

GCCYS Boys Coaches and Coordinators,

Cheers to 2017-18 GCCYS Boys Basketball season. This is our 3rd year at GCCYS since CYO rode off into sunset. Please keep in mind we are all volunteers giving 600 plus girls/boys basketball teams a place to play... that equates to close to 5000 Greater Cincinnati youth in our league. Quite a challenge, but our volunteers are once again up to the task. We thank you for coaching and mentoring the kids in your respective programs.

Couple notes to ensure a great season:

COMPLIANCE

- All rosters need to be on-line before the first game. This is the responsibility of the parish coordinator.
- All liability forms must be completed by first game. If a player participates without liability form your team is subject to forfeiture.
- All games begin with center court prayer. Referees are aware.
- All parishes should ensure that coaches are VIRTUS trained and are in compliance with Lindsay's Law and Concussion trained

RULES

- Please see and review the rules document on the web site: [https://www.gccys.com/sites/default/files/GCCYS Basketball Rules.pdf](https://www.gccys.com/sites/default/files/GCCYS%20Basketball%20Rules.pdf)
- Make sure you fully understand playing time rules
- Grades 3-5 and Grades 6-8 Level 5 all players must play continuous quarter
- Grades 3 & 4 please review detailed rules on mandatory man v man defense
- Only variance from OHSAA rules for Grade 5 is no back court press and players shoot free throws from 12' foul line
- Grades 6-8 play OHSAA rules

SPORTSMANSHIP

- This is a Catholic Youth Ministry. Please ensure you, your parents, and players conduct yourselves in an appropriate manner.
- Please respect officials, opponents, and facilities. League members voted on "no-tolerance" policy last season. Ejection for any player, coach, or fan leads to instant suspension per OHSAA rules. No debates, no hearings.

GAME DAY

- Each facility/coach should carry printed rules and team roster
- Home team provides scorekeeper and clock. These positions are neutral parties.. no coaching, arguing from these positions. If so, home coach will be asked to find a replacement for that position.

- Please respect the facilities used by the league, whether this is your parish, SportsPlus, or one of our high school partners! The high schools have been kind enough to offer up their first-class gymnasiums, please treat them with respect.

REFEREES

- All referees are certified.
- If referees have not shown up at your gym and the game starts in five minutes or less, you can send a text to **513-655-5351**. This will alert Amerileagues and the referee assignor who will track down the referee and may or may not call or text you back. Please include your name, position (coach, gym monitor, coordinator), the gym you are at (please specify the court if you are at a multi-court facility, and the scheduled game time). Do not use this number for anything other than ref no shows and do not give this out to your parents or it will be discontinued.

WEB SITE/SCORE REPORTING

- All coaches were granted an account on the web site with coach-level privileges based on the email address their coordinator used to register their team. If you have not yet accessed your account, please do so this weekend. You will find information helpful to you on the Coach Portal (Coach option on the Portals menu). If you need help with your account, please email communication@amerileagues.com
- The coach of the winning team is responsible for logging the game score within 48 hours of the completion of the game. You can do this from your Portal OR you can edit your account and subscribe to Score Reporting Notifications. If you do this, you will receive an email during your game with a link to the score reporting form. Very simple.

PARISH TOURNAMENTS

- GCCYS does not govern parish tournaments. Please correspond with your tournament directors.

I do not expect any issues, but as always, I am assessable if something arises. Best way to reach me is via text... identify name, parish game, facility, etc. and I can get back to you. Keep in mind I coach multiple teams so do my best to call you back asap.

Myself and GCCYS look forward to another fantastic season!

Sincerely,

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