

GREEN COUNTRY YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

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I PURPOSE

Section 1

The name of this organization shall be Green Country Youth Basketball League (GCYBL). The purpose of this Commission shall be to govern, coordinate and enforce the GCYBL by-laws for all organizational events among the participating organizations.

II MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

Membership in this League shall consist of the following organizations:

Catoosa	Collinsville
Oologah	Skiatook
Sperry	

Section 2

No new member shall be admitted into the GCYBL whose proposed recruiting territory includes or overlaps any portion of the recruiting territory of an existing GCYBL Club. All recruiting territory disputes/clarification issues between existing GCYBL members will be resolved by the GCYBL Commission. Each club shall submit a GCYBL Boundary Request Form prior to the season starting as set by the Commission.

Section 3

To become a member of Green Country Youth Basketball League, the organization asking to be admitted must detail in writing the structure of their organization, the officers of their organization with telephone numbers, the area they wish protection of players drawn on a map. Each club shall submit a GCYBL Club Contact Form prior to the season starting as set by the Commission.

Clubs shall maintain birth certificates for all players to be produced

upon GCYBL request within 48 hours.

Clubs shall submit a Home Gym Schedule, Special Game Time Request, and Declaration of Teams by the deadline set by the GCYBL Commission. Clubs who fail to meet this deadline as set forth by the Commission shall be fined an initial fine of \$100.

Clubs shall report to GCYBL Commission, no later than 48 hours, an incident/ejection for their home club games. Clubs shall attempt to schedule games weekdays Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri and Saturday.

No games shall be changed after the season's schedule has been approved by the Commission. Coaches will forfeit to other team's club should the team be a no-show. Coaches may submit a special game request form to the Commission should they need to reschedule a game for any reason.

The minimum amount of time for game changes shall be 72 hours advance notice. If games are cancelled for weather or gym loss, clubs MUST have 72 hours advance notice of the new game time/date/location.

Section 4

To become a member of Green Country Youth Basketball League the organization asking to be admitted must have two-thirds vote of approval by the member organizations.

Section 5

An organization, after having been newly admitted in GCYBL, will be required to sign a GCYBL member contract and will be automatically on two (2) year probation. Probation begins the date of GCYBL contract. Each new president voted into the organization will be required to review and sign the existing contract.

Section 6

Expulsion of a member organization during the probation period will

require only a majority vote of the remaining member organizations. The expulsion of an organization not on probation will require a two-thirds vote of the remaining members.

Section 7

All Recreational players must be registered on a Club Team with First and Last Name and jersey number recorded in the official roster book.

Section 8

GCYBL member organizations shall not have, possess or maintain basketball teams which participate in any other Recreational conference or league unless the team is playing up one grade in GCYBL and is approved by GCYBL Commission. GCYBL Commission may review any team at any time to ensure rules are followed.

III OFFICERS

Section 1

The Officers of the Green Country Youth Basketball League shall be referred to as the "Commission" and shall be comprised of:

Individual Club Directors

Section 2

Officers will be empowered to enforce all rules of the Green Country Youth Basketball League.

IV MEETINGS

Section 1

Meetings shall be held at the request of the Commission or at the

request of any club president within fourteen (14) days of such request. These meetings shall be limited to the individual member organization's representative, coaches and member organization officers; however, each organization will be limited to three active participants during any meeting. The Commission can grant exceptions. Persons other than those listed above wishing to attend a Conference meeting and/or address the membership must first have approval of a Commission officer.

Section 2

Each organization must be notified at least 72 hours in advance of any meeting and be given the purpose of the meeting. No League business can be conducted unless this condition is satisfied.

Section 3

Each organization shall have one vote on any issue requiring a membership vote.

Section 4

Members present and attending a League meeting that has been publicized to the GCYBL membership will constitute a quorum.

Section 5

Proxy votes will not be accepted at meetings. Members must be present to vote on league matters.

V COACHES AND CERTIFICATIONS

Section 1

All members of coaching staff (Head and Assistant) will be NYSCA certified in basketball and will show proof when requested by a Commission officer or assigned Delegate. GCYBL Commission will pull a list of all coaches involved in their program and include the list in the Team Roster book to be readily available during games should

it be needed. List will include First and Last Name, NYSCA card number and expiration date.

Section 2

Exception to NYSCA certification would be:

1. Another form of certification approved by the Commission
2. School Certified Coaches

Section 3

All members of coaching staff (Head and Assistant) will undergo a background screening prior to practices beginning. This will be performed as frequently as every year but no more than every 2 years.

VI EQUIPMENT

Section 1

Size of basketballs:

2 nd , 3 rd	27.5
4 th , 5 th	28.5
6 th Girls	28.5
6 th Boys	29.5

Section 2

Goal Height:

2 nd	8.0 ft.
3 rd – 6 th	10 ft.

Section 3

Indoor/Outdoor basketball may be allowed to be used as game balls if both coaches agree.

Players must wear reversible jerseys or have home and away jerseys available.

Team jersey color and design shall adhere to the following:

- a) The torso of the team jersey shall be the same single solid color for all team members.
- b) The torso of the team jersey shall be a light color for the home team and a dark color for the visiting team.
- c) Team jerseys shall include numbers on both the front and the back and shall be between 4 to 8 inches high.
- d) Numbers shall be of a solid contrasting color and be clearly visible.
- e) Returning Teams will not be required to replace last year's uniforms; however any team purchasing all new uniforms should adhere to the rules.
- f) Numbers will be 0-5 per digit, both 0 and 00 on one roster is allowed.

VII GATE ADMISSION

Gate Admission: The admission fees will be reviewed annually by the League.

The following uniform rates will be charged by all club/associations in GCYBL.

League and Tournament Games

Adults	\$4.00
Students (6-18)	\$1.00
Seniors 65 <	\$2.00
Children 5 >	FREE

The League will issue two (2) game passes per team declared each year to member organizations. Everyone, including coaches and sponsors, will be required to pay admission or furnish a GCYBL game pass. The exceptions are officials and players in uniform that are playing in that gym on that night. Passes will be accepted at all GCYBL

games.

Any coach or person(s) caught in an attempt to gain entry with a false or reproduced GCYBL pass, gain entry without their pass and/or refuse to pay gate admission, or caught attempting to “hand-off” an GCYBL pass to another individual will be ejected and subject to having their pass revoked, further suspension, and/or a fine up to \$50.00.

VIII RULES AND PARTICIPATION

National Federation of High School rules apply with some exceptions: - if player is in street clothes

1. A player will have 5 seconds to throw the ball in for play.
2. Players have 10 seconds to bring the ball past half court.
3. Offense will have only three (3) seconds in paint, exception made in 2nd and 3rd grades.
4. One and one free throw on 7th team foul, double bonus at 10 fouls.
5. Shooting free throws - players are set until ball is released by the shooter.
6. Players foul out with 5 fouls.
7. Teams may start a game with no less than 4 players.
8. Home Club must supply a trained Clock Person and Score Keeper for GCYBL sanctioned tournaments (Pre, Post and Mid-Season).
9. Score Keeper
 - Home and away must be at scores table
 - Cannot coach from scores table
 - Home book is official book for league games
 - If visiting team chooses to not sit at scores table and elects to sit in stands, they cannot dispute score, player or team fouls
10. If a player will not be participating due to illness, punishment or otherwise but is in uniform on bench, scores table and opposing team's score keeper must be notified prior to game start.

11. The head coach is responsible for their bench and fans. There shall be no more than 3 coaches on the bench during game play.
12. Only ONE coach shall stand at a time during game play.
13. Coaches box violation - warning for first offense, second offense during a game could result in a technical

The GCYBL Recreation League will be divided into boys and girls teams by grade.

- GCYBL Commission may review players that are older than standard school age cutoffs. Result may be that player must play up one grade.

Players will be allowed to play up with his/hers organizations permission.

Players cannot play on more than one team in GCYBL Recreational League.

A team roster with player jersey numbers in numeric order must be submitted to the Commission by all membership associations. The roster will be the approved GCYBL roster and each club will receive a copy to be readily available during game play.

A new player will not be permitted to join an association within GCYBL or participate with a team after the first game. If a player moves in from an area outside GCYBL, the Commission may grant an exception. The request must be made early in the season. GCYBL Commission may review Players that are rostered on a GCYBL Rec team and who are also rostered on a Select and/or Elite team during the same season. GCYBL Commission may elect to grant or deny the Player from being on a GCYBL Rec rostered team and participating in the GCYBL season or GCYBL Commission may require the Green Country Rec team who the player is rostered with to play up one grade for that season. GCYBL Rec rostered Players may play on a

tournament team during the same season. Any player that played in the select league the previous season and wants to play in the rec league may be placed on a team by the Commission.

IX RULE VIOLATIONS

Section 1

Violations of league rules will be acted on and penalties assessed by the Commission.

The penalty or penalties assessed against an organization, coach, parent or player can be one or more of the following:

1. Fine
2. Forfeiture of game or games
3. Suspension of coaches or individuals within an organization
4. Probation
5. Any action deemed appropriate by majority vote of the Commission.

Section 2

Assaults, verbal abuse or display of poor sportsmanship by a coach, parent, participant, club official or guest at a GCYBL game will not be tolerated. Alcoholic beverages or the consumption of alcoholic beverages or the use of tobacco products will not be allowed by anyone at a GCYBL function. Penalties will be dealt accordingly.

Section 3

TECHNICAL FOULS

Technical fouls may be assessed against the coach or player. Two technical fouls against a coach or player for behavior will result in an automatic ejection from the game and the gym. Any coach or player ejected from a GCYBL game or scrimmage will be automatically suspended for the next GCYBL scheduled game. Suspended coaches and players will be allowed to attend team practice.

Suspended players are required to attend the suspension game with their team but are not to dress out. Suspended coaches will not be allowed to attend the suspension game even as a spectator in the stands. Any coach or player ejected from 2 GCYBL games will be reviewed by the GCYBL Commission for further penalties or possible suspension for the remainder of the season.

If any coach receives a technical foul he/she shall remain seated on the team bench for the remainder of the game except to:

- a) Request a time-out
- b) Replace a player who has been disqualified, injured or directed to leave the game.
- c) Confer with the scorer's table to request a time to correct an error.

No other coach may stand in their place.

The GCYBL Commission may review the circumstances surrounding a coach and/or player's ejection and adjust the GCYBL rules accordingly.

Section 4

A club **must** submit an incident report immediately to Commission involving team violations of the participation rule or any other violation of the GCYBL By-laws or be subject to club penalties.

X RULE CHANGES

Section 1

By-law and rule changes may be amended, adopted, or repealed at any regular meeting by a majority vote of the membership.

XI RECREATIONAL LEAGUE

The Recreation League will consist of boys and girls teams starting at 2nd and going through 6th grade. Individual sign-ups will be conducted by each member organizations declared area.

- A. Maximum roster size will be ten (10) players for all grade levels. If more than 10 players are rostered on a team, the GCYBL Commission may elect to review the team and either allow or deny the team from participating with more than 10 players. Teams exceeding the maximum are required to form an additional team or teams of equal ability.
- B. A Team may elect to protect all players; team must be approved by GCYBL Commission and could result in team having to play up one grade.
- C. Practice may start on Oct 24, 2016.

Transfers or Releases

A player requesting to be transferred from one GCYBL Club to another must first obtain a release via email from the organization in which he/she is requesting the release. The approved email must then be sent to the GCYBL Commission to be reviewed. The Commission may then hold a meeting with the parents of the child in question, whereas a decision will be made to either grant or deny the release. The Commission will have the deciding vote on release issues. Players that are granted transfers may be placed on a team by the Commission. If player is requesting a specific team, the request may be granted by GCYBL Commission if the requested team plays up one grade.

The Commission reserves the right to review all teams prior to season start and determine whether or not the team will play up one grade or not. Factors considered:

1. All players returning and team has 2nd consecutive

championships

2. All players returning and team won 1st championship by a significant margin (>15 pts)

Appeals can be made by Coach or Club Director to GCYBL Commission.

XII GAME RULES

Section 1

General rules:

1. All teams should show up for games a **minimum** of 30 minutes before their game time. Scheduled games can and will start before schedule times but not more than 20 minutes.
2. Mercy rule – The score will be frozen when the score reaches a 20 point spread.
3. No pressing with ≥ 15 pt lead
4. The clock will run for the last minute of the game if one team has a 15 point or more lead.
5. All players are to check in at the score table before allowed to enter game, NO substitutions from the bench.
6. 2 minute halftime, 1 minute between 1st & 2nd quarters and 3rd & 4th quarters.
7. 2 timeouts per game
8. Overtime – 2 minutes with stopping clock, 1-timeout per overtime, no carry over of timeouts from regulation game or overtimes. (If you don't use them you lose them). Maximum of two overtimes, if the game is still tied after two overtimes then the game will be decided by free throws, the five players on the basketball court from each team when the 2nd overtime is over are the only players eligible to shoot the free throws. In a non-tournament game if still tied after the free throws the game is declared a tie.

9. Player Participation: each player in league games (not tournaments) must play amount of time equal or greater than one quarter of play time. Player play time should be recorded in score book.
10. Coaches only bring Basketballs to gym on Game day. Teams will provide game ball.
11. Final score will be recorded by clock keeper on scorecard, signed by officials and input on website

Section 2

2nd and 3rd grade:

1. 2nd - No pressing, 3rd - No pressing until last minute of 2nd and 4th quarter. Then you can start defense when ball crosses half court line unless ≥ 15 pt lead.
 - a. When the defensive team gains control of the ball in the backcourt the offensive team must go to the 3 point arc to start playing defense. Cannot start to defend until either first pass or 5 seconds after ball crosses half court. A turn over cannot happen in the backcourt unless it is self-made: example Player is dribbling ball up the court and before they get to the half court line they somehow make the ball go out of bounds.
2. 3 point shot eligible
3. 3 second lane violation is relaxed, however a player cannot setup in the lane
4. Relaxed rules to learn the basics (double dribble, walks, etc)
5. Pre-game free throws – Each player for both teams will shoot one free throw, both teams will have equal number of shots. Pre-game free throws count towards each team's score.
6. Playing time will be: Four 6-minute quarters– non-stop clock 1st and 3rd quarters and the 2nd and 4th quarters the clock will stop with each stop of play by referees whistle the last full minute.
 - a. Please note the Clock will stop on whistle if shooting

foul. Clock will start when shooter gets ball unless it is a 2 shot foul (not 1 and 1) then clock will start when shooter gets ball on 2nd shot. Shooter will have 5 seconds to shoot ball. On 1 and 1 foul, clock will start when shooter gets ball on 1st shot and will continue to run unless in last minute of each half.

7. Free Throw Line will be 2'6" towards the goal from the standard free throw line. All courts should be clearly marked before the game starts.

Section 3

4th grade:

1. No full court pressing until last minute of 2nd and 4th quarter unless ≥ 15 pt lead. Half court press otherwise.
2. 3 second lane violation called after 2nd warning – coaches cannot give the warning to officials, officials will make the call.
3. Playing time will be: Four 7-minute quarters– non-stop clock 1st and 3rd quarters and the 2nd and 4th quarters the clock will stop with each stop of play by referees whistle the last full minute.
 - a. Please note the Clock will stop on whistle if shooting foul. Clock will start when shooter gets ball unless it is a 2 shot foul (not 1 and 1) then clock will start when shooter gets ball on 2nd shot. Shooter will have 5 seconds to shoot ball. On 1 and 1 foul, clock will start when shooter gets ball on 1st shot and will continue to run unless in last minute of each half.
4. Free Throw Line will be even with 1st mark of free throw line spots.

Section 4

5th grade:

1. No full court pressing until last 2 minutes of 2nd and 4th quarter unless ≥ 15 pt lead. Half court press otherwise.

2. 3 second lane violation fully enforced
3. Playing time will be: Four 8-minute quarters– non-stop clock 1st and 3rd quarters and the 2nd and 4th quarters the clock will stop with each stop of play by referees whistle the last full minute.
 - a. Please note the Clock will stop on whistle if shooting foul. Clock will start when shooter gets ball unless it is a 2 shot foul (not 1 and 1) then clock will start when shooter gets ball on 2nd shot. Shooter will have 5 seconds to shoot ball. On 1 and 1 foul, clock will start when shooter gets ball on 1st shot and will continue to run unless in last minute of each half.
4. Free Throw Line will be standard distance

Section 5

6th grade:

1. Full court pressing unless ≥ 15 pt lead
2. 3 second lane violation fully enforced
3. Playing time will be: Four 8-minute quarters– non-stop clock 1st and 3rd quarters and the 2nd and 4th quarters the clock will stop with each stop of play by referees whistle the last full minute.
 - a. Please note the Clock will stop on whistle if shooting foul. Clock will start when shooter gets ball unless it is a 2 shot foul (not 1 and 1) then clock will start when shooter gets ball on 2nd shot. Shooter will have 5 seconds to shoot ball. On 1 and 1 foul, clock will start when shooter gets ball on 1st shot and will continue to run unless in last minute of each half.
4. Free Throw Line will be standard distance

XIII PRE-SEASON TOURNAMENT

Section 1

- Only GCYBL Teams are allowed to play in pre-season tournament.

All Teams are encouraged to participate.

- League Player participation rule does not apply to tournament
- Double elimination blind draw consolation tournament
- Team awards to 1st and 2nd place
- Individual medals to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

XIV GCYBL SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT

- GCYBL Teams have first choice and must commit 2 weeks prior to scheduled tournament, open slots can be filled by outside league teams.
- All teams provide a roster with DOB to scores table prior to each tournament game
- Outside League teams:
 - No AAU, Tournament Only, Select or Competitive teams allowed to play at grade level, all will be required to play up one grade level if approved by Club Director.
 - All teams must provide to gate or scores table before first game:
 - \$50 entry fee
 - Proof of Recreational level or be required to play up one grade level
 - Proof of insurance
 - Printed roster with DOB
- GCYBL players can form a non-league rostered team, those teams will be required to play up one grade level
- League rostered teams play at league grade level – League Player participation rule does not apply to tournament
- Double elimination blind draw consolation tournament
- Team awards to 1st and 2nd place
- Individual medals to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place

XV POST SEASON TOURNAMENT

- Only GCYBL Teams are allowed to play in post-season tournament. All Teams are encouraged to participate.
- League Player participation rule does not apply to tournament
- Double elimination seeded tournament
- Team awards to 1st and 2nd place
- Individual trophies to 1st and 2nd place, 3rd place individual medals

Should a coach be ejected during post season tournament, said coach shall not be allowed to coach or attend the remaining games for the rest of the tournament.

XVI PROTESTS

Protests will be made in writing to GCYBL within 24 hours. Only possible rule violations may be protested. Judgment calls on the part of officials may not be protested. The commission will rule on all protests. One hundred dollars (\$100) in cash must be submitted with the protest. If the protest is upheld, the money will be refunded. If the protest is denied, the money will not be refunded.

XVII FORFIETS

An \$80.00 fine will be assessed to a team that forfeits a game without 48 hour notice. This fine must be paid to the Hosting Club before the next scheduled game. Two forfeits in a season may result in one or more of the following:

1. Additional Fines
2. Forfeiture of game or games
3. Expulsion from the league
4. Any action deemed appropriate by majority vote of the Commission

XVIII 2017-2018 Green Country Basketball League Season Dates

League Games

- Start – 11/27
- End – 1/31

Tournaments

- Preseason 11/13 – 11/18
- Dec Tourney – 12/11 - 12/16
- Jan Tourney 1/15 – 1/20
- Post Season – 2/2-2/9
 - o Championship Saturday 2/10 at Skiatook

Amendments

11/13/2016 – Unanimous vote to amend the following:

Current:

Pg 9 - Players cannot play on a Rec. team and on a Select and/or Elite team during the same season.

Pg 16-17 Pre-Season and Mid-Season tourneys - Individual trophies to 1st and 2nd place, 3rd place individual medals

Proposed change:

Pg 9 – GCYBL Commission may review Players that are rostered on a GCYBL Rec team and who are also rostered on a Select and/or Elite team during the same season. GCYBL Commission may elect to grant or deny the Player from being on a GCYBL rostered team and participating in the GCYBL season or GCYBL Commission may require the Green Country team who the player is rostered with to play up one grade for that season. GCYBL Rec rostered Players may play on a tournament team during the same season.

Pg 16-17 Pre-Season and Mid-Season tourneys - Individual medals to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

8/30/2017 Scheduled meeting amendments

Pg 2. – Voted to remove Arbitration clause

Pg 11-12 – Voted to amend the 10 players per roster by-law where teams with > 10 players may be reviewed and either allowed or denied participation in league games and tournaments.

Pg 6 – Changed 2nd grade goal height from 8.5 to 8.0 ft. Added Indoor/Outdoor basketball may be allowed to be used as game balls if both coaches agree.

Pg 6 – Added for Section 3 background screening - This will be performed as frequently as every year but no more than every 2 years.

Pg 17 – Amended Individual trophies to medals for Pre-Season 1st and 2nd place