

Gold Crown Competitive Basketball League

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Article 1
Roster Rules

Section 1.1 Roster Size

- a) Teams must have a minimum of eight players on their roster, and are allowed a maximum of 12 players on their roster.
- b) No roster changes or additions are allowed after January 17, 2020.
- c) "Hardship Rule" – After the season starts, if a team's roster is limited to five eligible players, said team must get permission from the Gold Crown League offices to add any additional player.

Section 1.2 Player Eligibility

- a) A player's eligibility is based on current school grade, not age. Players may "play up" a grade level (ex. 7th grader playing in the 8th grade division), but players are not eligible to "play down" a level.
- b) Players are eligible to play on one roster only and may not play on different teams with in the Competitive League regardless of grade, age, gender, gold/silver division, etc. However, players are eligible to play on a team in the Competitive League, and on a team in the "Open Division", or a team in the "Elite League".
- c) Before a player is eligible to play in the league, he/she must officially register through Gold Crown and be placed on a roster. For a player to be eligible for the postseason tournament (February 22/23; February 28-March 1, 2020), the player must play in at least one regular season game.

Section 1.3 Gender Specific Rules

Gold Crown reserves the sole right in determining whether a child can participate in an event designed for the opposite gender.

Section 1.4 Team Eligibility

In some cases, teams may be asked to provide further documentation for verification that their roster meets Gold Crown requirements. If necessary, we will penalize teams that are proven to not adhere to these rules – teams found in violation of any of the roster rules as outlined above will face forfeiture of games and/or disqualification AND EXPULSION from the league.

- a) Public School Team Eligibility
 - A minimum of 60 percent of a public school team's players must attend the public schools that feed their area public high school. For a complete list of feeder schools, please check our website at www.goldcrownfoundation.com.
 - If a player currently attends a private school, charter/option school, or home school, then his or her public school team eligibility is based on the local public high school boundaries for the area in which that player lives.
 - For a player to be eligible to participate on a public school team for which that player does not meet the above public school rules (and not count against that team's "60 percent rule"), that player must have a sibling that attends or attended that public high school or have a sibling/parent/guardian who is employed by that public high school.

b) Private School Team Eligibility

- A minimum of 60 percent of a private school team's players must attend a private school. The remaining 40 percent of a private school team's roster may be made up of players who attend public, charter/option or home schools.
- For a player to be eligible to participate on a private school team for which that player does not meet the above private school rules (and not count against that team's "60 percent rule"), that player must have a sibling that attends or attended that private high school or have a sibling/parent/guardian who is employed by that private high school.

c) Charter/Option School Team Eligibility

- A minimum of 60 percent of a charter/option school team's players must attend a charter/option school. The remaining 40 percent of a charter/option school team's roster may be made up of players who attend public, private or home schools.
- For a player to be eligible to participate on a charter/option school team for which that player does not meet the above charter/option school rules (and not count against that team's "60 percent rule"), that player must have a sibling that attends or attended that charter/option high school or have a sibling/parent/guardian who is employed by that charter/option high school.

Article 2 Game Rules

Section 2.1 "NFHS" Game Rules

The Gold Crown Competitive Basketball Program will use the National Federation of High School Association's (NFHS) basketball rules, and follow modified Jr. NBA Guidelines *except for*:

Section 2.2 Roster

Each team must have a minimum of five players to start the game. A team may finish the game with less than five players. There will be a 5-minute 'grace period' for teams to have five players on the court and ready for play.

Section 2.3 Time-Outs

Each team will have two full time-outs per half. Unused time-outs do not carry over into the second half, overtime, or sudden death. All time-outs are full time-outs; there will be no 30-second time outs.

Section 2.4 Overtime

When a game ends with a tie score, teams will play one two-minute overtime period, with the clock stopping on all dead balls. Each team will have one time-out in the overtime period. If the score is tied after one overtime period, an additional two-minute overtime period will be played with the same rules. If the score is still tied after the two overtime periods, the game will go to sudden death with the following guidelines: after a jump ball at center court, the first team to score any combination of two points will be the winner. Each team will have one time-out in the sudden death overtime period. **Note:** In playoff scenario, there will be no 'Sudden Death'. All playoff games will continue to play two-minute overtime periods until a winner is decided.

Section 2.5 Halftime

Halftime will consist of four minutes. Teams playing in the next game may use this time to warm-up when current game teams are not using the floor.

Section 2.6 Warm-up

There will be a minimum of four minutes to warm-up before games begin, except for the first game of the day (as long as time allows). Games will not start earlier than the scheduled start time unless both coaches agree to start early.

Section 2.7 Scorekeeping

Each team must provide one person to keep the clock or scorebook for their game. A minimum of two people are required for each game.

Section 2.8 Boys & Girls 4th Grade; Girls 5th Grade Divisions specific rules

- Game Ball: Size 6 ball (28.5")
- Game Time: Each game consists of four ten-minute, running-clock quarters. However, if in the last two minutes of the fourth quarter, if the score differential is 15 points or less, the clock will stop on all dead balls.
- Set Defense/Double Teaming: Only player-to-player defense is allowed throughout the competition, and deliberate "double-teaming" is not allowed. Note: If an offensive player with the ball advances past their defensive player, another defender may rotate to guard that offensive player.
- Pressing Defense: Player-to-player defense is not allowed to full court press except for in the 4th quarter and overtime(s). The leading team may not extend the defense over half court when leading by 20 points or more.
- Free Throw Rule: No violation will be called if the player releases the shot behind the free throw line and crosses the line after the shot is released.
- 3-Point Field Goals: Although the 3-point arc may exist on the court, all baskets made beyond this arc only count as two points. Eliminating the 3-point basket will encourage players to shoot from within a developmentally-appropriate range.

Section 2.9 Boys 5th-8th Grade; Girls 6th-8th Grade Divisions specific rules

- Game Ball: Girls 6th-8th Grade & Boys 5th Grade size 6 ball (28.5"); Boys 6th-8th Grade size 7 (29.5")
- Game Time: Each game consists of four six-minute, stop-clock quarters with the clock stopping on all dead balls. However, if in the last two minutes of the fourth quarter, the score differential is 20 or more points, the clock will not stop unless a time-out or injury occurs.
- Set Defense/Double Teaming: There are no restrictions, all allowed throughout the competition at coaches discretion.
- Pressing Defense: Pressing allowed throughout the competition; however, the leading team may not press when leading by 20 points or more.
- 3-Point Field Goals: All allowed throughout the competition at coaches discretion.

Article 3
Sportsmanship

Section 3.1 Sportsmanship Guidelines

- a) Be courteous to all (participants, coaches, officials, staff and spectators).
- b) Know the rules, abide by and respect the official's decisions.
- c) Win with character and lose with dignity.
- d) Display appreciation for good performance regardless of the team.
- e) Exercise self-control and reflect positively upon yourself and team.
- f) Permit only positive sportsmanlike behavior to reflect on your team.

Section 3.2 Sportsmanship Policy

The Gold Crown League Offices has high expectations of our participants. All cases of inappropriate behavior will be handled internally with a zero tolerance policy in mind.

- a) Any Player, Coach or Spectator who is ejected or removed from a Gold Crown event is disqualified for the remainder of that game. In addition, the player, coach or spectator is suspended from attending the next scheduled game (tournament or league). Prior to attending any future games, they will have the opportunity to resolve the issue with Gold Crown League Offices. Consequences may range from verbal reprimand, to written reprimand, to suspension, to dismissal. Any coach, parent, spectator or player who is removed from a game on two separate occasions will not be allowed to participate for the remainder of the season.
- b) If a player, spectator or assistant coach acts inappropriately, the head coach is expected to take disciplinary action. This may include suspension for the remainder of the game or longer. The Gold Crown League Offices may also determine consequences for such behavior.
- c) Coaches are expected to set strong examples and should model expected behavior at all times.

Section 3.3 Bench Decorum/Warning

During ALL Gold Crown Basketball games, the following rules and guidelines shall direct officials/rules coach and coaches in the administration of bench decorum:

- Head coaches and other bench personnel who engage in the following unsporting actions are in violation of the bench decorum rules and should be assessed, without warning, a direct technical foul.
 - a) Per Gold Crown rule, head coaches are subjected to a mandatory pre-game meeting with the officials/rules coach to discuss the bench decorum, and address any questions/concerns.
 - b) Disrespectfully addressing an official/rules coach (i.e., questioning the integrity of an official/rules coach, voicing displeasure about officiating through continuous verbal remarks).
 - c) Attempting to influence an official/rules coach decision (i.e., physically charging toward an official/rules coach).
 - d) Using profanity or language that is abusive, vulgar, or obscene (i.e., directed toward an official/rules coach, opponents, or anyone).
 - e) Disrespectfully addressing, baiting or taunting an opponent.
 - f) Objecting to an official/rules coach decision by rising from the bench or using gestures (i.e., excessively demonstrating by use of gestures or actions that indicate displeasure with officiating).
 - g) Inciting undesirable crowd reactions.
 - h) Entering the playing court unless done with permission of an official/rules coach to attend to an injured player.
 - i) The head coach shall remain in his/her team's coaching box. A head coach may leave the coaching box only to confer with the scorer's table. However, if a head coach is found to be outside the coaching box a single warning shall be issued. Subsequent infractions will result in a direct technical foul.
 - j) The head coach is the only bench personnel allowed to stand during the game, as well as the only one allowed to communicate with the officials. One assistant coach is allowed, but must remain seated during the game and is prohibited from communication with the official/rules coach.
- The head coach is responsible for the conduct and behavior of all bench personnel (all individuals who are part of or affiliated with a team, including, but not limited to; players, coaches, spectators, manager(s), scores table operator(s) and statistician(s). Gold Crown will not tolerate any inappropriate behavior or unsportsmanlike conduct. The following actions will result in an automatic technical foul assigned to the coach, or dismissal without refund.
 - a) No parent or spectator is allowed to communicate or interact with the official/rules coach, regardless of intention. If a parent or spectator physically or verbally assaults an official/rules coach, local police will be summoned to the property.
 - b) All issues must be directed through the head coach; parents or spectators are not allowed to approach site directors and/or official/rules coach regarding any event concerns.

- c) A Player, Coach or Spectator who is removed from a Gold Crown event will forfeit their privilege of attending the following game, and possibly forfeit their future status with Gold Crown.

Article 4

League Policies

Section 4.1 Video Review

The use of electronic video and/or audio devices will not be permitted for the review of any game.

Section 4.2 Protest Procedures Judgement, Game Rules

No protests involving the judgment or misapplication of a rule by a Rules Coach (Official) will be considered by the Gold Crown League Offices. The game rules will govern the conduct of all contests. In addition, the Gold Crown League Offices will not consider a protest of any game.

Section 4.3 Scorebook Dispute

In case of a dispute, the record of the official scorebook is accepted unless the Rules Coach (Official) has knowledge, which permits him or her to rule otherwise.

Section 4.4 Conduct Policy

Gold Crown Foundation requires a Bullying, Harassment, Hazing & Verbal/Physical Abuse free environment, and exercises zero tolerance for such behavior. In the event of this type of behavior, Gold Crown will investigate and immediately take action including possible expulsion from all future Gold Crown programs and considers the following types of behavior unacceptable:

- Bullying. Slandering, persistent name-calling that is hurtful, insulting, humiliating, pushing, shoving, kicking, poking, tripping, assault or threat of physical assault and nonverbal gestures that can convey threatening messages.
- Harassment. Hitting, pushing, punching, beating, biting, striking, kicking, choking, slapping; comments about a person's sexual orientation, gender expression, disability, religion, skin color and ethnic traits.
- Hazing. Tying, taping or otherwise physically restraining an athlete, unnecessary withholding of water/food, beating, paddling or other forms of physical assault and excessive training requirement focused on individuals.
- Verbal/Physical Abuse. Blatantly offensive language designed to humiliate another person, personally attacking someone, punching, beating, biting, striking, choking, slapping, and denying adequate hydration, nutrition or medical attention.

Section 4.5 Refund/Cancellation Policy

a) General Refund Policy

Unless otherwise stated, each Gold Crown program will be non-refundable once the program starts. If a refund request is received prior to the start of a Gold Crown program, Gold Crown will issue a refund minus a 15% processing fee. If Gold Crown cancels an event, a full refund will be issued.

Injury Exception

If a player is injured after the first date of the Gold Crown program, Gold Crown will issue a prorated refund only if that player provides a doctor's note. No prorated refund will be issued if a doctor's note is not provided. Refunds due to injury will be prorated. The calculation depends of the type of event and duration.

b) League Refund Policy

If a registrant needs to drop after the schedule has been released, Gold Crown will not issue a refund. If a registrant drops prior to the schedule release, Gold Crown will issue a refund minus a 15% processing fee.

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c) Tournament Refund Policy

If a registrant needs to drop after the schedule has been released, Gold Crown will not issue a refund. If a registrant drops prior to the schedule release, Gold Crown will issue a refund minus a 15% processing fee.

Section 4.6 Inclement Weather Policy

All games will be played as scheduled unless Gold Crown directly contacts the head coach. If a team is unable/unwilling to drive to their regularly scheduled game, they must notify the Gold Crown League Offices two hours prior to allow all parties to make adjustments. Under this scenario, the team will be credited with a forfeit (loss).

Article 5
Gold Crown Field House

Section 5.1 Facility Policies

The Gold Crown Field House is a private use facility. The following rules and regulations will be in effect to all visitors of the Gold Crown Athletic Complex.

- a) Gold Crown Staff Members reserve the right to remove any person from the property at any time for any reason; failure to comply will result in trespassing charges and removal by the Lakewood Police Department.
- b) Gold Crown Field House is a tobacco, marijuana, alcohol, and substance free environment. This policy is in effect on all property including bathrooms, common areas, and parking lots. Guests who are under the influence of alcohol, marijuana, or any other narcotics will be asked to leave immediately and may be subject to a permanent ban from all Gold Crown Facilities.
- c) Gold Crown Field House is a firearm free facility. Anyone caught with a firearm will be asked to leave the premises immediately and may be subject to a permanent ban from all Gold Crown Facilities
- d) By entering the Gold Crown Field House all persons acknowledge and consent to be on video surveillance footage at all times. This area extends to the parking lot.
- e) By entering the Gold Crown Field House all persons consent to be photographed, filmed, and or otherwise recorded for an appropriate use by Gold Crown Foundation including but not limited to marketing material, digital, video, etc. By entering you also waive all rights you may have to any claims for payment or royalties in connections with any use of these materials.
- f) Organizations may not charge or collect any admission fees, either prior to or at the time of the event, for any events held at the Gold Crown Field House.
- g) Organizations may not establish any type of concession sales, or contract out for concession sales, for the purpose of dispensing merchandise, foods, candies, soft drinks, etc. Organizations may not authorize vendors, whether to solicit or distribute information, goods, or services.
- h) Organizations may not bring any signs or banners into the Gold Crown Field House for commercial advertising, sponsorship, or promotion. Organizations may not use the name or trademarks of the Gold Crown Foundation or the Gold Crown Field House in promoting any event or activity.
- i) Anyone caught damaging or stealing Gold Crown Foundation private property will be responsible for immediate reimbursement and is subject to possible charges.
- j) Parking is limited at the Gold Crown Athletic Complex. Gold Crown highly encourages the use of Carpool and Ride Share technologies. By no means is it acceptable to parking in the fire lanes or handicapped parking spots without proper permitting. Any vehicles who do not comply will be subject to ticketing. Gold Crown Foundation is not responsible for parking citation issued to any guest. Gold Crown Foundation is not responsible for any damage or theft to any vehicle or property.