



## UNIFIED BASKETBALL LEAGUE GUIDELINES

### **Description**

The Unified League places more emphasis on fundamentals of the game through coaching and instruction. **Winning of games is secondary compared to the importance of coaching and teaching players within a framework of teamwork and sportsmanship. We are committed to providing our athletes the opportunity to learn new skills, make new friends, and have fun.**

### **General League Guidelines**

1. Teams will have a minimum of two (2) coaches and a “Team Mom”.
2. The duration of a regulation game shall be four (4) quarters of eight (8) minutes each for a total of thirty two (32) minutes. Time between quarters shall be 1 minute and halftime shall be 3 minutes.
3. The games will be played with a running clock. The clock will run during all stoppages of play except for the final 2 minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and any overtime periods, unless one team is winning by 10 points or more. No timeouts in the first half. Each team will be allowed to call one timeout in the second half. Each team will be allowed to call one timeout in the first overtime period. The duration of all timeouts will be 30 seconds.
4. Tie games will be decided by a full 2 minute overtime period. Clock will stop on all whistles. If the game is still tied at the end of overtime, sudden death will be used (1st team to score wins).
5. Four (4) eligible players constitutes a legal game. If a team chooses to play with 4 players the other team must play with 4 players. If a team has less than 4 players 5 minutes after the scheduled start they will forfeit the game. If there is a forfeit, a pickup game may still be played and refereed
6. Weekly teams practice(s) will be conducted throughout season.
7. Wins, Losses, Ties, Points Scored (PS), Points Allowed (PA), Point Differential (PD), Win Percentage (WP), and Games Back (GB) will be tracked and updated on Miracle League Website weekly.



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8. Division standings will be tracked and updated weekly on MLF website.
  
9. In the case of a season record tie, the criteria below (in order listed) will be used to determine end of season standings and recognize Regular Season Champion. This is to make sure that teams are rewarded for all around play (both offense and defense).
  - a) Head-to-Head Play
  - b) Point Differential - Season
  - c) Points Scored - Season
  - d) Points Allowed – Season

COACHES ARE ALWAYS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR TEAM AND FAN'S CONDUCT AT ALL TIMES. PARENTS/TEAM FANS WHO ARE UNRULY, OR ENTER THE COURT WITHOUT BEING REQUESTED BY THE COACH/REFEREE, WILL BE WARNED BY THE LEAGUE DIRECTOR/REFEREE AND ESCORTED OFF. THIS COULD ALSO RESULT IN THE PARENT/FAN BEING REMOVED FROM THE PLAYING AREA AND FACILITY ITSELF, IF NECESSARY.