

SRRBBL Game Rules

Game Periods

Boys 3-6: Six Minute quarters

Girls 3-4: Six Minute quarters

Boys 7-8: Seven Minute quarters

Girls 7-8: Seven Minute quarters

Dressware

All players are to wear appropriate clothing to play in the game.

ALL players MUST wear their SRRBBL jersey during game play. No other jersey will be acceptable unless there is written confirmation/exception from the SRRBBL Board.

Defense

For Boys 3 and Girls 3/4 Divisions, the following rules are to apply:

- man to man principles must be emphasized throughout the entire game.
- For these 2 divisions, there is **no back court pressure applied at any time** during the game UNTIL AFTER Game 5. Games 6-10 (including playoffs), backcourt pressure will be allowed DURING QUARTERS 3 & 4.
- **Do not confuse double teaming with zone defenses.** We must teach our kids how to play effectively. If the other team decides to double team a player, the OFFENSIVE coach must instruct the players how to move and pass the ball effectively.
- The defensive team must **allow the offensive player with the ball at least 2 feet** to cross half court before applying man to man pressure. Once the offensive player with the ball completely crosses the half court line and the player has control, the defense may advance to try to take possession of the ball from the offense. If a player passes the ball into the frontcourt, defensive pressure is allowed.
- **Boys 4-8 and Girls 5-8** can apply full court man to man pressure at the beginning of each game period throughout the season.
- **Each team can play either a man or zone defense during the game.**
- **Although the League encourages man-to-man defense, there are NO mandatory defenses the teams must play.**
- **There will be no backcourt man-to man pressure after a team has achieved a 20 point lead. This means the winning team will apply pressure after half court.**
- **Anytime a team closes the score gap one point below a 20 point lead, the back court press may be applied until a 20 point lead or more is re-established.**

Mercy Rule

After a **25 point lead** has been established by any team **either beginning or during the 2nd half**, the clock will run without stopping except for official time-outs or injuries.

Sportsmanship

Our primary objective as Coaches are to teach our children how to play basketball. Our community extends beyond the basketball court so please be mindful of good sportsmanship when playing the game. Respect the officials and each other.

Technical Fouls

Any person who is **ejected** from a game faces an **automatic suspension** from the League and will be restricted from participation in the next game. If the person has more than one suspension during the season, they will automatically be banned from SRRBBL the rest of the season.

Forfeit

Under SRRBBL rules, a game may not start unless both teams have a minimum of 5 players to begin the game. No game can be played starting with less than 5 players. An automatic forfeit will be given to a team's failure to have at least **five players** ready to play within **15** minutes after the scheduled start time or not being on the court within one minute of the referee's signal.

Ejection Appeals

Appeals must be based **upon the misapplication of the rule** by the official, not based upon judgment; "he's a good kid", "he's never been ejected", belief the penalty is "too severe", etc.

Anyone that is **suspended** is prohibited from attending any SRRBBL events including practices and games. Coaches are also reminded that they are responsible for the behavior of their team's "fans".

Interaction with Officials

Coaches, assistant coaches, players and fans are prohibited from any type of inappropriate physical contact or exchange of inappropriate language with game officials. Physical contact with game officials should be limited to a handshake and only as a gesture of a friendly greeting, thanks or good sportsmanship.

Overtime Periods

All overtime periods will consist of 3 minutes and begin with a jump ball at center court. There is no "sudden death" in basketball. The game will end when one team has a higher score at the end of the period.

CONDUCT OF COACHES, PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS.

The SRRBBL Codes of Conduct govern the conduct of coaches, players and spectators while participating in SRRBBL practices, games or other SRRBBL events.

apply to all players, coaches or assistant coaches at both the house and travel levels.

In summary, no coach, player, parent/guardian or spectator is to:

- refuse to abide by an official's decision; or
- be guilty of objectionable demonstration by throwing equipment or any other forceful action: or
- be guilty of heaping verbal abuse upon an official for any real or imaginary wrong decision or judgment; or
- be guilty of an abusive verbal attack upon any player, parent, coach, official, spectator, Recreation Building Director or school staff; or
- at any time, lay hands upon, push, shove or strike any player, parent, coach, official or spectator, Recreation Building Director or school staff; or
- be guilty of physical attack as an aggressor upon any player, parent, coach, official, spectator, Recreation Building Director or school staff.

These types of offenses will not be tolerated by SRRBBL and are subject to suspension and expulsion from SRRBBL activities at the discretion of the SRRBBL Commissioner.

PROBLEM RESOLUTION/COMMUNICATION

Each Division Coordinator, the Board of Directors and the Commissioner along with the head coaches within the specific division, will determine how each division will operate, subject to the rules in this document. Any problems, concerns, questions, or problems should be addressed first within the division by the Division Coordinator. Problems that cannot be addressed within the rules specified in this document will be referred to the SRRBBL Commissioner by the Division Coordinator. In these limited cases, the SRRBBL Commissioner along with the SRRBBL Board of Directors will determine a resolution and communicate their decision back to the Division Coordinator. The decision of the SRRBBL Board of Directors is final.