

# ***BCI Rules of the Game***

**NOTE: forfeit fees are NOT included in BCI league fees; Team must pay \$40 one day before next game to be in good standing with the League**

- **Coaches:** Only Coaches (three limit) that has **BCI Volunteer forms filled out** are allowed to be on bench with 1 standing during game. And ONLY teams player who are currently on court are allow to be on bench. The BCI encourages its coaches to act professionally at all times.
- **Duration of Game:** 2 half, 12 minute 3/4<sup>th</sup>
- **Duration of Game:** 2 half, 15 minute 5/6<sup>th</sup>
- **Duration of Game:** 2 half, 18 minute 7<sup>th</sup> –High
- **Starting game:** may start & end with four players, five player make an official game
- **Clock:** Continuous clock until last two minutes of each half's
- **(1)Overtime Duration:** In case of overtime, the first overtime period will consist of two minutes. The second overtime period will be a sudden death format. The first team that scores will be the winner.
  - There will be no overtime in K-1 games. Both teams involved will be credited with a win.
- **Duration Between First and Second Periods:** 2 minutes
- **Three-Point FG Distance:** 22 feet, 1.75 inches / 6.75 m
- **Advance Ball to Half court at Timeout:** Yes, last two minutes of 4th quarter and OT (to top of 3-point line)
- **Back Court Violation:** 10 seconds
- **Player Foul Limit:** 5 or 2 technical/unsportsmanship fouls and Acts of disrespect or intimidation, while not directed specifically toward opposing players, coaches or officials, are still considered unsportsmanlike and could result in a technical foul or an ejection.
- **Bonus Free Throw:** one&one shot after the 7th foul per half and 2 shots after the 10<sup>th</sup> foul
- **Number of Players Permitted On Free Throw Lane:** 6 (four defensive, two offensive)
- **Jump Ball:** Teams alternate possession after opening tip-off
- **Closely Guarded For Five Seconds:** Yes, while holding the ball, proceed to turnover
- **Defense past half court:** No for k-2, 15 point rule for 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, the Believe Center strongly emphasizes that the team leading not use remaining times unless it is for substitution purposes or in case of emergency
- **Timeouts:** Two 30-second in the 1st and 2nd quarters
- **Timeouts - Overtime:** 1 additional 60-second
- **Timeouts Called By:** Coach or player with position of the ball.
- **Size of Basketball:** Women's: size 28.5 || Men's: size 29.5
- **Legal Jersey Numbers:** All numbers (00, 0-99) 6 inches numbers and no repeats of numbers
- **Length between games:** 10-15 minutes
- **Forms:** A team must be fully registered with the Believe Center Inc, Waiver forms/Roster must be filled out by each team and turned in before their first game. Any team playing a player not on its roster will forfeit the game. Player may be added until three game only and not playing on any TPS team. Note players are not aloud to play in more than one

BCI Divisions. Players must play in the grade division they are currently enrolled in school or play in a higher division and then by age restriction. During Summer Sessions, the grade division currently enrolled in is considered to be the grade you will be going into the following Fall. No player can play down to a lower grade division. The BCI reserves the right to amend this rule in special circumstances. Players may only play on one team per conference, but they may play on multiple teams in different conferences.

- If a player chooses to play on multiple teams/leagues, The BCI may attempt to schedule games at different times when requested, but this cannot be guaranteed.
- If teams that share players register for different divisions in the same grade, but these divisions are combined, teams will be allowed to maintain their rosters.
- During Junior High and High School leagues, players are NOT allowed to play on two teams in the same conference. Players must be on one rosters.

**Forfeit:** Teams will be noticed if any rules or regulation are in being violated.

- **Cancelation:** If a team cancels without approval from The BCI, it will be recorded as a loss and a win for the team that they were scheduled to play. Every attempt will be made to fill the game at that time. If a team forfeits two games without notifying The BCI, they will be dropped from the league.
- **Free throw distance:** K-1 & 2, 3 grades will shoot from the "volleyball line" which is a distance of 8'. The shooter may land on the line but not completely past the line. For lane purposes, the player closest to the basket may line up below the low block. 4 th grade will shoot from the 12' line. The shooter may land on the line but not completely past the line.

**Pressing:** K-2 may not go past the top of the key extended. when opposing team is leading +15 point must remain behind half court until the point spread in under the +14.

Offensive teams may not attempt to stall or delay to circumvent this rule. It is at the referee's discretion if this is happening, and the ball may be awarded to the defensive team.

**Hand-shake:** It is mandatory as a matter of sportsmanship, that all teams will shake hands at the end of each game.

**Sportsmanship:** If, in the opinion of The BCI officials, unsportsmanlike behavior from the coaches, players, parents, or fans has put the game out of control, the offending team will forfeit the game. This could result in unruly technical shoot or suspension from the league. Please add fighting during or immediately after the game fighting, player/players will provide to an expulsion of the next game.

**Protest:** All protests must be typed and filed at The BCI within twenty-four hours of the game. There will be a \$100.00 fee for all protests filed. Money will not be refunded if the protest is upheld. The official score sheet will be final.

**Cancellation:** In case of inclement weather, call 567-200-2027 to verify if games will be played or canceled. You may also go to our website [www.believecenter.org](http://www.believecenter.org) and Facebook [Believe Center Inc.](https://www.facebook.com/BelieveCenterInc). Final determination of games being canceled will be made by TBA or earlier/ later on the day of the game.

**Rights:** The BCI reserves the right to modify rules and regulations as it deems appropriate and that all rules and regulations listed as a guide. And schedules are subject to be changed or revised.

**League Fees:** \$300 due by third game (\$200 per team if multiple teams) No Refund and a \$50 late fee

Team Picture will be taken on third game, note only players in picture can participate in BCI tournament games.

Must follow all BCI rules and Regulations

All complaints can be email to BCI Board at [broadmembers@believecenter.org](mailto:broadmembers@believecenter.org)