

Diocese of Greensburg
CYO Boys Basketball
(June, 2012)

BASKETBALL RULES

1. JV is defined as being in grades 3-6; students in grades 7 or above may not play in a JV game. Students in grades 3 and 4 will be considered part of the JV Junior division of the JV league.
2. JV rule – each player must play a minimum of 3 minutes/game; exception applies to the number attending the game – for example, if one team has 7 and another has 9; only 7 must meet the minimum playing time.
3. JV rule – no backcourt pressure until 4th quarter; both teams may press the entire 4th quarter; exception applies to teams with a 10- point lead – these may not press until the lead drops to 9 or less.
4. JV rule – if a team gets a 16 point lead the coach must remove as many of the players who started as possible (all 5 if 5 or more are on the bench) and they may not go back in the game until the lead drops below 16; should the starters be allowed to go back in, they must all come back out if the margin of 16 points is reached.
5. Both JV and Varsity – CYO 25 point mercy rule. If one team realizes a 25 point lead on their opponent, the clock will remain running with exception of a time out and during foul shots. This can occur in any quarter. If the margin falls below 25, we follow the normal rules for stopping the clock.
6. For the previous two points, coaches are reminded of the Code of Conduct section referring to “sportsmanship in the spirit of Christian values and ideals”. Full court pressure (varsity) and half court traps in these cases are discouraged and the coach should hold their team within the area of the “Key” to play defense in order to reflect the interpretation intended by the authors of the Diocesan CYO rules.
7. One coach (usually the head coach) may stand to coach the team, with all other coaches (usually assistant coaches) remaining seated.
8. CYO games take priority over all recreational leagues. We do not object to CYO players participating on AAU or Junior Pro teams, as long as they play in the scheduled CYO games, including the playoffs.
9. The home team must have a representative keep a score book at the scorer’s table. This is the official score book of the game. The official score book keeper should not be on cell phones or texting during the game. It is suggested that adults run the clock and keep the official score book. Youth may handle these responsibilities, as long as they are mature and paying attention to the game.
10. Home team persons are responsible for dealing with and removing disruptive spectators.