

University of Wyoming
INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Basketball Rules

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General Rules Adapted for Intramural Play; in other cases, rules of the National Federation of State High School Athletic Association will be in effect.

1. All eligibility rules apply. Check your IM Handbook carefully for all other eligibility rules that apply.
2. A game will consist of two 20-minute halves. Each team will be entitled to two, 60-second time-outs each game. A team that requests a time-out after using all of their allotted time-outs will be charged with a team technical foul. (If a game goes into overtime each team may use any unused timeouts and receives one extra full-length time-out during each overtime period.)
3. Overtime: If the score is tied at the end of any official playing period during regular season play, the game will end in a tie. During postseason play, overtime will begin with the ball put into play with a center jump. The first overtime period shall be three minutes in length, and if necessary, a final "sudden death" overtime period will be played. The first team to score during the second overtime will be the winner.
4. The game clock runs continuously throughout the game, except during the final 2 minutes of the second half, when it will be stopped for dead ball situations. Dead ball situations include all fouls, held balls, out of bounds, violations and time-outs. This includes injuries, conferences with scorers, etc. During overtime periods, the clock will stop in all dead ball situations.
5. Mercy Rule: If a team is ahead by 20 points or more at any point after the start of the 2nd half, the clock will run continuously, except during officials and team time-outs. If at any time point difference falls below 20 points within the last two minutes of the half, the clock will then stop on all whistles.
6. Forfeit Time: A ten-minute forfeit time will be enforced. Teams must be on the court and ready to play.
7. Free Throw and Fouls:
 - A. Personal Shooting Fouls – Fouls against a shooter in act of shooting - two free throws will be attempted if the player's try was not successful, one free throw, if the shot was made.
 - B. Common Fouls - Ball awarded out of bounds until the 7th team foul.
 - C. 1-and-1 Bonus - 1 free throw will be awarded to the offended player on the 7th, 8th, and 9th team foul of each half. If successful, a second free throw will be attempted.
 - D. Double Bonus – 2 free throws will be awarded to the offended player on the 10th team foul and all subsequent team foul of each half.
 - E. Free Throw Substitution – During multiple, personal foul, free throws, substitutions may be made only before the final attempt in the sequence and after the final attempt has been converted. EXCEPTION: When a player is required by rule to be replaced prior to administering the free throw(s), all other substitutes who have legally reported may then also enter the game.
 - F. Player-Control Fouls - The official shall award to the offended team at a place out of bounds nearest to the point where the foul occurred. No free throws are awarded, nor can any points be scored on player-control fouls.
 - G. Technical Fouls - All technical fouls will result in two free throws for the offended team. The offended team then gets possession of the ball at mid-court after the two free throws. Anyone of the opposing team may shoot the free throws. An official may call a technical foul for any reason in his/her judgment where he/she feels the situation or play merits calling a technical foul. Examples are, but not limited to: unnecessary roughness, dirty play, foul language, abusive language from players, coaches, managers, or crowd, coaches running on court during play, intentional tripping, fighting, intentional delay of game other than by regular play, intentionally slapping the backboard, requesting a time-out without a time-out remaining, etc. Any official has the authority to eject, from the game and the gym, a player, players, coach, IM manager, or fan any time in his judgment he deems such action is necessary in order to maintain a wholesome playing situation for the other participants in the game.
 - H. Substitutions - Players may substitute only during dead balls AND after they have checked in with the scorekeeper. No "on-the-fly" substituting will be allowed. If a player enters the game illegally, a team technical foul will be assessed. The offended team will shoot two free throws and be awarded a throw-in at half court.

- I. Entering the Lane – On a free throw, the shooter, all players lined up along the lane lines, and all players behind the three-point line and free throw line extended shall not enter the lane area until the ball has touched any part of the rim or backboard. (Penalty: Free throw violation.)
 - J. Lane Space Occupants During Free Regular Free Throws – Lining up for free throws will consist of a maximum number of 7 people in the lane. The defensive team is required to have 2 players in the second block and an additional 2 players, if they choose, in the blocks on the top of the lane. The offensive team may choose to have 2 players lined up on the middle blocks, as well as the shooter. The remaining players from each team must remain behind the three-point arc until the ball makes contact with the rim.
8. The game will begin with a jump ball at the center circle. All subsequent jump balls will be awarded on an alternating possession basis. All overtime periods will begin with a jump ball.
 9. Out-of-Bounds: If the ball passes over the top plane of the backboard or touches the running track, it is considered out-of-bounds. In a throw-in situation from the baseline, the dotted baseline will be used to account for the overhead of the running track. As soon as the ball is touched in bounds, the line will revert to the original baseline.
 10. Official Score: The official score will be kept by the scorekeepers. The scorekeeper position will be filled by an intramural sports official.
 11. A player must leave the game after he/she has received **five (5)** fouls (personal or technical). A second unsportsmanlike technical is considered flagrant and the offender is automatically disqualified and banished from the gymnasium. **Any ejected player will also be suspended for the next scheduled game.** Failure to leave may result in a team forfeit. Before participating in any further Intramural activities, the player is expected to meet with the Intramural Coordinator in the Intramural Sports Office.
 12. Both teams' captains must agree on a ball to be used in the game. If captains cannot agree, a ball provided by Recreational Services will be used.
 13. A minimum of four players must be present to start an official game. If less than four players are present, the game will be declared a forfeit. A ten-minute forfeit time will be in effect. A team may play with less than four players if they foul out or become injured during the game. However, a team cannot continue the game with less than two players unless the officials believe that team has a legitimate chance to win.
 14. Protests: All game protests must be made by the protesting team's captain in the presence of the officials and the opposing team's captain at the time and place of the incident. The officials shall call the supervisor and the supervisor makes the decision on the court. Any player eligibility protests should be submitted in writing to the Intramural Sports Office on the next working day.
 15. Jewelry: **NO JEWELRY WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE COURT.** This includes, but is not limited to, earrings, wedding rings or bands, other rings, necklaces, bracelets, rubber bands, and metal barrettes. The only exception to this rule is a medic alert bracelet or necklace. In that case it must be taped down. If you refuse to remove your jewelry you will not be allowed to participate. **Any player in the game found wearing illegal jewelry must immediately be replaced by a substitute. The player may not re-enter the game until all jewelry has been removed.** If there is no substitute available, the offending player cannot re-enter the game until the first substitution opportunity after the clock has properly started. Continual violation of the jewelry rule can result in a technical foul charged to the player.
 16. Headgear: Players may wear the following styles of headgear: Bandannas are permitted. Players may wear a headband no wider than 2 inches and made of non-abrasive, elastic, fiber, soft leather, or rubber. Rubber or elastic bands may only be used to control hair. Baseball caps or any headgear with a bill or a hard outer surface are not permitted.
 17. Violations and Penalties:
 - a) Dunking is permissible during games ONLY. No dunking should occur before games in warm-ups or after games. Dunking during warm-ups will result in a technical foul. Dunking after the game will result in immediate dismissal from the gym and a low sportsmanship rating.
 - b) Grabbing and hanging from the rim will be prohibited and penalized with a technical foul. If it happens twice involving the same player, it will result in ejection from the game and the gym for the remainder of the evening.

EXCEPTION: Grasping the rim to prevent injury is not a violation. This call is based on the judgment of the officials.

- c) Swearing and abusive remarks directed toward opponents, officials, or supervisors shall result in the offending player receiving a technical foul and possible ejection from the game.
- d) The third technical foul for misconduct called in one game against one team will cause the game to end with the opposing team receiving the win. The team that was forced to forfeit must also meet with the Intramural Coordinator before participating in any other Intramural activities.
- e) Fighting directly or indirectly, or abusing opponents, officials, or supervisors in any way is prohibited. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a suspension or complete dismissal from play.

COED LEAGUE - RULES ADAPTATIONS

The University of Wyoming Intramural Sports Basketball rules will be used in addition to the following co-recreational rules.

- 1. Players
 - a.) Each team will consist of two men and two women.
 - b.) Three players (two men and one woman or vice versa) are required to start and continue a game
 - c.) Substitutions must be made of the same sex
 - d.) In the event that a player is injured or fouls out and a substitute is not available, the team may play short of players.
- 2. Lane Area
 - a.) Male players are not allowed in the entire area of the lane. The lane is defined as the area from the free throw line extended to the wall underneath the offensive team's basket.
 - b.) There will be no backcourt lane violations. This means that both offensive and defensive players may go through or use the lane area in a full court press situation.
 - c.) The three second lane violation will apply for women.
 - d.) A violation in the lane area will be treated as follows:
 - 1.) If the encroachment is by an offensive male player, the opposing team shall be awarded a throw-in.
 - 2.) If an offensive male player lands in the lane area (including the lane area extended out-of-bounds) after a shot, the basket would be disallowed if the basket is successful.
 - 3.) If the encroachment is by a defensive male player, it is considered basket interference (whether a basket has been attempted or not) and 2 points shall be awarded to the opposing team.
 - e.) A male may break the plane of the lane area by reaching into the lane area as long as he does not step in or touch the floor within the lane area.