



YUCAIPA YOUTH BASKETBALL  
COACHES CORNER

SPORTSMANSHIP – TEAMWORK - CHARACTER

## ARTICLE I. MISSION STATEMENT

Yucaipa Youth Basketball, Inc. (YYB) is committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for our community's youth to learn the game of basketball while encouraging individual growth in self-confidence, commitment and integrity, so they may be better prepared for a more productive and successful tomorrow. Our goal is to teach young athletes the spirit of competition while maintaining discipline and respect for themselves, their peers, coaches, officials, and their community. Our League's Code of Ethics is to build Character, Teamwork and Sportsmanship. Our League provides a structured program designed to educate participants, coaches and parents that the welfare and safety of our children is always our first and foremost endeavor.

## ARTICLE II. CORPORATE DISCLOSURES

### (a) **Yucaipa Youth Basketball League, Inc. A.K.A. YYB**

Yucaipa Youth Basketball League, Inc. is a 501c-3 non-profit exempt status corporation established in 1999. Our corporation has no joint venture or agency relationship with either the City of Yucaipa, the Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District (YCUUSD), or any other outside private entity. Each year, Yucaipa Youth Basketball, Inc., referred to as YYB in the entirety of this document, applies for facility use agreements with the City of Yucaipa for use of the Yucaipa Community Center. We also apply for facility use agreements with YCUUSD for use of the gyms within their district. Those annual agreements confirm that YYB is an independent contractor with no joint venture relationship with either the City of Yucaipa or YCUUSD. **ANY QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, COMPLAINTS, DISPUTES, OR COMMENTS CAN ONLY BE DIRECTED TO OUR YYB BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO BE RESOLVED.**

### (b) **Board of Directors**

The YYB Board of Directors continues to have complete authority, responsibility and discretion in managing, monitoring, overseeing, deciding and addressing any and all concerns, complaints and/or issues that arise within our program's scope of responsibility. Our Independent Contractor status is specifically stated in: Section 7 and Section 17 of the annual Facilities Use Agreement with the City of Yucaipa.

## ARTICLE III. POLICY

### (a) **General Liability**

YYB assumes liability in all contracted and/or assigned gymnasiums, gymnasiums surrounding areas, parking areas and practice areas. YYB only assumes responsibility on scheduled season games and practices and at contracted and specified locations within the City of Yucaipa, YCUUSD or any other private entity that YYB may contract due to insurance liabilities.

### (b) **Reserves the Right to Refuse**

The YYB Board reserves the right to refuse the application/ registration of anyone they feel would not act in the best interest of the League and/or the community.

**(c) Community Conduct**

All coaches, players, parents, board members or anyone associated with or working in conjunction with YYB will, at all times, conduct themselves in a manner that will result in a positive and productive outcome for our community.

**(d) Parent Code of Conduct**

The Parent Code of Conduct form is completed by a parent or guardian when they register their children. YYB also provides large A-frame signs at the entrance to each gym that indicate proper conduct required by everyone while attending our games. Coaches are responsible for ensuring that their team's parents maintain proper behavior and for correcting them when they do not follow the rules.

**(e) Document Falsification**

Falsification of any League document will constitute immediate expulsion from the program and/or suspension from practices and games.

**(f) Non-Sanctioned Games**

YYB will not assume any responsibility should a coach, assistant coach, board member, or parent choose to conduct a game not sanctioned by YYB.

**(g) Chain of Command**

Questions or complaints regarding situations with a Team or Division must first be brought up to the immediate Division Representative. The Division Representative may call upon the President to help resolve any non-player issues. If issues remain unresolved, a meeting of the Board of Directors can be requested to hear the complaint. All findings and rulings by the Board of Directors shall be final.

**(h) Websites**

Coaches will refrain from using our name "YUCAIPA YOUTH BASKETBALL" in any web domain name or website they may create. YYB is a private, non-profit program that was organized to benefit all the children of our community. The League has not, does not, and will not authorize, promote, entertain, or endorse any specific group, team, travel ball program, training program, or any other private entity to use our name for any reason.

**( i ) Background Investigations/LiveScan**

All coaches, board members, and adult referees are required to complete a yearly background investigation as well as a LiveScan fingerprinting service in order to participate within the YYB program. This is to ensure that all volunteers have been screened through Megan's Law and a criminal background investigation finds no results that might endanger our children. Previous background checks, or those completed by any outside entities or occupations are not acceptable. ALL BACKGROUND CHECKS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE HAVING CONTACT WITH THE CHILDREN and MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS after RECEIVING THE EMAILED PORTAL. FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE REQUIRED BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION WILL AUTOMATICALLY FORFEIT YOUR ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE.

**( j ) Location Restrictions**

Our written agreements with The City of Yucaipa, the YC JUSD, and private entities state that any participant, while in attendance of any practice and/or game are PROHIBITED from: smoking, chewing tobacco, vaping, drinking alcohol or carrying firearms within any city or school district building or parking lots. We also ask that you address anyone that is in violation of this Article or report it to any YYB Board Member that is available.

(k) **Outside Participating Leagues**

Any outside entity wishing to participate within the YYB program for the current season will adhere to and follow all rules and/or regulations already stipulated and enforced throughout the program. YYB WILL NOT compromise, change or alter any program rule, regulation, format or requirement to accommodate any outside entity. All outside entities MUST agree to follow all the prescribed program rules and/ or regulations already established to participate within the program.

(l) **Head Coach / Board Member Reimbursement of Child Registration**

Every Board Member and/or Head Coach that serves in their respective role will be reimbursed for each registration limited to the number of teams coached. For example, if you sign up your 5/6 son and your 3/4 daughter and you proceed to be the head coach of both teams, you will receive reimbursement for both registrations. Board members also enjoy the same benefit. A board member will also receive full reimbursement for each child registration upon successful completion of the season.

Reimbursements will **NOT** be given out in the event of the following:

- Head coach does not coach at least (7) seven games.
- Board member / Head coach violates Code of Conduct (A meeting will take place with the board and disciplinary action may occur)
- Head coach does not lead team practices at least 70% of the time.

## ARTICLE IV. COACHING REQUIREMENTS

### SECTION 1: REQUIREMENTS

(a) **Coaching Age Requirements**

Any individual interested in becoming a Coach must be at least 18 years of age. All coaches may be subject to an interview by the Board prior to the season.

(b) **Coaches Registrations**

Only registered Coaches and Assistant Coaches will be allowed to have contact with the children in the program. Any other parents or adults wanting to assist with practices and/or games MUST have a current background check, LiveScan, and a current signed Coach's Corner on file.

(c) **Coaches Background Checks/LiveScan, and Concussion Waivers**

All Coaches must agree to an annual background check. A nominal fee may be assessed. Additionally, Coaches must have passed a LiveScan fingerprinting service. Also, all Coaches must complete a concussion training and obtain a certificate of completion each season or calendar year.

(d) **Team Sponsorships**

**All Head Coaches** are responsible for securing a team sponsorship for their teams. Talk to your team parents to see if they know of a business that could sponsor. Utilize the Sponsor List from last season and call upon at least 5 of them. Contact the YYB Sponsor Chair for help with suggestions of businesses that would like to help. If all else fails, ask the team parents if they would like to donate as a group to Sponsor their team. THE DEADLINE FOR SECURING YOUR TEAM SPONSORSHIP IS DECEMBER 10th EACH YEAR. Any coach that fails to find a team sponsor by the deadline may be suspended from participation until one is found. Any coach that refuses to locate a sponsorship will be removed from the YYB program.

Coaches may obtain additional sponsors for their specific team ( I.E. parent sponsor purchases sweatshirts for the team). As additional team sponsors are not a YYB requirement, YYB will not will not provide a tax write-off receipt or be held liable for these transactions.

**(e) Team Sponsorship Plaques**

All coaches MUST deliver all sponsorship plaques to the team sponsor within a reasonable amount of time after receiving it. It is NOT the responsibility of the sponsor to hunt, track or locate the plaque that they have paid for. Sponsors are hard to locate from year to year and coaches must be responsible enough to help maintain them.

**(f) Coaches Annual Qualifications**

All Coaches and Assistant Coaches that have registered to participate in the upcoming season MUST attend at least one half ( ½) of their annual EVALUATIONS, their annual Pre -Draft meeting, and their Draft to be eligible to secure a team for the season. Any Assistant Coach who doesn't meet the above participation requirements may be removed by the YYB Board of Directors. No Assistant Coach can be named OR added from before the start of the Pre-Draft and through the end of the Draft.

**(g) Coaches' Options**

The Head Coach and the Assistant Coach will be allowed to automatically include their own child/children/siblings on their team. This option is available to their biological, adopted, step - children, or legal guardianships ONLY. No other relationships will apply i.e. - no cousins, nieces, nephews, friends or neighbors, unless prior approval by the Board is granted and/or all other Coaches in the Division approve the request. If two coaches want to coach together and each of their children is evaluated in the first round of the draft then coaches and kids have to be separated on different teams.

**(h) Mandatory Meetings**

Should the league feel a mandatory coach's meeting is needed, it MUST be attended by at least ONE representative from each Team. Mandatory meeting option: All coaches expected to attend a mandatory meeting within 48 hours. Failure to attend may result in an immediate one game suspension.

**( i ) Evaluations**

All Coaches attending and grading their Division Evaluations will refrain from documenting any derogatory remarks on the grading sheets that mention race, religion, handicap, weight, height and / or ability. All grading sheets will be totaled by the assigned Division Representative and Player Agent to determine each child's placement in the Draft. Should they find that any child's grade is extremely under or over-rated; the Division Representative and the Player Agent can set aside that Coach's grade and determine the child's placement in the Draft without it.

**( j ) Coaching Multiple Teams**

All Coaches will not be allowed to accept any more than (2) teams per season, while in the capacity as a Head Coach. Taking on too many teams only creates disorganization, towards all teams involved. The number of teams is limited so the one-on-one coaching that children may need can be accomplished so they don't become disinterested in playing.

**(k) Coaches Notification**

All coaches MUST respond in a timely manner when they are called to address an issue, pickup uniforms, locate a sponsor, and return a call and/ or pickup player registrations. Coaches may delegate to Assistant Coaches or Team Parents. Note: failure to address or adhere to this article will constitute your inability to handle your team and may be grounds for terminating your participation with YYB.

**(l) Communication**

Coaches are responsible for writing/printing their vital information clearly and legibly on their Coaches Application, especially their name, phone number(s), and e-mail address. YYB Board members may attempt to reach you by whichever device is most convenient for them to notify you of upcoming events. Coaches are also responsible for getting the YYB Board members telephone numbers and e-mail addresses, so you will be able to contact them as well.

**(m) Division Splits \*if applicable\***

All coaches must attend their prospective Division-split meetings. Division splits may take place after the first 3 games. Coaches are required to evaluate each individual Team to determine their ability to compete in either the lower and/ or upper regular Season Division. Your Division Representative will be present in only a directive capacity for the meeting. Division Representatives may suggest, request, and present pre -season information to assist Coaches in making their decisions. All regular Season placements are final once this meeting is over.

## **SECTION 2: CONDUCT**

**(a) Managing Head Coach**

All Head Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their Assistant Coaches, players and parents before, during and after any game and/ or practices. This will include the conduct of the managing Head Coach as well. Any Head Coach that fails to correct or assist in correcting any negative behavior/action from any of the following may be subject to disciplinary actions up to suspension and/or possible expulsion from the YYB

**(b) Player Recruitment**

All coaches will refrain from recruiting players into any beliefs, whether in religion, business, sports activity, or any other associated activity that may cause harm, uncomfortable feelings, fear, or intimidation towards the child and/or children.

**(c) Outside Recruitment**

All coaches will refrain from recruiting players from outside our boundaries. Players will be accepted within a reasonable distance from Y. Y.B. Within reason means Calimesa, Forest Falls, Oak Glen, Mentone, Beaumont, Cherry Valley and Redlands. Any player that lives within this

area will be allowed to register. Any individual wanting their child to play who resides outside our approved area, including but not limited to Fontana, Colton, Rialto, Highland, Moreno Valley, San Bernardino, Banning or Desert areas MUST first get Board approval.

**(d) Team Benches**

Only two registered coaches are allowed on the team benches. However, a pre-approved person with a cleared background check and signed Coaches Corner may be permitted to take over the bench should one or both coaches be removed from the bench for any reason, including disciplinary or ejection. The Division Representative must be notified of an absence of a coach or coaches prior to the game start time. All coaches must remain at their team benches during the entirety of their game. Coaches cannot leave their players unattended.

**(e) Electronic Coaching**

The use of ANY type of electronics, including, but not limited to phones, cameras, tablets, or computers to communicate with others during a game is strictly forbidden. Any form of electronics WILL NOT be used in the absence of a coach or assistant coach during a game for any reason, including, but not limited to: to get

directions, plays, substitutions, time-outs, shooters choice, score, or to question a violation or decision that has been made by the Game Officials or League Officials. Any Coach/Parent Coach that is caught coaching electronically will be asked to leave the game and will face disciplinary action.

**(f) Inciting to Riot- Mutiny**

Any coach or assistant coach engaging in setting their own agendas, to either overthrow, change or decide who they will play or not play in his/her division, or disrupt his/her representative's format or division schedule will be asked to immediately cease and/or desist. Any coach that does not adhere to this request will be removed from the YYB program.

**(g) Pulling Team from Play**

Coaches do not have the authority to remove their team from play. Coaches will be removed from the YYB program for deciding when and if their team will play in a League scheduled game.

**(h) Team Abandonment**

Any Manager or Coach that has been awarded a team within the YYB Program for the current and/or on-going season, and fails to complete the season by abandoning, withdrawing or quitting and leaving the players, parents and league stranded due to the inability to win, player mix, player experience/ knowledge or non-player request will no longer be able to ever participate within The YYB program.

**( i ) Player Injury Check**

All coaches are required to check on any child, including his/her own, when said player has become hurt, injured, and/or immobile, before, during, or after a sanctioned YYB practice and/or game. Any coach that fails to exhibit the proper care and attention will first be warned, second suspended, and third expelled from the program. Any player that is injured during the game in which the player cannot return will require an injury report to be completed.

**( j ) Player Discipline Procedure**

All coaches have the authority to discipline players from game activities, should the coach find that the player does not report to practices. The coach must make attempts to contact said player and parents to verify validity of non-participation at practices. If there is an issue with the player not showing up to practices, the coach will need to contact the Division Rep for further discipline.

## **SECTION 3: PRACTICE EXPECTATIONS**

**(a) 50% Rule – Practices & Games**

The Head Coach and the Assistant Coach must agree to attend at least 50% of all practices and games in order to be eligible to utilize the coach's options in the Draft. If the Board of Directors determines that this Rule has not been followed, neither the Head Coach nor the Assistant Coach will be allowed to coach in future seasons. No coaches will be allowed to add an Assistant from the beginning of the Pre-Draft Coaches Meeting until the end of the Draft. (This is to curtail Coaches adding non-participating Assistants just to get their child on your team.)

**(b) Practice Times and Days**

Coaches should be considerate of the players and parents when scheduling practice times and days. Coaches should refrain from conducting early practices on school days (example 3:00 - 4:00 pm). Early practices do not

allow players adequate time to get home from school and/ or parents to attend practices. Coaches should also limit practice days between one to three days per week depending on the age of players. All coaches MUST conduct a minimum of one practice per week. Failure to conduct a minimum of one practice per week may be grounds for you to lose your team.

**(c) Holiday – Vacation Practices**

Coaches are asked to refrain from conducting Holiday (Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's) practices. Children should be allowed to spend their Holidays with family and cannot be held liable for any practice that you may conduct in their absence.

## **ARTICLE V. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

**(a) Unacceptable Behavior**

Anyone that is confrontational, loud, obnoxious, belligerent, over -bearing, accusatory and/or threatening towards Players, Coaches, Officials, Board Members, Spectators or City Officials will be removed from further play and may be asked not to return for the remainder of season.

**(b) Abusive Physical Contact**

No coach, assistant coach or parent may have any abusive physical contact with players. Whether the player was drafted or is the coach's own biological, step or adopted child. Any type of abusive conduct, whether before, during or after any practice or games will not be tolerated. Any abusive physical contact may be forwarded to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's office. Any coach, assistant coach or parent found guilty of any type of abusive physical contact may result in the individual's forfeiture from participation with YYB

**(c) Abuse of Authority**

Should the Board of Directors determine that a Coach is abusing their authority by intimidating, insulting, belittling and/or threatening Players, Board Members, and/ or Officials, said Coach will be removed from further play and asked not to return for the remainder of the year.

**(d) Malicious Gossip**

Malicious gossip towards the League, and/or its representatives and staff, will not be tolerated under any circumstance. Violators will be asked to immediately cease and/ or desist. Individuals that have been warned and continue their negative behavior will be expelled from the YYB program.

**(e) Sportsmanship- Shaking Hands**

Any player, coach or team that refuses to shake the hand/ hands of the opposing team after a contest will first be warned/counseled, second suspended and third expelled from participation within the program.

**(f) Ejections and Suspensions**

Ejection/suspension from a game means, that the coach(s) / parent(s) / player(s) that has/have been ejected cannot have any contact with the team, including practices or games until he/she/ they have met with the Disciplinary Committee to discuss the issues at hand. Coaches/parents/ players cannot attend the game, sit in the stands, or remain in the hallways, doorways, windows, and/or building. They must remain in the parking lot or away from the premises.



**(g) Disciplinary Meetings**

The Board Member on duty will be responsible for reporting to the President and the President will determine if a disciplinary meeting is required. The President and the Board Member on Duty will set a date, time, and location to hold a disciplinary hearing before the teams' next game. The President will select a "Disciplinary Committee" made up of themselves and at least two and as many as four other unbiased Board Members to listen to the grievance, to hear the defense, if any, and to rule on any disciplinary action needed. All findings and rulings by the Disciplinary Committee will be final.

**(h) Disciplinary Meeting Attendance**

Any individual accused of a violation must attend the Disciplinary Meeting. Failure to attend a scheduled Disciplinary Meeting will result in an immediate suspension from all League activities until they have met with the Disciplinary Committee. The Disciplinary Committee reserves the right to increase disciplinary penalties including League expulsion if they agree it is merited.

**(i) Probation Period**

Any coach, parent, or player placed on probation by the Board Disciplinary Committee, must refrain from any further negative behaviors which will result in a n automatic suspension and the Committee reserves the right to expel them from the League.

**(j) Post-Season Infractions – Carry-Over**

All Coaches MUST understand that ANY negative behavior that is expressed, before, during, or after a sanctioned post-season Playoff game, whether verbally or physically, will be reviewed and addressed during the post-season by the Board of Directors. Any Coach that is in violation of any Carry-Over Infraction may forfeit his/her participation with YYB.

## **ARTICLE VI. TEAMS**

### **SECTION 1: REQUIREMENTS**

**(a) Team Names**

Teams will refrain from using ANY names, images, and/ or logos that are not suitable for minor children. Team names may not include profanity, religious beliefs, racism, sexism, or mention any type of controlled substances, including, but not limited to: alcohol; drugs; or tobacco. All Team names will be reviewed by the Board of Directors for approval.

**(b) Team Pictures**

All teams will be scheduled to take individual and team pictures every year. Coaches are encouraged to complete their picture schedules on any of the available (2) days. Please remember that pictures are part of each player's registration package and all coaches must fulfill this requirement.

**(c) Grade and Age Placement**

Players who fail to advance to the next school grade may be ALLOWED or may be DISALLOWED by the Board of Directors to advance to the next level of play. All players will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Players will be adjusted according to their knowledge and/ or ability to play at the recommended levels and to avoid creating an unfair advantage for a lower division having an older child with more advanced skills.

**(d) Maximum Players per Team**

YYB limits teams to a total of 9 players. The 1st-2nd Grade Co-Ed Division has a maximum of 10 players. Players may request to play on a specific team in the 1st-2nd Grade Co-Ed Division only. Players are drafted onto teams by Coaches in all other divisions. Players that are registered to play after the Draft, will be placed on teams with vacancies by the league's Player Agent, with agreement by the Division Rep.

## SECTION 2: PLAYERS

**(a) Player Registrations**

ALL players are registered to play in ONLY ONE specified grade level and ONE Division. Players can play up to the next division if evaluated at the requested division. They CANNOT moved-down to any other division. Any parent, guardian, or coach found to be guilty of falsifying a league document or making decisions outside the league's Rules and Regulations or knowingly putting a child into an unregistered division will automatically forfeit their ability to participate with YYB

**(b) Player Refunds**

All refunds will be assessed up to a \$25.00 processing fee per player (this amount will be deducted from your refund) . Refunds may take up to 30 days to process and will be mailed to the address given. NO REFUNDS will be given after teams have received their uniforms or December 31st, whichever happens first.

**(c) Un-Registered Players**

No coach, parent, player or board member will knowingly allow ANY unregistered player to participate in any YYB practice or game. All players must first and foremost complete the required league documents to be allowed to participate. All completed registrations must first be processed by the league prior to any player having approval to participate in practices and/or games. All registered players will then be placed on a team at the Draft, or by the league's Player Agent after the Draft. Allowing unregistered players to participate in a practice or game without proper registration or insurance coverage only opens doors for lawsuits should an un-registered player become ill, injured or a fatality occur.

## SECTION 3: UNIFORMS

**(a) Team Uniforms**

All league uniforms must remain INTACT. Jerseys may not contain any type of jewelry or additional writing (other than the screen printing which has been professionally added). Uniforms MUST remain free of any type of alterations, including, but not limited to: cut -off sleeves; torn necklines; altered color schemes; tasseled waistlines and/or necklines. All Jerseys must remain tucked in and shorts MUST remain at waist level during Games.

**(b) Team Uniform Distribution**

All coaches MUST distribute all uniforms according to the sizes players have ordered and not by favorite numbers. Distributing uniforms by favorite number does not allow players to wear the sizes that they have ordered. Once players have received their assigned uniform, it will be up to them and the parent to trade for a different size, and not the coaches.

## SECTION 4: SAFETY

### (a) **Child Safety**

All coaches and assistant coaches must be aware at all times of their player's whereabouts whether, before, during or after practices and/ or games. They must make sure all children have been picked up by their parents after practices or games. They must not allow children to walk home or leave said premises without their knowledge and notification. They must contact their parents or simply wait for their parents to arrive.

### (b) **Jewelry / Finger Nails / Hair**

Players will not be permitted to participate in any game should the Referee, Coach or Division Rep. notice that said player is participating with any type of jewelry, including, but not limited to: earrings, necklaces, bracelets, finger rings, nose rings, toe rings and or ankle bracelets. Hair that is stiff and spiked will not be permitted, loose and long hair must be wrapped into a pony tail behind the head. Any long finger nails (Beyond end of finger), must be taped or cut before the game. Any player, who refuses to adhere to these safety concerns, will not be permitted to participate in the game until the violation is corrected.

### (c) **Medical Alert Bracelets**

Any player that is required to wear any type of medical alert bracelet must keep the bracelet from tangling into fingers, hair, uniform or rubbing onto other players. All Medical Alert bracelets must be secured yet visible at all times. Any Medical Alert necklace must remain under jersey at all times.

### (e) **Eyeglass Wear**

All players that must wear prescription lenses must have them secured with a Head bungee and/or strap. All players must, when possible, refrain from using lenses that are made of glass. Players can use contact lenses or eyewear that utilizes non -breakable glass, but are secured to their head. Allowing players to play with glass lenses and non-secured glasses only insures possible injury to the player or players involved in accidents.

### (f) **Casts and Braces**

A referee or coach shall not permit any team member to wear equipment or apparel which, in his/her judgment, is dangerous or confusing to other players or is not appropriate. Examples of illegal items include, but are not limited to: Illegal guards, casts or braces, a guard, cast or brace made of hard and unyielding leather, plaster, pliable (soft) plastic, metal or any other hard substance may not be worn on the elbow, hand, finger, wrist, forearm, knee or ankle; even though covered with soft padding. Any Player injured and required to wear any type of hard cast or steel brace will not be permitted to participate in any games or practices until said hard cast or steel brace has been removed by doctor's authorization.

### (g) **Doctor's Release**

Any player that has been injured and is under Doctor's care CANNOT participate actively in any YYB practice and/or scheduled games, until he/she presents a doctor's release to his/her coach. The coach must notify his/her immediate Division Representative of said release. Any parent or coach allowing an injured player to participate without proper authorization or notification to the League will assume any and all liability, should the player become re-injured.

## ARTICLE VII. GAME RULES

### SECTION 1: SCHEDULES

#### (a) **Vacation and Holiday Conflicts**

YYB WILL NOT reschedule, postpone, or cancel any game, whether it is a Pre -Season, Regular Season or Tournament play where some coaches and/or players will be absent. Please notify your Division Representatives within a reasonable amount of time to allow scheduling conflicts to be adjusted, altered or addressed so everyone will be able to attend league scheduled games.

#### (b) **Game Scheduling Conflicts**

YYB WILL NOT reschedule, postpone, or cancel any game, whether pre -season, regular season, or tournament play when a coach has a scheduling conflict with another sport. The team's Assistant Coach will coach said game, a parent or board member will coach if no Assistant Coach is available.

#### (c) **Game Start Time**

It is the discretion of the Division Representative to determine that a game will start earlier than the scheduled time. If both teams and officials are present, the Division Representative has the right to call for the game to get under way. In some cases, a game may be delayed due to a current game that has gone into overtime, or any other issue that kept the earlier games running late.

#### (d) **Make-up Games**

All teams must adhere to the minimum player rule in Article VII, Section 3(c). If a team has 4 available players; this team will not qualify for a make-up game. Teams with a valid excuse (for example: if 4 out of 7 or 5 out of 8 players are sick) the team will be allowed to reschedule. In some cases, the Division Representative may contact the parents of the absent children to verify the validity of the excuse. All make up / reschedules must first be brought to the Division Representative WITHIN A reasonable time for the rescheduling of all gyms, officials, dates, times and location. All make up games must have approval from the League President or Vice President, if the President is not available.

#### (e) **Pre-Season, Regular Season, and Post Season Play Criteria**

The following guidelines for determining Team standing or placement whether in Pre -Season, Regular Season or Post Season play will be counted as follows:

- 1) Win – Loss record
- 2) Head to Head
- 3) Points Against during Regular Season

### SECTION 2: PLAYER CRITERIA

#### (a) **Late Players**

Any player that shows up late to a game may still participate in that game, if that player arrives before the start of the second period. This is so players cannot change the chemistry of an active and on-going game, and they must be approved by the opposing coaches to participate. The sit-out Rule will begin at the time the player is checked in.

#### (b) **Player Re-Entry Selection**

Any player that has become injured, or sick, must be removed from play until they have been evaluated by either the Coach, Parent, or the Division Rep to determine if said player is able to

re-enter the game, or not. The opposing coach will have the option to select which player will take the place of the injured, or sick. An ejected/fouled out player will be replaced by his/her coach. Players that have committed (5) personal fouls or have been ejected from play are not eligible to participate and cannot re-enter the game. Only players that remain on the bench will be allowed to replace players.

## SECTION 3: SEASONS

### (a) Governing Rules

CIF RULES WILL GOVERN PLAY WITH THE FOLLOWING LOCAL RULES AND GUIDELINES

### (b) Pre-Season Games – the first three (3) Games played

For larger Divisions, the 1st three games played may be considered “Pre-season games” and will be used to determine regular Season placement only. For smaller Divisions with only a few Teams (10 or less), the Board of Directors can allow them to include all games to determine regular Season winners and Tournament placements (seeding).

### (c) Pre-season and Regular Season Players on Floor

Some pre-season and regular season games may be played with a minimum of 4 players on the floor; this is to not slow the progress of the pre- season and regular season schedule. Any teams

playing with a minimum of 4 players will be given a 3rd time -out per half. Any game not played due to less than four players, a make-up game will not be scheduled. The team with 5 or more players will have the option to play with 4 or 5.

### (d) Post-Season Players on Floor

In post-season play, a team MUST have a minimum of (5) players. NO games can be re-scheduled and NO make-up games are allowed. Any team unable to field a minimum of (5) players by 10 minutes after official game time, WILL FORFEIT the game to the opposing team. The opposing team will then advance in tournament play.

## SECTION 4: LOCAL RULES AND GUIDELINES

### (a) Basket Height Regulation

1/2 Division – 8ft	3/4 Division – 10ft	5/6 Division – 10ft	7/8 Division – 10ft
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### (b) Ball Size Regulation

1/2 Division, CoEd – 25.5 Youth

3/4 Division, Boys – 28.5 Junior	3/4 Division, Girls – 27.5 Youth
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5/6 Division, Boys – 29.5 Men’s Official Size	5/6 Division, Girls – 28.5 Woman’s Official Size
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7/8 Division, Boys – 29.5 Men’s Official Size	7/8 Division, Girls – 28.5 Woman’s Official Size
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### (c) Bench

An adult Coach (18 years or older) MUST be on the bench for the entire game. No more than TWO coaches are allowed on the bench. Only coaches and players are allowed on the bench. Only referees, building staff, game staff, and board members are allowed behind the benches. Parents, coaches not actively coaching the current game, team volunteers beyond the (2) coaches designated for the game, and all other players or persons not involved in the current game shall not be allowed to congregate behind team benches. The

division representative and board members reserve the right to provide exceptions as necessary for a safe, fair, or healthy environment as needed.

**(d) 10 Minute Running Clock**

There will be a 10 minute running clock per quarter.

The clock will stop on time-outs and shooting fouls. After shooting fouls, the clock will be restarted when the ball hits the rim or is put back in play (on the 2nd shot if a 2 shot foul).

**(e) End of Quarter Regulation Time**

**1/2 Division** – This rule does not apply to this division

**3/4 Division** - Last 2 minutes of the 4th quarter the clock will be regulation time. During the last minute of the 4th quarter the clock will be stopped after a change of possession and will not start until the ball and the player are in front court.

**5/6 Division, 7/8 Division** - Last 2 minutes of the 4th quarter the clock will be regulation time.

**(f) Time-out Limit**

Each Team is allowed (2) 1-minute time-outs per half. Time outs do not carry over to the next half.

**(g) Coaches on Floor 1/2 Division ONLY**

One coach MAY remain on the floor from each team. This is to enable the less talented players to receive the coaching that they may need. Any coach that is on the floor must remain far enough away from ongoing plays, but close enough that players can receive instructions clearly. Coaches must also refrain from continually questioning / arguing with the officials while on the floor, which causes delays in the game. “This is an Instructional Division”, for players AND Officials, and is intended to encourage learning and semi competitive play.

**(h) Players on the Floor**

**1/2 Division** - NO team will play with less than 5 players – unless authorized by the Division Rep. When a player fouls out and leaves a team with only five players, no more players can leave the floor when they foul out. The team must finish the game with the same five players. If any more players commit fouls that would constitute them fouling out of the game, then the opposing team will shoot 2 free throws, gain possession and inbound the ball at mid -court. The fouled-out player(s) cannot shoot or score.

**3/4 Division** - NO team will play with less than 3 players. When a player fouls out they are disqualified from the remainder of the game.

**5/6 Division** - NO team will play with less than 3 players. When a player fouls out they are disqualified from the remainder of the game.

**7/8 Division** - NO team will play with less than 3 players. When a player fouls out they are disqualified from the remainder of the game.

**(i) Regular Season Play / Playoff Bracket Post-Season**

All players MUST PLAY at least ½ of every 10 minute Quarter during the entire game. Players will NOT sit-out 2 consecutive 5 minute periods. When a team has 6 players, each player must sit at least 1 time. When a team has 7 players or more, each player must sit out at least 2 times – 1 time in the 1st Half of the game, and 1 time in the 2nd Half of the game. The sit-out rule may be overruled by the Division Rep in cases where 1 team has only 5 or 6 players and the

opposing team has 7 or 8 players. These rules apply to pre-season and regular season. During tournament play, open subs shall be allowed for the 4th quarter.

No player may be taken out of the game during their 5 minute period, except for illness, injury, technical foul, ejection, or fouling out. These are mandatory League Rules and violations will not be tolerated. When games go into overtime situations, coaches may elect to field their best 5 players, provided that all players have met the minimum play time requirements during the first four quarters. Any coach found to be violating these rules will receive an automatic one game suspension.

(i) **1. Championship Game Only**

During the Championship Game. 8 Minute quarters will be observed.

(j) **Regular Season / Playoff Bracket Post-Season - Sit- Out Regulation**

All players MUST sit out at least two (2) 5 minute periods each game, unless only 5 are present.

(j) **1. Championship Game - Sit- Out Regulation**

During Championship games, CIF Substitution rules apply

(k) **Pre-Game Free Throws - Only for 1/2 Division**

All games will start with each player shooting one (1) free throw. All successful baskets will count. Both teams will take an equal number of free throws. Example: Team A has 8 players and

Team B has 7. One player on Team B will be allowed to take 2 free throws. Play will begin with a jump ball at center court.

(l) **3 Point Shot – is allowed in all Divisions**

(m) **Seconds in the Key**

1/2 Div.: 5 seconds      3/4 Div.: 5 seconds      5/6 Div.: 3 seconds      7/8 Div.: 3 seconds

(n) **Free Throw Regulation**

**1/2 Division, 3/4 Division ONLY** - Free throws will be 3 feet closer than regulation.

(o) **Back Court Press**

**1/2 Division** – NO Back court press. All defensive players must stay within the 3 point line while defending their goal until the offense penetrates the 3 point line to attempt to make a basket. This must be attempted within 5 seconds after the offense crosses the half-court line.

**3/4 Division** – NO Back court press.

All defensive players must stay 6-8 ft at/behind from the half-court line until the ball and players both feet have crossed the half-court line.

(p) **Bonus Shot**

Bonus shots shall occur on the 5th team foul per quarter and for each subsequent team foul within that quarter. Bonus shots shall consist of 2 shots. A 1-and-1 bonus shot method shall not be used.

**(q) Running up the score**

Coaches are strongly encouraged to refrain from running up the score in pre-season, regular season, and in tournament play. Teams that are less experienced should not be made fun of, embarrassed, or belittled during games. Coaches are asked to remain under the 20 -point differential, or as close to it as possible. In the event a team reaches a 20 point differential, the leading team shall not full-court press AT ANYTIME. In the event a leading team does perform a full-court press, the referee shall blow the whistle, stop play, instruct the leading team to retreat, and restart play by giving the trailing team a throw-in behind the half court line. Any coach that has been asked once to discontinue full-court presses but continues will receive an automatic 1 game suspension.

**(r) Overtime Tie Breaker**

Should a game be tied after regulation time, overtime play will consist of a (2) minute period. Each team will be allowed only (1) timeout. (No regulation timeout is carried over.) Teams can then field their best players as long as the minimum play rule has been met for ALL players. This will exclude any player that has fouled out, been ejected or been injured. All scores, team fouls, player fouls, and technicals will remain in place. Any coach or parent that has been ejected from the regulation game cannot participate in the Overtime Tie Breaker. If the teams remain tied after 2 consecutive overtimes have been completed, a (5) shot free -throw shootout will take place to break the tie. The ( 5) five current players from each team will take ( 1) one free-throw shot each. The team with the most baskets will be the winner. NOTE: There is NO overtime period for the 1-2 CO-ED DIVISION. Regulation scores are final, even when the game ends in a tie.

## **SECTION 5: DIVISION: 1/2 CoEd**

This is an INSTRUCTIONAL DIVISION, to prepare 1st and 2nd graders for competitive play in 3rd grade. Players will receive participation awards for completing the season.

**(a) 1/2 Division – Season Format**

The 1st -2nd Co-Ed Division will consist of a 10 game Season. All participants will receive a participation award. There will be no playoffs or championships in this division. All 10 games will be competitive with clock, fouls and scores being posted on the scoreboard.

**(b) 1/2 Division – Player Selection**

There is no Draft for the 1-2 Division. All players will be sorted and placed on teams by the Board members. Players will be grouped into teams after all registrations are turned in, teams will also be made up of ( 4) first graders and (4) Second graders, or as close to equal as possible.

## **VIII. DRAFT PROCEDURES**

**(a) Preamble**

Each Coach is responsible for reading and understanding the Draft procedures before the Draft. The following procedures are non-negotiable at the Draft.

The Player Agent will conduct the Draft. The goal of the Player Agent and the Board of Directors is to have equality among the teams at the conclusion of the Draft. The program is for the players – all players- not just the coaches. The Draft will run in order to insure equal opportunity for all players and teams.



**(b) Coaches**

Coaches only (maximum of two per team) will be allowed at the draft. All coaches must be registered. No outside or electronic communication is allowed in the draft room. The use of electronic devices shall be limited to notes or evaluation scores. Kids are not allowed in the draft room. All registered coaches should be able to attend 50% of all evaluations, pre-draft coaches meetings and the draft in order to utilize the "Coaches Option". Any coach who has not met this requirement at the start of the draft may forfeit their "Coaches Option" and the player can be drafted to any team. An individual appointed by the player agent will draft teams without a coach. These "Ghost Teams" will pick players for the team by choosing the best available player in that round. "Ghost Team" picks may NOT be traded.

**(c) Draft Order**

At the beginning of the draft coaches will draw numbers to determine draft order. No trading of draft numbers is allowed. Drafting will proceed in a windshield wiper format. Team names will be selected in reverse draft order (the person with the highest number will get 1st choice). Please expedite completing the forms at the draft. Completed draft forms must be returned to the division rep at the end of the draft session.

**(d) Ratings**

Player ratings will be based on evaluations, previous season's rating, and a coaches meeting prior to the draft. Players who did not come to evaluations but are known to the league will be

given a rating agreed upon by the coaches, division rep, and the player agent at the coaches meeting. The comprehensive player rating sheet which will include grade, height, experience, and averaged score will be distributed at the draft and collected before the coaches leave the room.

**(e) Coaches and Assistant Coaches**

Coaches from differing teams shall not be allowed to team up with each other or otherwise strategize with each other during the draft process in order to wrongfully influence the draft process. If a Head Coach and an Assistant Coach each have a 1st round draft player as their child, they shall not be allowed to coach together. If a Head Coach or Assistant Coach has a child that has not evaluated, that player shall be considered a 1st round draft player. Siblings shall be an exception to the rule and shall be analyzed on a case by case basis by the Player Agent and Board.

**(f) Options**

Players will be ranked from highest overall evaluation score on down. The coach and assistant coach options will be picked in the round in which those players were ranked.

Exceptions to the coach's option are as follows: If both coaches' players are ranked in the first round, the coach and the assistant coach will not be allowed to coach on the same team for that season. If both coaches' players are ranked in the second round, one player will be "bumped up" to the first round and taken in that round. The other player will be taken in the second round and the draft will proceed for that team in the third round. If both coaches' players fall in the third, fourth, fifth rounds and so on... the "bump up" procedure will be used accordingly. If either the coaches or the assistant coaches' players fail to be evaluated the players will automatically be placed in the first round and the coaches will not be allowed to coach on the same team for that season.

**\*\*Special circumstances may occur in which the family option, along with the assistant coach's option lump too many players into the same rounds. If this does occur, it is at the Player Agent and Division Representative's discretion as to what round their picks will be placed. This determination will be made prior to the draft.**

**(g) Player Selection**

Player selection cannot take place lower than the round that the draft is in at that point. ( e.g. if the draft is in round 2, no player can be picked in round 3 until all round 2 players have been chosen)

**(h) Hat picks**

All players who did not attend evaluation and could not be rated will then be placed in a hat and drawn after all other rated selections have been made.

**(i) Trading**

Trading will be allowed for justifiable reasons only. Players within the 1st round must be traded with a player also within the 1st round. 2nd round and on must be traded within 1 round up or down of each other in order to keep parity of the teams. For example, you may trade a 3rd round player for a 2nd round or 4th round player. Players who did not evaluate will be noted as “hat picks” on the draft sheet and will not be eligible for trades. All trades must be completed before coaches leave the draft room. No trades will be allowed after leaving the draft room. Ghost team picks cannot be traded. The Player Agent must approve all trades.

**(j) Late Sign-Ups**

No late sign-ups will be permitted after the registration period ends unless a coach is needed for a specific division or to accommodate a registered player placed on the waitlist. All additions will have to be approved by the Board to complete the registration after the deadline. Registrations received after evaluations, with Board approval, will be added to the draft sheets and will be reviewed by all coaches attending the pre-draft meeting to determine their proper placement in the draft. 51% of the coaches present must agree to each placement. Registrations added between the pre-draft meeting and the draft will be placed by the Player Agent and reviewed and agreed to by a majority of the coaches at the draft.

**(k) Draft Options in Special Circumstances**

Under special circumstances the Board will build the teams.

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Note from the President:

Yucaipa Youth Basketball is one of Southern California's largest recreational youth Basketball Leagues, with participation by 500 to 900 young people annually.

Our Thanks goes out to all our Volunteers: Coaches, Board Members, Parents, Team Moms, and Officials! They make this an enjoyable and memorable experience for our community's youth.

Please help us strive to be positive role models when dealing with the future, you may make a difference!

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***Tyler Overstreet***

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*Tyler Overstreet, President*

*Yucaipa Youth Basketball League, Inc.*

*2025-2026*

## 2025– 2026 COACHES CORNER

I HAVE READ ALL OF THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE. I WILL CONDUCT MYSELF IN A POSITIVE AND PRODUCTIVE MANNER AND ADHERE TO ALL OF THE ARTICLES THAT PERTAIN TO ME. SHOULD I VIOLATE ANY OF THE ARTICLES MENTIONED IN THE COACHES' CORNER HAND-OUT, I WILL ACCEPT ANY CONSEQUENCE, SUSPENSION, OR EXPULSION GIVEN TO ME BY THE YYB BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK THE CORRESPONDING BOX OF THE DIVISION YOU ARE VOLUNTEERING IN:

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