

West Metro Girls Basketball League (WMGBL)

Policy & Procedures

Exceptions to these policies & procedures may be reviewed and addressed on a case by case basis.

Mission

The West Metro Girls Basketball League supports educational, social and recreational needs of our players in grades 4-8. We believe in lifelong learning through empowering our coaches and players with confidence, commitment, and integrity in order for them to live a productive and successful life.

Terms

1. Each city in the league will pay a fee of \$300 per team to cover costs associated with season game scheduling, end of the season tournament and league schedule website. Invoices will be sent to League Coordinators in January and must be paid to Minnetonka Community Education prior to the end of the season tournament. If fees are not paid prior to the tournament, the teams will not be eligible to participate in season tournament.
2. **Facility Use:** Each city must provide a minimum number of game time slots equal to one-half of their total count of teams (Ex. If Wayzata has 8 teams in 5th grade, they must supply four game slots for **each** of the Saturdays in the season excluding the tournament). Additional game slots may be utilized where possible to provide communities with the maximum number of games based on gym availability. Each city must inform their coaches/teams of the game schedule.
3. Each city must schedule and provide its own practice facilities and inform their coaches/teams of the practice schedule.
4. Each team must provide one person to run the clock and/or keep the official score, including fouls during each game and tournament. The scoresheet at the table is official.
5. Each city must provide equipment including one team ball, t-shirt/jersey for each player, and shirt for each coach. T-shirts/Jerseys must have referee numbers on both the front and back; no duplicate numbers on a given team. Reversible jersey colors are preferred, but not required.
6. There will be no admission charged to parents, family and friends to attend league games or tournaments. Tournament facilities will be provided by Minnetonka Community Education and will be within the Minnetonka School District.

Teams

1. Each city will use a team selection process based on fair and equal opportunities for coaches and players. Equal team levels within a community are required. Stacked teams are not allowed.
2. Team counts of 8-10 players are preferred. If a community is unable to meet this requirement, they need to contact League Director for approval.
3. Grades 4-8 may be in this league. A student is able to play up a grade in the league, but never play down. Exception: grade of team majority will be grade level team competes at.
4. **Substitutions:**
 - a. This is an equal play league. An equal play score sheet will be enforced to ensure equal play for team players. Cities must provide at least one hard copy of the scoresheet to each coach. A PDF version will be posted on the league website.

- b. All substitution rules and regulations are indicated in the rules.
 - c. **Play Time Requirements:**
 - 6 Players = 2/6 times, 4/7 times
 - 7 Players = 2/5 times, 5/6 times
 - 8 Players = 8/5 times
 - 9 Players = 5/4 times, 4/5 times
 - 10 Players = 10/4 times
 - 11 Players = 7/4 times, 4/3 times
 - 12 Players = 8/3 times, 4/4 times
 - d. **Roster substitutions to avoid forfeit:** Teams short players during the regular season due to injury, illness or other reasons may utilize WMGBL player's same grade or younger from their community to bring their game roster to eight players. Prior League Director approval is required. No substitutions are allowed during end of season tournament play. Players may not be added for the tournament.
5. **New Players:** No new players can be added after the first game unless approved by the League Director.
 6. **Bench Personnel:** Only eligible players and coaches wearing team shirt/jersey will be allowed on the team's bench or surrounding area. All spectators and children must sit in the designated spectator area, with adequate supervision. Failure to comply will result in a technical foul being assessed and the removal of unauthorized bench personnel to the spectator area.
 7. **Reporting Scores:** Gym Supervisors at each respective site or coaches are responsible for collecting the scores of all games played at their facility and emailing them to League Coordinator. League Coordinators must then update the Google Doc (Grade Score Submission tab). Scores will not be posted on the league website until all scores from the given Saturday have been added to the Google Doc.

Referees

1. **Gr. 4-5:** Two qualified referees are required. One lead referee and one high school referee is allowed or two lead referees. The game must not be played if two qualified referees are not present at game time unless the coaches agree to play. The League Director reschedules games if possible with the city that was unable to comply.
2. **Gr. 6-8:** Two contracted referees are required. The WMGBL games are officiated by Dave Wisnieksi's officials. Games may be played with one official present on an emergency case only. The League Director reschedules games if possible with the city that was unable to comply.
3. Cities are responsible for providing referees at their home games.

Spectators

League Coordinators, gym supervisors, and referees have the right to remove any spectator(s) from the facility during basketball games for the purpose of public safety. Spectator(s) will be removed due to disparaging language and/or unsportsmanlike conduct which interferes with the normal and efficient running of the game. Please be advised that coaches can be held responsible for their spectator's conduct. A technical foul may be assessed and the removal of the spectator(s).

Tournament

1. If teams are tied going into the tournament, tournament seeding will be determined by:
 - a. Win percentage
 - b. Head to Head play
 - c. Points Against
2. Brackets will be posted on the league website one month prior to the tournament. Team names/numbers will be entered after the completion of the 9th week and scores reported. Each city must inform their coaches/teams of the tournament schedule.
3. Awards in each grade level will be given (one per player):
 - a. 1st Place/Champion: Trophy
 - b. 2nd Place: Silver Medal
 - c. 3rd Place: Bronze Medal
 - d. Consolation: Black Medal

Inclement Weather

For information regarding the cancellation of league games, please call the Minnetonka Weather Hotline at 952-401-5990 or visit the league website.

Optional Trainings/Clinics

1. Drills & Skills Clinic led by Minnetonka High School Girls Basketball Head Coach is offered by Minnetonka Community Education (Fee).
2. Coaches Meeting/Training with guest speakers (defense & offense) is offered by Minnetonka Community Education (No Fee).
3. Referee Training led by two professional high school referees is offered by Minnetonka Community Education (Fee.)

Please contact League Director for more information.

Season Timeline

1. Gym Locations & Addresses due to League Director by: 3rd week in September
2. Team Counts due to League Director by: 3rd week in October
3. Schedule Posted Online: 3rd week of November
4. Invoices mailed by League Director: after the 1st of the new year
5. Payment due to Minnetonka by: End of Season Tournament

League Members

1. Chanhassen Athletic Association (Coordinator)
2. Chaska Athletic Association (Coordinator)
3. Eden Prairie (Coordinator)
4. Edina (Coordinator)
5. Minnetonka Community Education (League Director)
6. Wayzata Athletic Association (Coordinator)

Other cities may apply for admission to WMGBL; approval granted by majority vote by current League Coordinators & League Director and able to meet the established criteria above.