

Coventry Youth Basketball Association, Inc.

Overview of Operations and Discipline

1. Registration
 - a. Registrations will be held during the month of August and will end September 15th. Registrations will be done online only.
 - b. Reasonable public notice will be offered at least 72 hours prior to registration opening.
 - c. The conducting of the registration period will be the responsibility of the Secretary.
 - d. Information required at registration: Players full name; verifiable address; verifiable age; telephone number; Parent's or Guardian's signature indicating permission for dependent to participate in the League, Waiver of Liability, payment at the time of registration and any other information deemed necessary by the League, except questions regarding ethnic or religious background or color of skin
2. Season and Schedule
 - a. The basketball season shall not begin prior to October 1 or end later than March 31.
 - b. The playing season will consist of the necessary time to complete a full schedule, within the allotment of gym time and available budgeted funds.
 - c. Scheduling of regular season games, and play-off games are at the discretion of the Board. The travel schedule will be a joint effort between Coventry Basketball and RIYBA.
3. Rules and Regulations
 - a. The current rules and regulations governing interscholastic High School basketball will be the rules and regulations used and adhered to by the Coventry Youth Basketball Association, with the exceptions as noted in the Rules and Regulations outlined in the House Rules. In cases where the written exceptions and the "official rules" are in conflict, the written exceptions will prevail.
4. Discipline of Coaches, Officials and Players
 - a. The Board shall be empowered to impose the following levels of discipline towards League officials, coaches, and players
 - i. Reprimands: Level 1- verbal, Level 2- written
 1. A reprimand shall be a statement, either verbal or in writing, citing the offense and a warning to cease and desist same. If

written, it shall be signed by the ruling authority and at least 2 other members of that authority

- ii. Suspensions: Level 1 – next game, Level 2 – remainder of season
 - 1. Suspension shall mean that the suspended person will not be allowed to participate in each contest(s). This will include sitting with the team, on the bench, though the suspended person may be in the gym if not participating in the game. Suspensions may be for 1 game or, in more severe cases, the balance of the basketball season
- iii. Expulsions
 - 1. Expulsion shall mean that the expelled person is no longer entitled to participate in any capacity with the League.
- b. Head Coaches shall be authorized to impose discipline upon players for their conduct during games or practices. This rule does not supersede the authority of the Board set forth above.
 - i. If discipline of a player is to include reduction of playing time, below the absolute minimum of twelve minutes, it must be set forth in writing to the Board.
 - ii. The Board must approve contemplated suspension of a player
- c. Suspensions and Expulsions:
 - i. Any suspension issued shall take effect at the next regularly scheduled game(s) including Playoff, All Star or tournament games.
 - ii. The decision of the Board shall be final, however, any person expelled from the League shall have the right to appeal at the next scheduled General Membership meeting.
 - iii. Any individual subject to expulsion by the Board vote shall have the right to respond to the complaint in the presence of the General Membership. The Board decision to expel may be overturned by a 2/3 majority vote of the General Membership present at the above-mentioned meeting.
 - iv. An expelled official or coach may never be readmitted to the League.
 - v. An expelled player may not be readmitted to the League during the remainder of the season. An expelled player may apply for readmission, which shall be subject to the discretion of the Board.
- d. Procedure for complaints
 - i. A complaint may be brought against any League member alleging:
 - 1. Violation of League Bylaws or Rules

2. Conduct which has violated the spirit of good sportsmanship or social norms
 3. Conduct which is detrimental to the League interest
- ii. A complaint brought to the attention of the League shall be heard at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting or a special meeting if deemed appropriate. If the Board determines the complaint appears to have merit, all parties will be notified to appear before the Board.
 - iii. All parties shall have the opportunity to be heard, and the individual subject of the complaint will be offered the opportunity to respond. After hearing all interested parties, the Board shall vote on what discipline, if any, shall be imposed.

e. Technical Fouls

- i. Technical fouls related to procedure violations shall be ignored, except as they apply to that game.
- ii. Any player or coach who receives 2 technical fouls in a single game will be ejected from the game and the building and will automatically be suspended for 1 game.
- iii. A player or coach who receives 3 technical fouls in a season shall be suspended for a minimum of one game and be referred to the Executive Board by the Conference Representative for any further disciplinary action.
- iv. The Head Coach must notify the Conference Representative of every technical foul received by his or her team, naming the offending player or coach. Technical fouls against the bench will be assessed to the Head Coach.
- v. Any player or coach who is assessed with a technical or flagrant foul which had the potential & intent of causing bodily injury, shall be ejected for the current game, and receive an automatic 1 game suspension.
- vi. Receiving two or more technical or flagrant fouls, which had the potential and intent of causing bodily injury will be considered grounds for expulsion.
- vii. Any suspensions will take effect at the next regular scheduled game(s), including All Star and Play Off Games

5. No Tolerance

- a. The League will not tolerate disorderly, demeaning, belligerent, obnoxious, or otherwise distasteful behavior which berates or humiliates players, coaches, referees, and others involved in observing a League practice, game, or event. League officials observing those engaged in the behavior described herein, will

ask the offending party or parties to leave the facility. Further sanctions deemed appropriate by League officials will be exercised for offenders who refuse to leave voluntarily. This could include notifying the Coventry Police Department.

- b. The Executive Board shall take appropriate disciplinary action according to the Disciplinary Procedures noted in this document.

Note: The above does not supersede the Board's authority to impose greater discipline if deemed appropriate, subject to the procedures set forth above.