

Warren County Basketball League

DRAFT POLICY

The Warren County Basketball League is organized for the purpose of recreational basketball for kids in the WCBL jurisdiction. Teams are to be picked equally at Freshman, Junior Varsity, and Varsity levels. It is the individual town's responsibility to draft the teams evenly and fairly. In the event the difference between winning percentages for any two teams in a town at a specific level exceeds 0.50 for the first (9) nine played games, the WCBL will review win/loss records, including scorebooks, to determine if any teams will be disallowed to participate in the WCBL Playoffs and Tournament Finals. Voting for exclusion from the playoffs will be done at the seeding meeting with each town representative casting one vote. In the event a team is excluded from the playoffs, no tournament fee refunds will be made.

To allow towns to better balance teams at any level - Roster changes will be allowed after game play begins; however, rosters must be finalized and resubmitted to the WCBL before a third game is played.

The following maximum age restrictions (as of September 1st of the current league season) will apply to players at the appropriate level:

Freshman – age 10, Junior Varsity – age 12, and Varsity – age 14.

Teams from same town will not play each other in regular season unless there is a shortage of teams at that level.

Towns need to provide enough gym time to cover home games for all teams, including Saturdays for Select games.

Only the top eight seeded teams at each level will be included in the playoffs, unless there are more than 18 teams at a level, in which case the number of playoff teams will be increased to 12.

Seeding of playoff teams will be based on winning percentage. In the event of a tie when seeding, number of forfeits will be used as the first tie breaker. The team with the fewest number of forfeits will win the tie breaker for seeding. If necessary, points allowed will be used as a second tie breaker. The team allowing the fewest points will win the tie breaker for seeding.

The maximum number of players on a team is eight (8). A waiver must be obtained from the WCBL for additional players, only after showing that there is no alternative and all avenues have been researched. No teams may exceed ten (10) rostered players. No rostering of players from lower levels will be allowed for teams with at least seven (7) eligible players. Rosters submitted must include player first and last name, birth date, age, grade, and town of residence.

The coach will start with their own child/children only. All remaining players are to be split between the teams equally, based on their basketball ability.

In the event a team chooses to boycott tournament participation, the Association will be fined \$100.00 which must be paid immediately. In the event this occurs, no tournament fee refunds will be made.

A forfeited game will count as a loss for the forfeiting team and will be considered accordingly for seeding position.

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