

A. ICBA player eligibility

A copy of an official state birth certificate is required for all athletes participating in the ICBA for the current year and medical release form.

B. Age/Grade based Divisions

Age Determining Date/Grade Exception Rule

August 1st, 2010 shall be the determining date for the age of the basketball players. Eligibility to participate is based first on the age determining date. The grade of the athlete is not a consideration if the athlete meets the age determining date. An athlete who does not meet the age determining date may qualify under the grade exception rule. In the 8U/3rd Grade through the 17U/12th Grade division, each team is allowed a maximum of three grade exception athletes.

16 and Under/11th grade - born on or after - August 1st, 1993

Grade Exception: A player who is in the 11th grade and who was born on or after August 1st, 1992 can participate in the 16: under/11th grade division.

15 and Under/10th grade - born on or after - August 1st, 1994

Grade Exception: A player who is in the 10th grade and who was born on or after August 1st, 1993 can participate in the 15: under/10th grade division.

14 and Under/9th grade - born on or after - August 1st, 1995

Grade Exception: A player who is in the 9th grade and who was born on or after August 1st, 1994 can participate in the 14: under/9th grade division.

13 and Under/8th grade - born on or after - August 1st, 1996

Grade Exception: A player who is in the 8th grade and who was born on or after August 1st, 1995 can participate in the 13: under/8th grade division.

12 and Under/7th grade - born on or after - August 1st, 1997

Grade Exception: A player who is in the 7th grade and who was born on or after August 1st, 1996 can participate in the 12: under/7th grade division.

11 and Under/6th grade - born on or after - August 1st, 1998

Grade Exception: A player who is in the 6th grade and who was born on or after August 1st, 1997 can participate in the 11: under/6th grade division.

10 and Under/5th grade - born on or after - August 1st, 1999

Grade Exception: A player who is in the 5th grade and who was born on or after August 1st, 1998 can participate in the 10: under/5th grade division.

9 and Under/4th grade - born on or after - August 1st, 2000

Grade Exception: A player who is in the 4th grade and who was born on or after August 1st, 1999 can participate in the 9: under/4th grade division.

8 and Under/3rd grade - born on or after - August 1st, 2001

Grade Exception: A player who is in the 3rd grade and who was born on or after August 1st, 2000 can participate in the 8: under/3rd grade division

Grade Confirmation

Players participating under the grade eligibility exception must present a birth certificate and confirmation of grade level from the School Administrator. Grade level is determined by players grade on September 1st, 2010

C. Organizational Boundaries

All organizations are required to provide boundaries and in cases where new overlapping boundaries exist the competition committee will review the situation and provide a recommendation. Existing boundaries between organizations that exist which overlap and have been agreed to between the affected organizations will be honored. **ICBA will not allow an organization into the league who does not have defined boundaries (zip codes). The competition committee will review all new organization applications that apply for entry to ICBA and present a recommendation to the ICBA Membership.**

D. Player Attachment/Organization Attachment/Player Movement

A player becomes attached (a player of) to an Organization when he is a registered participant of the organization he has chosen to play for. Players cannot move from one Organization to another during the season.

An attached player may only be released under the following release criteria:

- The attached player's organization does not field a travel team.
- The attached player has moved into another organization's boundaries.
- The attached player has been released by his home organization.
- The attached players local Organization is now fielding a team in his/her age group.
- The attached player is playing on a secondary team and has the opportunity to play on a primary team.
- The attached player is playing a minimal amount of minutes a game and has the opportunity to play more with another organization, but this must be approved by both coaches and approved by the competition committee.
- Released players that are moving to an organization outside of their territory must adhere to the following: local organization must release player and/or previous team if not the same team. The player's new potential organization must file an exception to the competition committee who must approve the request to acquire this player.
- The attached player has an extenuating circumstance not covered by the release criteria above must be approved by both coaches and approved by the competition committee.

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ICBA does not allow athletes to move from one organization to another during the season it is strictly prohibited and will carry a \$250 fine and game(s) will be forfeited. Players may only move from one organization to another after the conclusion of that season or prior to the following. Organizations must follow the ICBA Player Movement Rules.

E. PLAYER PARTICIPATION

- a. Only males may participate as players in the boys divisions and females in the girls division unless an exception has been filed with ICBA and reviewed by the competition committee.
- b. A player may participate in a maximum of three (3) age/grade divisions of the ICBA league for which he can qualify for. Players that compete in more than one age/grade division must compete with the same ICBA affiliated organization. The player must have a primary team which he is attached to where in the event of game conflicts the player must play on his primary team. The following criterion applies the participation rule.
 - i. A player may only play on one team in either Division 1 or Division 2 team within an age group. (i.e. a 13 year old cannot play on a 13 year old Division 1 and 13 year old Division 2 team)
 - ii. Players playing up can play on either a Division 1 or 2 team.
 - iii. A player may play only on one team in the playoffs. A player on more than one roster must choose his primary team at the beginning of the year and clearly pointed out on the roster. Players who are not declared on the roster nor have been identified a primary team will lose eligibility to play in the post-season.

F. PLAYING RULES

This section shall be administered at all ICBA Games & Tournaments.

- a. the Official Playing Rules will be the National Federation of State High School rules for the current year as modified by this rule book.
- b. Playing Times
 1. Age Divisions/Division Quarters/Halves Overtime Period
 - 8:U/3rd grade 7 Minute Quarters 3 Minute Overtime
 - 9:U/4th grade 7 Minute Quarters 3 Minute Overtime
 - 10:U/5th grade 7 Minute Quarters 3 Minute Overtime
 - 11:U/6th grade 7 Minute Quarters 3 Minute Overtime

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12:U/7th grade 7 Minute Quarters 3 Minute Overtime

13:U/8th grade 7 Minute Quarters 4 Minute Overtime

14:U/9th grade 7 Minute Quarters 4 Minute Overtime

15:U/10th grade 7 Minute Quarters 4 Minute Overtime

16:U/11th grade 7 Minute Quarters 4 Minute Overtime

Overtime Periods will be added until a winner is decided.

2. Halftime/Warm-ups

All events shall have a mandatory minimum warm-up and half time of five (5) minutes.

c. Basketball Sizes

1. The "undersized" basketball shall be used for all 8:U, 9:U, 10:U, and 11:U
Circumference shall be 28.5.

2. Standard Basketball for 12:U and up.

3. Standard Basketball for all girls' games is 28.5

d. Press Rule (Mercy Rule)

a. For 8U/3rd, 9U/4th and 10U/5th Grade: Teams ahead by 10 points or more at any point in the game must play defense behind the half court line. First offense: Warning, Second and all additional offenses: 2 shot technical.

b. For 11U/6th Grade and older: Teams ahead by 15 points or more at any point in the game must play defense behind the half court line. First offense: Warning, Second and all additional offenses: 2 shot technical.

e. Defensive formations

Girls League:

a. 9 year old division 1 and 2 must play man to man

i. 9's Division 1 pressing may occur throughout the game.

1. Zone or Man press, but must fall back to a man to man once the ball crosses half court.

2. In the Back Court man to man must be played. (trapping and help defense is allowed)

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- ii. 9's Division 2 pressing is only allowed in the last 2 minutes of the game.
 - 1. Zone or Man press, but only in the last 2 minutes, but players must fall back to a man to man once they cross half court
 - 2. In the Back Court man to man must be played. (trapping and help defense is allowed)
- b. 10 year old division 1 & 2 must play man to man
 - 1. Zone or Man press may occur throughout the game, but must fall back to a man to man once the ball crosses half court.
 - 2. In the Back Court man to man must be played. (trapping and help defense is allowed)
- c. 11 and above there are no constraints

Boys League

- a. 8 year old division must play man to man
 - i. Pressing will only be allowed in the last 2 minutes of the game.
- b. Man or Zone play is allowed for ages 9 and up
 - i. 9's Division 1 pressing may occur throughout the game.
 - 1. Zone or Man press
 - ii. 9's Division 2 pressing is only allowed in the last 2 minutes of the game.
 - 1. Zone or Man press, but only in the last 2 minutes
- c. 10 and above there are no constraints.

f. Free Throws

- a. 9 year old girls will be allowed 1 step over the free throw line.

g. Timeouts

- a. Teams receive 3, 1 minute time outs and 2 30 second timeouts per game.
- b. Each team is given one additional timeout per overtime.
- c. Timeouts do carry over into overtime.

G. Player/Team Disqualification

All Non-athletes/coaches are responsible to see that their team meets all eligibility requirements unless an exception has been filed and approved. If a player is found to be ineligible prior to the start of a sanctioned competition, the player will be expelled from the competition and the team will continue and the organization will receive a \$250 fine. If a player is found to be ineligible after the competition has started, the team will be given an automatic forfeit at the end of the competition and the team will forfeit all games in which the ineligible player was listed on the official score sheet. The team may continue to participate, if applicable, without the expelled player and the organization will receive a \$250 fine.

Players will be disqualified for the season violent conduct and all situations will be reviewed by the competition committee.

H. Forfeits

- a. Teams and Organization are responsible for forfeits.
- b. Teams that forfeit a game will be fined \$70 which will then be given to the impacted organization to cover costs incurred by the forfeit.

I. Officials (Referee's)

- a. ICBA will provide a pool of assigners who will assign all ICBA games. All officials will be PIAA and must bring their cards to all games.
- b. A referee rating form is available and is to be used to provide positive and or negative feedback for referees.
- c. The cost of ICBA referee's is \$35 per official (2 officials per game). The home team is responsible for paying officials.
- d. The cost of ICBA provided referee's is \$35 per official (2 officials per game) in the playoffs. The home team and visiting team will split the cost of officials.
- e. The cost of ICBA provided referee's for a game where only one official officiates the game is \$50
- f. ICBA will provide officials for all playoff games.

J. Competition Committee

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- a. A competition committee will be formed from the ICBA membership. The committee will have 4 – 6 participants. The committee will consist of a diverse representation of the ICBA membership. The committee will have the following responsibilities.
 - a. Yearly team placements review
 - b. Grade exception review and approval
 - c. Player movement review and approval
 - d. ICBA Rules changes requested by the membership only.