

# **Y.C.R.L. RULES & REGULATIONS**

## **Divisions:**

**GIRLS** TEAMS will be divided into divisions as follow:

DIVISION 1	GRADES K-3 <sup>RD</sup>
DIVISION 2	GRADES 4 <sup>TH</sup> -6 <sup>TH</sup>
DIVISION 3	GRADES 7 <sup>TH</sup> -12 <sup>TH</sup>

**BOYS** TEAMS will be divided into division as follow:

DIVISION 1	GRADES K-3 <sup>RD</sup>
DIVISION 2	GRADES 4 <sup>TH</sup> -6 <sup>TH</sup>
DIVISION 3	GRADES 7 <sup>TH</sup> -9 <sup>TH</sup>
DIVISION 4	GRADES 10 <sup>TH</sup> -12 <sup>TH</sup>

## **Eligibility:**

1. All team members must participate in their grade category. The association reserves the right to require proof of grade. A player may play in an older division only to complete a team.
2. All boys and girls must be active and involved in youth and children activities in their church.
3. Team rosters must be turned into the managing church one week before the first game of the season. All players who plan to participate on any team must be named on a roster.
4. **Team rosters must not include a player that is on a roster for any school basketball team.**
5. Rosters must be signed by pastor.
6. Rosters must have players name, grade, and date of birth.
7. An \* by a player will denote players from another church. The church that the player attends will be on roster.
8. Any player from another church, including Y.C.R.L. churches, must have a waiver signed by their pastor that they regularly participate in church activities.
9. The number of pickup players on each team will be limited. If there are 7 or less Y.C.R.L. players on a roster, then you can add up to 3 pickup players; if there are 8, you can have 2; if there are 9, then you can have 1. If there are 10 or more Y.C.R.L. players on a roster, then no pickups are allowed. There is a maximum of 15 players on any roster unless approved by the league.
10. New church member children can be added to the roster any time during basketball season.

## **General:**

1. There can be no joining of two or more churches for fielding of a team. The only exception to this rule is for churches that do not have enough players to field a team and wish to participate with another church. The chairman of the association must be notified. The committee will work with the active churches to find a team which the youth can participate.
2. A registration fee of **\$40.00** will be charged for each team. The fee is set by the Y.C.R.L. to help offset the operation cost.
3. The registration fee also funds the Elaine Bailey scholarship.
4. A **\$500.00** scholarship will be awarded to each senior boy and girl selected.

## **Scholarship requirements:**

- A. Must be enrolled in school to continue their education past high school.
  - B. Must have played at least **(3)** three years of Y.C.R.L. basketball.  
**(does not have to be consecutive)**
  - C. Must submit an essay stating **“What Y.C.R.L. Basketball Has Meant To Me.”**
  - D. Must submit a letter of recommendation from their pastor, or youth pastor.
  - E. Must submit a letter of recommendation from someone in the community.
  - F. Representatives from last year’s, this year’s, and next year’s managing church shall review the entries and make their selection.
5. Any team that forfeits a game is responsible for paying the referee.
  6. A tournament will be held at the end of the season, to determine champions in each division.
  7. Teams must play in tournament as they played in the season. No combining of teams for tournament play.
  8. All churches in the league must have a representative at the tournament meeting. This representative should be knowledgeable of the win-loss records for all of their church’s teams. Any church without a knowledgeable representative at this meeting will not have their teams seeded in the tournament.
  9. There will be a fee of **\$50.00** for any team that pulls out of the league after the association approves the schedule.
  10. Each person must pay when entering the gym - **\$1.00 children, adults, players, and coaches.**

11. The officials will receive **\$20.00** each per game, if only one official **\$30.00** per game.
12. Girls in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade may play down in **Division 2 or on Division 3**, but can not play on both unless needed to field a team.
13. No player may be wearing any object that may cause injury to another player. This includes, but is not limited to: jewelry, splints, cast, etc.
14. Jerseys shall contain only church name, number, and player's name.
15. All protest must be noted by the end of the game. Protests will be handled by a non-partisan, three person panel chosen by the managing church.
16. All games will be played as scheduled. There will be no re-scheduling or make-up games. The only exception is if an entire night of games is canceled due to bad weather.
17. A fee of \$250 will be charged to any church that skips their turn as managing church. This fee must be paid before they can continue to participate in the league.

### **Game Rules:**

1. Official Georgia High School rules will be used with the following exceptions as set forth by the association.
2. **Division 1 and 2** will have **(2) 15 minute halves**, in which the clock will run continuously. The clock will stop for time outs, injuries, lost basketballs and on every whistle during the last two minutes of each half. The beginning of the game and overtime will start with a jump ball.
3. **Division 3 and 4** will have **(2) 18minute halves**. The clock rules are the same as noted in the above rule.
4. Each team will have **4** time outs per game.
5. Overtime periods will be **2 minutes each**, with **1 additional time out** granted for each overtime period played. The clock will stop on every whistle during the overtime period.
6. While **Division 1** is playing defense, all players on the defensive team must stay within the **3-point line**, except for the **last 2 minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> half** when they can **half court press** and the **last 2 minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half** when they can **full court press**.
7. **Division 2** can only **full court press the last 2 minutes of each half**.
8. No **full court press** is allowed in **Division 3 and 4** with a **20-point lead or more**.
9. A ten minute grace period is allowed after the scheduled time of the game before a forfeit is called.

10. There will be **5-minute break** between each half.
- 11. The 3-point rule** will be in affect in any gym that is equipped with the 3-point line. **There will be no 3-point rule in Division 1.**
- 12.** Boys **Division 3 and 4** will use a regulation size basketball (29.5). Boys Division 2 and Girls Divisions 2 and 3 will use a women's size basketball (28.5). Boys Division 1 and Girls Division 1 will use a youth size basketball (27.5).
13. The following exceptions to the high school rules will be allowed in **Division 1**; however, coaches are encouraged to teach proper rules and techniques.
- A. 8.5 foot goals.
  - B. Walking up to a maximum of 3 steps when not being defended, but not running with the ball.
  - C. 3 seconds in the lane will not be called.
  - D. Minor fouls will not be called, major fouls will be enforced.
  - E. Double dribbling will be allowed, but not triple dribbling.
14. The following will not be tolerated and will result in technical fouls and/or expulsion:
- A. Coaches, players or fans jeering opponents.
  - B. Coaches, players or fans interfering with referees.
  - C. Fighting.
  - D. Profanity.
  - E. Alcohol or drug use.
15. **2 technical fouls** will result in a coach or player being ejected from the game.
16. Any coach or player ejected from a game will not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled game. This includes tournament games.
17. All players on a team must play at least 2 minutes per half.

**IT IS THE GOAL OF THE Y.C.R.L. THAT THESE RULES WILL HELP PROMOTE THE VALUE AND EXISTENCE OF HEALTHY, CHRISTIAN COMPETITION.**

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