

WEST LINN YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

SELECT PROGRAM RULES

West Linn Youth Basketball Association (“Association”) sponsors Select (competitive) teams for both boys and girls in the 4th through 8th grade levels. The following rules will apply to all such teams, players, coaches and players’ parents.

RULE I – PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- (A) The West Linn Youth Basketball Association will allow kids (Ages 4th Grade thru 8th Grade) to play for the WLYBA's Select teams if they either reside anywhere within, or attend a public or private school located anywhere within, the West Linn-Wilsonville School District's boundaries. This is consistent with the School District's open enrollment policy which allows kids who reside anywhere within the School District to attend any school within the School District.

To keep kids from trying out in both West Linn and another city and then choosing which team to play for, the WLYBA will not allow kids to participate in multiple tryouts. Pursuant to that practice, any child who attends a Select tryout in West Linn is not eligible to attend a Select tryout (or the equivalent) tryout in any other city (such as Wilsonville), and vice versa. This policy is posted on the WLYBA's website. The WLYBA will share its tryout lists with the Wilsonville Youth Basketball Association, and acquire the WBA's tryout lists, to help ensure that no one violates this practice.

- (B) Under exceptional circumstances, players in the program may petition to be allowed to tryout for a higher grade-level team. Such a player must display talent and physical capabilities which, in the opinion of the applicable varsity coach, would rank him/her as a number 1 or 2 player on the next level A team. To begin the petition process, the player must contact the applicable varsity coach or Select Coordinator no less than two weeks prior to tryouts. The decision to allow a player to tryout for a higher grade-level team will be made by a committee of the Board. Such committee shall consist of at least two board members and the applicable varsity coach. Such decision will be based on previous observation of the player and/or from an individual testing session. The committee must be certain that allowing the player to tryout for a higher grade-level team would be a beneficial experience for the player and for the team on which the player would play. The committee’s decisions shall be a simple majority vote and are not subject to appeal. No player will be allowed to tryout for a higher grade-level team without prior approval from the committee. If a player receives prior approval to tryout for a higher grade-level team and is not selected for that team, the player will be allowed to tryout for his/her actual grade-level team.

- (C) Players who transfer into the West Linn-Wilsonville School District after the tryouts and meet all player eligibility rules may petition the Board to be allowed to tryout for a team. Such a player must have capabilities which, in the opinion of the applicable varsity coach, would rank him/her as an exceptionally strong player. To begin the petition process, the player must contact the applicable varsity coach or Select Coordinator no later than Thanksgiving, with the tryout to occur prior to November 30th. The decision to allow a player to tryout for a team and the decision as to whether the player is added to a team will be made by a committee designated by the Board. Such committee shall consist of at least two Board members and the applicable varsity coach. Such decisions will be based on previous observation of the player and from a tryout session. The committee must be certain that adding the player to a team would be a beneficial experience for the player and for the team on which the player would play. The committee's decisions shall be a simple majority vote and are not subject to appeal.
- (D) Under special circumstances, players from out of district may be allowed to participate with approval from the WLYBA Board.

RULE II – TRYOUT PROCESS AND TEAM FORMATION

- (A) Prior to prospective players attending the tryout sessions, the parent or guardian of each child must complete a medical release form.
- (B) Tryouts will be run by the varsity high school coaches and their assistants from their high school staffs. Board member roles of President, Vice President, Select Coordinators (boys & girls) Coaches Coordinator, and Player Advocate will be also be allowed in the gym to observe and assist in the tryout process. If any of those roles have a child in the tryout, they will not be allowed to observe or participate..
- (C) Tryouts will generally cover two nights for each age group and gender. The tryouts will consist of drills and various games geared toward giving the coaches a broad view of the players' talents and capabilities.
- (D) Following the final session for each age group and gender, the coaches will select the players for the designated number of teams for that group. Teams will generally consist of 10 players. There will be a minimum of 8 for any team in the select program, and a maximum of 10 players.

- (E) The try-out numbers of the players selected for each team will be posted on the Association's website as soon as possible following the final try-out session. The status of one or more teams may be contingent on the outcome of certain events. In such cases, the posting of that teams' players may be delayed.

RULE III – COACH SELECTION

- (A) Persons desiring to coach a team must request online to be interviewed by a committee of board members.
- (B) Interviews will be scheduled through (but not all) the Coaches Coordinator, Select Coordinators, President & Vice President
- (C) The committee's decisions shall be a simple majority vote and are not subject to appeal.
- (D) Each coach will be required to agree to a background check and sign a Code of Ethics, which clearly defines the expectations of behavior on the bench and in the stands.
- (E) Coaches and/or an assigned team manager will be responsible for ensuring coaches' and parents' behavior is exemplary and offers only positive interaction with the players and referees.
- (F) Coaches will be selected after the teams have been formed.

RULE IV – FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

- (A) The fee charged for each player will cover the following expenses:
 - (1) Uniform
 - (2) Gym Fees
 - (3) Three Rivers League fees
 - (4) Referees for West Linn home games associated with TRL League Play
 - (5) 3 Tournaments for teams who play in the TRL

- (6) 8-10 tournaments for teams who opt for a Tournament Schedule.
- (7) Insurance
- (8) Other Fees associated with the program

RULE V – GAME RULES AND REGULATIONS

- (A) All play will follow National Federation High School Rules and the rules of each tournament or league entered. Each coach is expected to have a basic understanding of such rules.
- (B) It is recommended all teams (Grades 4th-8th) give each player a minimum of 12 minutes of playing time in all league and tournament games. Each coach has the discretion to increase or decrease minutes played for situations including, but not limited to:
 - i. The health of the player
 - ii. Attendance and participation in practice
 - iii. Tardiness to games or practice
 - iv. Attitude and level of effort
- (C) Playing time questions or issues should first be addressed with the coach. If further clarification or intervention is needed, playing time questions or issues should be directed to the Player Advocate Director.

RULE VI – BENCH DECORUM

- (A) Each coach and the parents of every player will be required to agree to and sign a Code of Ethics, which clearly defines the expectations of behavior on the bench and in the stands.
- (B) Coaches and/or an assigned team manager will be responsible for ensuring coaches' and parents' behavior is exemplary and offers only positive interaction with the players and referees.
- (C) Coaches are prohibited from voicing disrespectful remarks or using force (such as striking or shoving) to deal with the referees, opponents, or their own players. Additionally, coaches are prohibited from using threatening, demeaning, or abusive language with any referee or player. Any violation of this rule should be reported immediately to the Players Advocate.

RULE VII – ENFORCEMENT OF RULES

- (A) The Board of Directors is charged with assuring the team composition, practices and games are conducted equitably among the Select teams of

the Association. Further, the Board is charged with assuring that coaches, players and parents are properly observing these rules. In such cases as it appears there is a problem, the Players Advocate will initiate the following procedures:

(1) A Situation Report will be completed, outlining the complaint in as much detail as possible.

(2) The offending party will be contacted by the Players Advocate and given an opportunity to clarify the situation.

(3) If a rule is misunderstood, it will be explained to the offending party. The Situation Report will then be completed, giving an indication that the specific problem has been resolved.

(4) If a rule is objected to and the offending party refuses to follow the rules, then the situation will be discussed by the Board and appropriate action taken. This action may involve a warning, a suspension or, in extreme or repeated cases, removal of the individual from the Program. The Situation Report will then be completed, giving particulars.

(5) Situation Reports are to be maintained by the Players Advocate for three years, and then destroyed. They will not be generally available, other than to the party named in the report and to the Board as needed when dealing with subsequent reports and when appointing coaches.

RULE VIII – COMMITMENT

- (A) Each player participating in the program will be required to sign a Commitment Agreement, stating that membership on his/her team will be his/her first-priority activity from the beginning of the winter season as defined by the Oregon School Activities Association through the season-ending league tournament.
- (B) Coaches will be authorized to establish team rules for attendance and behavior and to judiciously reduce playing time as a disciplinary tool to enforce such rules