

# NEWTOWN RECREATION

## Youth Basketball League Rules

Except for the regulations covered in these rules, all rules of the Newtown Recreation Youth Basketball League will be those of the Georgia State High School Association.

### I. LEAGUE PHILOSOPHY

The Newtown Recreation Youth Basketball League exists to fully develop the physical and social attributes of individual players in a positive athletic environment. Newtown Recreation believes that all players should have fun, develop skills, and learn to appreciate the game.

Newtown Recreation endorses and promotes positive coaching that offers praise and encouragement towards players. We believe that playing the game is the most important reason for the contest and not who wins or loses.

To further promote sportsmanship amongst our players, coaches, and parents, Newtown Recreation has adopted a "Code of Sportsmanship" that all players and coaches will recite before each game:

***"I will: Keep the Rules. Keep faith with my teammates. Keep my temper. Keep a strong heart in defeat. Keep my pride under in victory. Keep a sound soul, a clean mind, and a healthy body."***

### II. TEAM ORGANIZATION

1. All participants of the Youth Basketball League must be registered through Newtown Recreation. A registration form must be on file for each participant.
2. Age divisions for the Youth Basketball League will be as follows:
  - 7 & 8 yr. Boys
  - 7 & 8 yr. Girls
  - 9 & 11 yr. Boys
  - 9 - 11 yr. Girls

**NOTE: All ages will be determined as of September 1st.**

**Newtown Recreation reserves the right to alter the age divisions as deemed necessary.**

3. Once a team is established, each player will remain on that team. Brothers or sisters who are in the same age division may be placed on the same team for family convenience. Player additions or deletions can only be made through Newtown Recreation.

### III. UNIFORMS AND PLAYING REQUIREMENTS

1. Each player will be issued a jersey top uniform. During each game, all participants must wear this jersey.
2. All players must wear shoes with non-marking rubber soles.
3. Each player who is eligible must participate in each game according to the following rules:
  - **Each player must play at least half of each game.**
  - **At the end of each period, all players who did not play the previous period shall enter the game.**

- **No player will sit out two periods until all other teammates have sat out at least one period. No player will sit out three periods until all other teammates have sat out at least two periods...**
- **No player shall sit out consecutive periods.**

#### **IV. PLAYER/TEAM CONDUCT**

1. GSHSA rules state that all coaches and players must remain seated on the bench or chair at all times while the clock is running or stopped.
  - Exceptions:**
    - Confer with bench personnel and players.
    - Signal players to request a time-out.
    - Confer with scorekeeper at scorekeeper's table.
    - Attend to an injured player.
2. All coaches, players, and parents should treat the game officials with respect and not argue call or offer negative comments from the sideline.
3. A manager or coach ejected from a game must leave the gym for the remainder of the game. A player ejected must leave the playing floor and remain on the bench for the remainder of that game. Being allowed to remain on the bench is at the discretion of the referee.
4. Any player, coach or spectator ejected from a game because of unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspended for the next game that his/her team plays. Newtown Recreation reserves the right to review all cases individually.
5. Any participant, coach or spectator acting in a discourteous way towards another participant will be subject to possible suspension by the Newtown Recreation Disciplinary Committee.
6. Profanity of any kind can result in ejection from the game, regardless of where or whom it is directed to. This rule applies to players, assistant coaches, coaches, and parents.
7. Any player, coach, or parent displaying behavior that is detrimental to the league and its participants will be asked to leave a game by a game or league official.

#### **V. OTHER**

1. It is required that all players remove all jewelry (rings, necklaces, earrings, etc.) before participating in any game. Referees have the authority to require that such jewelry be removed before a player can participate.
2. Hard cast and splints will not be permitted. Any player with a cast or splint will not be allowed to play.
3. Please do not litter. If there are no trash cans, or if they are full, please take your trash with you.
4. Newtown Recreation Youth Basketball will be governed by the National Federation of State High School Association "Blood Rule", details of which are as follows:
  - A. If a player is bleeding, the referee will call an official's time-out. A substitute must replace the affected player.
  - B. The bleeding must be stopped and the wound covered before the player is allowed to return to the field.
  - C. If any part of the player's uniform is saturated with blood, that uniform part must be changed before the player can return to the game.
  - D. Referee's discretion will determine if a "bleeding situation" has been sufficiently managed to allow a player's return to the court.
5. Newtown Recreation reserves the right to edit, remove and/or change any of the aforementioned rules.