rewarded the ball out of bounds in their back court.
8. 3rd Grade team rules: No full court Press
9. Teams can start game with four roster players, but if a fifth roster player hasn't arrived by the 10-minute mark of the first half or 2nd quarter for 8th grade, the game will be called a forfeit in favor of the team with at least five players. If any team has more than one forfeited game due to this rule, they will be disqualified from the Predator League.
10. Rule' for Coach's Bench Behavior.
 - Only three coaches per team will be allowed on the team bench. No exceptions! If a scorekeeper is on the bench, that person will be considered a coach.
 - Only the Head Coach can make comments to the referees or workers at the score table. ***If the assistance doesn't comply, the referee is instructed to call a technical foul on the bench.*** This rule will be enforced this year, so please comply!
11. Only the Head Coach will be allowed to stand.
12. Coaches'/Fan Attitudes.
 - It is understood that these games get quite competitive and some calls always seem to go the other way, it is important that all maintain a proper etiquette and display of sportsmanship. The referees will be given full licensing to eject fans and coaches from the gym.

Note: We have 12 cameras within our gym, so virtually everything is recorded. Any incident will be thoroughly reviewed!!!

13. We will do our best to accommodate any conflicts that your team might have in the event you notify us in writing prior to 28 days before the start of league play. In the event you have a conflict after the schedules are released, the following process should be followed.

- Contact Bob Franzese or Rachel Blum (email addresses below) for the opposing coaches name, phone number, and email address.
- It is your responsibility to contact the other coach to arrange a make up game time.
- Once a date and make up game time is agreed to, email Rachel Blum to notify her of the game change. The opposing coach must also be CC'd in the email, or, there must be verification that your opponent has agreed to this switch.
- **Please contact Rachel Blum to find out what times are available.** Teams can agree to play on any of allocated times up until the last Sunday of the regular season.
- In the event your opponent and your team cannot agree to a time switch, you will have no choice but to forfeit that game.

It is very important to us that each team get their scheduled game each week. In the event that your opponent is not able to play on a particular weekend, we will work with you to find your team an exhibition game in addition to the make up game.

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14. A single elimination post-season tournament will follow the last week of the fall and winter sessions. Please note that seeding will take place after the completion of the sixth week of league play. This will allow for tournament schedules to be done in a timely manner. Please note: the NSAA gives out High School district seedings prior to the last weekend of the regular season for this same reason. The regular season champion will still be determined after the last week of the regular season.

15. Eligibility –

- Bob Franzese must approve all roster changes.
- Players can play up a grade, but CANNOT, under any circumstance, play down. There are no exceptions to this rule!
- Due to an overwhelming amount of school teams playing in the league, we will allow participants to play on more than one team, provided that both teams are not in the same division. Our number one priority is to maintain competitive balance in each division; therefore, if this policy change impedes the ability to maintain a competitive balance, we will review this policy change for future leagues.

Notes:

- Do not park in the designated "no parking" areas in front of the different storefronts in the parking lot. You will be towed at your own expense. We have an additional 200 parking stalls in back of our facility in the event the front area is full.

- On Saturdays and Sundays, doors will open 30 minutes prior to the start of the first game. For games that take place during the week, be advised that we have practices or events going right up until your scheduled first game. We will allow for an adequate warm up period.

- \$2 admission charged to adults for all league games. There is no admission for high school age and under.

- In the event of inclement weather, check the homepage two hours prior to your game time for the status of your game.

- We provide basketballs for warm up and games - no outside basketballs allowed.

Questions, concerns, contact Bob Franzese, Omaha Sports Academy General Manager at (402) 504 -1222 or at Bob.Franzese@omahasportsacademy.com.