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A. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of the Morgan County Youth Basketball League shall be to offer the youth of rural Morgan County, AL an organized activity with the opportunity to improve one's basketball skills and playing ability and learn good sportsmanship.

B. LEAGUE RULES

1. All coaches shall take a mandatory concussion training course before they are allowed to coach
2. The league shall consist of four age divisions, “5&6”, “8 & Under”, “10 & Under”, and “12 & Under” (hereinafter referred to as 6U, 8U, 10U and 12U respectively).
3. Each team must submit an official roster. The official roster shall contain:
 - a) Player’s name and birth date
 - b) Coach’s name, address and phone number of the coach
 - c) Must have at least 7 players when submitted
4. The rosters shall be:
 - a) Signed by the school principal
 - b) Checked and verified by the President and Community League Representatives (hereinafter referred to as the League Board) and /or the Morgan County Parks and Recreation Department (hereinafter referred to as MCPR). The official roster shall be submitted to the MCPR on or before the said date set at the annual organization meeting. (The annual league organization meeting will be set by the MCPR)
 - c) Formed by the community league by-laws (i.e. drafting, and team selections)

Note: MCPR can require age verification of a child at any time. If a birth certificate is not on file at the MCPR office, the child in question must present a birth certificate for proof of age. MCPR can also require proof that the child in question attends a specific school.

5. No players can be added after rosters are submitted with the following exceptions:
 - a) If a player moves into the respective community and enrolls in school.
 - b) If during the season, the rosters drops below 7 players, a coach can add new players to fill the 7 player roster. (Coach must present proof of a player lost to the MCPR)

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6. All games will be played by official high school rules except for those league rules passed by a majority vote of the communities in the league. Each community, not each team, shall have one vote.
7. Game cancelations:
 - a) No game will be rescheduled without the approval of the MCPR. As a rule, only games canceled due to school and church functions will be rescheduled.
 - b) All games will be canceled if a tornado warning is issued for Morgan County by the National Weather Service during the time of the scheduled games. If Morgan County Schools are closed due to inclement weather all MCPR games that day will be canceled.
8. An official, player, fan, or coach will be disqualified for the remainder of the season for striking another official, player, fan, or coach. An official, player, fan or coach will be placed on probation or disqualified for the remainder of the season for exhibiting bad conduct. If a coach is ejected from a game, that coach is suspended for the next game. If a coach is ejected twice in one season, that coach is suspended for the remainder of the season.
9. The home team will provide someone at all games to take care of problems and support the referees in disputes that may arise. Whenever the MCPR performs disciplinary action on individual(s) involved in violation of rules or policy, that action will be endorsed by the Morgan County Schools. This includes but not limited to removing, suspending, or expelling violators of rules from the school property at which the offense occurred.
10. Each community will furnish 2 officials for all of their home games. The league will attempt to utilize the same officials association for all sites.
11. Admission charges:
 - a) Regular Season: Free for ages 5 and under / \$2.00 for ages 6 and up.
 - b) Tournament: Free for ages 5 and under / \$3.00 for ages 6 and up.

Note 1: Morgan County School Board issued Senior Citizen Cards are accepted for free admission to all county youth basketball games.

Note 2: No admission fee will be charged for 2 coaches per team, 1 bookkeeper, team players, 2 cheerleader sponsors / coaches, and cheerleaders.
12. Each community will be responsible for providing their own insurance coverage (accident and liability). Insurance verification must be turned in with the rosters.
13. All players are required to wear other forms of footwear (No Game Shoes) into the gym. Once in the gym, players will have to change into their game shoes.

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14. All-star coaches will be regular season division champions. In the event there is a tie then the coach will be determined by head to head winner. If the teams are still tied after head to head then a coin toss will determine who the head coach is.
15. All players must play a minimum of 5 minutes in total regulation play. The head coach must notify the officials and opposing head coach before the game starts that a player is not playing due to disciplinary reasons or sickness.
16. All teams will be divided into East or West Divisions unless otherwise stated.
17. The MCPR Director, Athletic Director and Basketball President have the authority to rule on league matters as necessary
18. 6U teams will be scheduled to play 10 games during the regular season; whereas, 8U, 10U and 12U will be scheduled to play a total of 12 games during the regular season.

C. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1. If a child (1) attends a Morgan County School or (2) lives within a Morgan County School district, he or she is eligible to participate in the Morgan County Youth Basketball League on a team from the school they attend or the school community in which they live. If only one of the previous criteria, (1) or (2) above are met, then this needs to be noted on the roster when turned in and an explanation given. If a community does not offer a team in a specific age group, players may move up to the next age group or go to another Morgan County School district community for the current season only.
2. If a player is found to be participating in an official game on another community's Morgan County Youth Basketball League team during the season will immediately become ineligible to participate in the Morgan County Youth Basketball League for the rest of the season.
3. A player's division is determined by the age of the player as of September 1 of the current season.

D. GAME RULES

1. All games will be played by official Alabama High School Athletic Association (referred to herein after as AHSAA) school rules and/or by the rules as noted herein.
2. Each age division will play 2-20 minute halves. A 10 minute rest period will be given between halves. The rest period could be altered, at the discretion of the hosting team's Basketball Representative, if necessary to keep subsequent games on schedule.
3. Clock Management: For all age groups, each 20 minute half will be played with a running clock (clock only stopping with timeouts). Except for the cases below:

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- a) 6U and 8U: If the offensive team calls a time out in the 2 minutes of the game the ball has to be thrown in the front court at the five second line, failure to do so is a violation (the other team gets the ball).
 - b) All age groups: During the last two minutes of each half, the clock will stop for timeouts and dead balls as in standard AHSAA rules.
4. Mercy Rules:
- a) All age groups: During the last 2 minutes of the game, if a team is up by 20 points there will be a running clock for the remainder of the game (only stopping with timeouts).
 - b) 10U and 12U: No full-court press by a team that is up 20 or more points. Officials should stop play and move the pressing team to their defensive half of the court. No personal or technical foul will be charged to the violating team. Losing team may continue full-court press as desired. Winning team can resume regular play whenever points spread drops below 20 points.
5. Overtime: Overtimes will be 3 minutes.
- a) The game clock will be operated by standard AHSAA rules where the clock will stop for timeouts and dead balls.
 - b) Each team will be given one extra full timeout per overtime.
 - c) Timeouts not used during regular play will carry over to overtime.
6. Player / Start Time: No games will begin with less than 4 players per team. Games will be forfeited after 15 minutes from scheduled starting time. If a game runs longer than the allotted time of 1 hour, the following game will begin immediately after a 5 minute warm-up.
7. Goal Height:
- a) Goal height is 8 ½ feet for both 6U and 8U divisions.
 - b) Goal height is 10 feet for 10U and 12U.
8. Free Throw Attempts: During free-throw attempts in all divisions except 12U the bottom space of the lane will be occupied.
9. Cheerleaders: Cheerleaders shall follow AHSAA rules. The rule states: "Cheerleaders will not be allowed to stand along the sidelines or end lines during a "live" ball of a basketball game. The cheerleaders should be seated in front of their student section and will only be allowed on the floor or sidelines during time-outs and half-time of the game. Cheerleaders may use the sideline and end line areas before games so long as they do not interfere with warm- up."

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Division Game Specifics

Division	Boys / Girls	Ball Size	Time Per Half	Free Throw Distance	Press Available
6U	Co-Ed	Junior	20:00	9 feet	NO
8U	Boys / Girls	Junior	20:00	12 feet	NO
10U	Boys / Girls	Girls High School	20:00	12 feet	2 nd Half Only
12U	Girls	Girls High School	20:00	Regulation	YES
12U	Boys	Boys High School	20:00	Regulation	YES

E. DATES FOR SEASON

Dates for 2015-2016

Rosters Due / Proof of Insurance Cut-off Date:	September 30
Practices May Begin:	October 3
All Groups, Season Begins:	November 7

Playing Ages

Division	Playing Age	Birthday falls between:
6U	5	Sept 1, 2010
6U	6	Sept 1, 2009
8U	7	Sept 1, 2008
8U	8	Sept 1, 2007
10U	9	Sept 1, 2006
10U	10	Sept 1, 2005
12U	11	Sept 1, 2004
12U	12	Sept 1, 2003

Note: A player's division is determined by the age of the player as of September 1 of the current season.

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Tournament Site 2015-2016

Division	Location	Division	Location
6U - East		6U - West	
8U - East		8U - West	
10U - East		10U - West	
12U - East		12U - East	

Note 1: Concluding the Division Championship and County Championship games, a trophy or medal will be presented to the 1st and 2nd place teams.

Note 2: For the County Championships, the host site will have a deputy on site

Note 3: During all tournament games, the hosting community shall provide an independent (separate from the team's record) score book and time keeper for all age groups. The official score book and time keeper shall be a minimum of 16 years old."