



Adult Basketball League Rules and By-Laws

- 1) Once a player plays with a specific team, they are tied to that team's roster.
- 2) If All Stars are held: the winning regular season team will represent the league division and they can pick up players from other teams in their division. There will be a maximum of 12 players and two coaches with each team. If the coach is also a player, they must be listed as both.
- 3) The entry fee pays for:
 - Officials and scorekeeper for each game (both regular season and tournament play – tournament in Winter League only)
 - District Official Scheduling Administrator
 - Awards
 - Basketball
- 4) Teams are responsible for their own bench and the only people that are permitted on the bench during the games are members of the team on the roster.
- 5) There is no tobacco, alcohol, weapons, or illegal drugs permitted in the gym or on school grounds at any time.
- 6) Line up cards will be given to the scorekeeper at least ten minutes before the game time or you can write your player's names in the book yourself. Be complete!
- 7) Please make your team aware of all league rules and by-laws.
- 8) There will be a ten minute grace period for the FIRST GAME ONLY. All other games will begin at the scheduled game time.

Example:

- a) If the previous game finishes prior to the game time, the clock keeper, at five minutes before the scheduled game time, will put five minutes on the clock for warm-ups. Both teams must have five players in uniform in the gym at the scheduled game time, even if it is during the warm up period, or a forfeit will be declared.
- b) If a previous game runs over the next scheduled game time, then the officials will make sure both teams have the required players present to begin the game. If so, then the clock keeper will put five minutes on the game clock for warm ups for both teams. If both teams are not present when the check was made, then the game will be forfeited.

League By-Laws

- 1) The current South Carolina High School rules will apply except where specifically changed in these by-laws.
- 2) All protests must be made in writing, outlining the protest in detail. A \$25.00 protest fee (refundable if upheld) must accompany this protest. A protest of any regular season game must be handed into the City of Florence Recreation Administrative Offices no later than 5:30pm of the next business day. If it is a tournament game then the protest **must be** turned into the Gym Supervisor before the close of the gym that day.
- 3) The Industrial League is available for Industry sponsored teams only. All players must work directly with the company for the entire season in order to be eligible to participate in the league. Employees are defined as: Full time (40 hours/week) or part-time (minimum of 20 hours/week). If they leave the company during the season (this includes being laid off or leaving for another job) their eligibility is terminated at that point. No sub-contractors or branch players are eligible. Industrial League teams may have no more than 2 participants' not on payroll. This must be signed off on by the company's Human Resource Manager.
 - a. The Industrial League and the Open League may have to be combined to create enough teams to form a league. If this occurs, teams will be contacted beforehand. A refund will be issued if this is not acceptable to the Industrial team.
- 4) Any ineligible player(s) caught playing with a team will be removed from the team for the remainder of the season. All games in which the ineligible player played in will be forfeited and the team placed on probation for the remainder of the season. If a second offense occurs during the probation period, the team will automatically be removed from the league and if permitted to return the following season, will begin on probation. This will include all members of the team, as they will be viewed as having full knowledge of the breakage of the rule.
- 5) There will be NO REFUNDS for any reason once the season has started.
- 6) Any player or coach touching an official of the game or the league, or any staff member in an unsportsmanlike manner will automatically be ejected from the league for the remainder of the season and must meet with the Recreation staff prior to the start of the next season for *possible* reinstatement.
- 7) Any player, coach or spectator removed from the game for any reason will automatically be placed on probation for the remainder of the season and serve a one game suspension. A player receiving two technical fouls in one game will be placed on probation and receive a one game suspension. Players or coaches can be removed with only one technical due to severity of the unsportsmanlike conduct, verbal or physical. If the problem is severe, a player can be removed from the league. He must report before the Recreation staff before he can be reinstated next season. Any player, coach, or spectator that shows behavior that the Gym Supervisor or Officials deem detrimental to the safety or well being of those at the game, will be ejected from the gym and school grounds for that day. If violations are severe enough, the game could be forfeited because of behavior. Actions that occur outside the gym will be viewed under the same conduct guidelines.
- 8) Each roster form must be filled out completely. There will be a limit of 20 players allowed on the roster and no players can be added after the team's third game of the season. Any player(s) added after the season has begun will be required to wait one week before becoming eligible to participate. Each player must turn 18 years of age before

March 1, of the year the season finishes. Your roster and medical form must be turned into the Parks and Recreation Administrative Offices before your team's first game. FEES, ROSTER, MEDICAL FORM, and ANY ADDITIONS to the roster cannot be taken by any Gym Supervisor. They must be turned in only to the City of Florence Recreation Department Administrative Staff during office hours (8:30a-5:30p, Monday thru Friday).

- 9) The entry fee for the Open and Industrial Leagues will be **\$ 525.00** and there will be an additional fee of \$20.00 per person for anyone living outside of Florence County. All fees are due by **December 4th** and must be paid before participation in any game is allowed. Teams playing a player that has not met league requirements will forfeit all games in which they play.
- 10) A player must participate in at least half of the regular season games to be eligible to play in the tournament.
- 11) Each team must have numbered jerseys of like colors. **Teams must have Reversible Jerseys by the second week of the season.** NO QUESTIONS ASKED. After the second week of the season, teams will be forced to forfeit if they are not wearing appropriate jerseys. All numbers must be screened or pressed on the jersey. Numbers cannot be taped or drawn on the jersey. Players cannot switch jerseys during the game. Basketball numbers must be worn.
- 12) Teams will be allowed a 10 minute grace period for the first game of each day of play only before a forfeit is declared.
- 13) A minimum of 5 minutes for warm ups will be granted for each scheduled game. Warm ups will be given even if the previous game surpasses the scheduled game time providing there are at least 5 players from each team present in the gym. If there is any doubt, the officials may call for a line up to verify team members present.
- 14) Games will be played in 20 minute running clock halves. The clock will stop only during timeouts and the last three minutes of each half. Teams will receive two full timeouts per half.
- 15) No jewelry can be worn in warm-ups or during the game.
- 16) It is the responsibility of the team representative to pick up team schedules and to stay in contact with the Recreation Department for updates. You can also find more information on the Adult Basketball Program at the City of Florence Athletics website (www.cityofflorenceathletics.com)
- 17) Regular season ties for first place will be handled by a one game playoff. Ties for second, etc. will be determined by head to head records between tied teams. If they were split evenly, then the highest finisher in the tournament will receive the higher position (Winter only).
- 18) Awards will be given to the regular season and tournament champion team(s) and the regular season and tournament runner-ups. Awards being given: Team plaques for 1st and 2nd place of the regular season and tournament. Trophies will be awarded to the Season Champions.
- 19) The Winter League has a tournament. The Summer League has a regular season Champion and Runner Up only. There is no tournament during the summer.