

Arkansas River Valley Basketball League (ARVBL)

GENERAL RULES 2015-2016

1 THE ARVBL IS MADE UP OF THE FOLLOWING INDEPENDENT PROGRAMS:

- a. Cedarville (CED)
- b. Christ the King (CtK)
- c. Immaculate Conception (IC)
- d. Mountainburg (MB)
- e. Mulberry/Pleasant View (MPV)
- f. Union Christian Academy (UCA)
- g. Saint Boniface (StB)
- h. Poteau
- i. Van Buren (VB)
- j. Alma

2 THE DIVISIONS FOR PLAY ARE:

- a. 3rd grade boys and girls
- b. 4th grade boys and girls
- c. 5th grade boys and girls
- d. 6th grade boys and girls

3 EACH PROGRAM MUST HAVE A COORDINATOR/REPRESENTATIVE:

President/Director	Jeff Clayborn	Cell – (479) 353-5617 jclayborn2@aol.com
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4 THE LEAGUE OPERATES ON A VOTING SYSTEM

- a. Majority vote prevails
- b. President will break any ties

5 LEAGUE DUES AND COST

- a. League dues not to exceed \$250 will be paid to the League Director of Operations not later than **Friday, January 8, 2016**.

6 LEAGUE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

a. PRESIDENT/DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS (DO)

- i. The league will elect a President/DO at the last meeting of each year.
- ii. Duties:
 - 1. Lead meetings.
 - 2. Organize season.
 - 3. Address concerns.
 - 4. Update rules and regulations.
 - 5. Enforce rules and regulations
 - 6. Schedule all regular season games.
 - 7. Schedule post-season tournament games.
 - 8. Provide a master schedule to all programs no later than November 30 of each year.
 - 9. Track the progress of teams throughout the season for tournament placement.
- iii. League presidents:
 - 1. 2009-2010 – Chris Ramsey
 - 2. 2010-2011 – Matt Meeks
 - 3. 2011-2012 – Chris Martinez
 - 4. 2012-2013 – Chris Martinez
 - 5. 2013-2014 – Jeff Clayborn
 - 6. 2014-2015 – Jeff Clayborn
 - 7. 2015-2016 – Jeff Clayborn**

b. VICE PRESIDENT

- i. The league will elect a vice-president at the last meeting of each year.
- ii. Duties:
 - 1. Aide the league president in his/her responsibilities
 - 2. Coordinate with RBI Sports/Jesse Peters to ensure referees are scheduled for all games and tournaments.
 - 3. Stand in as the league president if
 - a. The league president resigns
 - b. Emergency situation arises and the league president is unavailable.
 - c. The league president is dismissed

iii. League vice presidents:

1. 2011 – 2012 – Jeff Clayborn
2. 2012 – 2013 – Jeff Clayborn
3. 2013 - 2014 – James Stein
4. 2014 – 2015 – James Stein
5. 2015 – 2016 – Adam Hamilton

7 SEASON TERMS

- a. Team counts and host gym availability dates due by Friday, November 6, 2015
- b. Player rosters due by Friday, November 27, 2015
- c. First scheduled game begins Saturday, December 5, 2015
- d. Last scheduled game ends Saturday, February 27, 2016
- e. Any Necessary make-up games will be played February 22-26, 2016
- f. Tournament will be played February 29 - March 5, 2016

8 GAME DAYS

- a. Games will be scheduled to play on Saturdays.
- b. Regular scheduled games that are forfeited cannot be made up.
- c. Post season tournament will be played during the week and on Saturday for all ages.

9 GAME RESULTS

- a. Each hosting school is responsible for calling in, texting, or emailing game results by 3pm on Monday following game days to the league president.

10 POST SEASON TOURNAMENT

- a. At the end of each season, a post season tournament is held. Location of tournament will be on the following rotation schedule.
 - i. 2009-2010 UCA/Lavaca/Christ the King
 - ii. 2010-2011 Lavaca/Christ the King/IC
 - iii. 2011-2012 Christ the King/IC/Mulberry-Pleasant View
 - iv. 2012-2013 IC/Mulberry-Pleasant View/Mountainburg
 - v. 2013-2014 Mulberry-Pleasant View/Mountainburg/Cedarville
 - vi. 2014-2015 Mountainburg/Cedarville/Saint Boniface
 - vii. 2015-2016 Cedarville/UCA/Christ the King
1. Rotation starts over.
- b. The tournament is based on placement during season games.
- c. In the event of a tie, the regular season head-to-head game(s) margin of victory will determine the seeding.
- d. The tournament is a single elimination tournament based on league approved brackets.
- e. A forfeit is scored 2-0.
- f. All programs pay a fee to cover league expenses.
- g. Only two officials are required during post season tournament games.
 - i. Championship host site will determine if a 3rd official is needed for finals
- h. Trophies are awarded for 1st and 2nd place in each class and division.

11 ADMISSION

- a. Cost of admission for all venues is \$3 for adults; \$1 for students.

- b. Program directors, coaches, players, scorekeepers, bookkeepers, and referees will be admitted to games free.

12 OFFICIALS, CLOCK, AND SCOREBOARD

- a. Two officials will be required at all ball games, including Post Season Tournaments
 - i. Officials will be paid \$25 per game by the host school. Officials are to be paid in full at the completion of their scheduled day.
 - ii. Must wear appropriate attire to distinguish themselves as officials.
 - iii. Must bring own equipment to perform as an official, i.e. whistle, stripe shirt.
 - iv. Must notify program director or person in charge when they arrive.
- b. In the event only one official shows up
 - i. Both coaches must agree to play with only one official, before the game begins.
 - ii. Program director can assign a temporary referee
 - 1. Must be over 18
 - 2. Must be competent to referee a basketball game
 - 3. Must wear attire to distinguish themselves as officials.
 - iii. Coaches must be notified of temporary referee and agree to the officiating by the temporary referee.
- c. The host location will provide a copy of the most current Arkansas River Valley Basketball League Rules at the score table during all League games.
- d. The host location will provide a clock keeper and a bookkeeper for all games.
 - i. Must be at least 16 years of age
 - ii. Must be capable of performing such tasks

13 ROSTERS, LINE-UPS, PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

a. MASTER ROSTER

- i. A roster listing all eligible players must be typed (word or excel format) and submitted via email no later than Friday, November 27, 2015.
- ii. Only players listed on master rosters will be allowed to play.
- iii. Players can only be listed on one team's roster.
- iv. Only students enrolled full time with their prospective school in which they represent will be allowed to participate. **No Home School students will be allowed to play in the league.**
- v. 2nd Graders will be allowed to play in the league. This will be looked at and discussed on a year-to-year basis.
- vi. For players who start late in the season (after roster deadline):
 - 1. Call League President and have player added to list.
 - 2. Programs can call and inquire at any time about added players.
- vii. The hosting gym will have a master roster, listing all players for every team in the program.
- viii. Player discrepancies.
 - 1. Master roster will be available for clarification if a discrepancy occurs.
 - 2. Clarification must be made before play begins, or after game ends.
 - 3. Games will not stop for player discrepancies.
 - 4. Check with program coordinator or league president to see if the player is an add-on.

- ix. In the event a player plays on a team other than the one he/she is listed on:
 - 1. Any games they play for the team they are not listed on are considered forfeited.
 - 2. See rules for players on forfeited ball games.
- b. **LINE UPS**
 - i. Coaches need to check in with the score-table 15 minutes before their game is scheduled.
 - ii. Coaches need to have their line-up prepared to compare with score-table.
 - iii. Coaches will list all eligible players, whether they are present or not.
 - iv. Coaches need to ensure correct name and number of each player on team in scorebook.
 - v. Coaches need to sign the game book as verification of their players.
- c. **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**
 - i. ***For School Funded Programs***
 - 1. The child must be enrolled in your school.
 - 2. The program must follow all regulations and restrictions set by your school. These are found in Student Handbook under extracurricular activities.
 - 3. All children that sign-up **GET TO PLAY**.
 - 4. There are no try-outs.
 - 5. No program is allowed to recruit players from other school or districts.
 - 6. Players are only allowed to play on ONE team.
 - 7. Players must play in the grade in which they are enrolled.
 - 8. Players may play up but NEVER down.
 - 9. In situations requiring special attention, eligibility may be determined by a vote of program representatives on division placements and stipulations.
 - 10. In the event there are not enough players to make a team in any age group, and no team to move the players up to, then players could be eligible to play for another school within the league. **This move will require a vote by all league directors. If not voted on by league directors, it will result in forfeits.**
 - ii. ***For Non-School Funded Community Programs***
 - 1. Children are eligible to play for the school they attend.
 - 2. Each individual program establishes rules and regulations for participation.
 - 3. It is the parents' choice in regard to discipline regarding school performance and participation.
 - 4. There are no try-outs.
 - 5. All children that sign up get to play.
 - 6. No program is allowed to recruit players from other programs or districts.
 - 7. Players are only allowed to play on ONE team.
 - 8. Players must play in the grade in which they are enrolled.
 - 9. Players may play UP but NEVER down.
 - 10. In situations requiring special attention, eligibility may be determined by a vote of program representatives on division placements and stipulations.

11. In the event there are not enough players to make a team in any age group, and no team to move the players up to, then players could be eligible to play for another school within the league. This move will require a vote by all league directors.

d. Forfeits

- i. In the event a forfeit is reported less than 24 hours prior to the first game scheduled on the day of the forfeit, the program to which the forfeiting team belongs, shall be responsible for reimbursing the host program the cost of referees for the game forfeited.

14 ENTERING/REMAINING IN THE RIVER VALLEY LEAGUE

a. ENTERING

- i. All programs currently active must vote on adding programs.
- ii. Newly added programs will be placed on entry probation for a period of time voted on by the league board upon acceptance into the league.

b. REMAINING

- i. Follow all rules and regulations set forth by this league.
- ii. Attend all scheduled meetings
- iii. Cannot be a member of another league or organization during regular season.

15 REMOVAL FROM THE RIVER VALLEY LEAGUE

a. Failure to abide by the Rules and Regulations set forth and voted on by this league can be grounds for removal.

- i. For violations of Player Eligibility
 1. Written warning will be given to Program to remedy the violation.
 2. Games will be considered forfeited until players are in compliance.
 3. If the violation is not remedied:
 - a. Program will be on probation and
 - b. All games will be canceled for the remainder of the season.
- ii. For violations of Rules and Regulations
 1. Written warning to program.
 2. Written probation to the Program and
 3. Suspension of play until the problem is remedied.
 4. Suspension of play for the remainder of the season.
 5. Probation
 6. Removal from the league
- iii. For all other violations, the following steps will be taken (referee assessed)
 1. Verbal warning to coaches, players, and fans
 2. Verbal warning to program representative
 3. Written warning to program representative
 4. Suspension of play for designated period
 5. Probation
 6. Suspension of play for remainder of season
 7. Removal from league
- iv. For violations on location by coaches and/or fans (referee assessed)
 1. For player violations, see game rules.
 - a. Verbal warning to coaches and/or fans
 - b. Verbal warning to coaches, fans, program representative (referee assessed)

- c. Removal from gym for remainder of game
- d. Removal from gym for period not to exceed 1 day.
- e. Suspension from next game
- f. Suspension for the remainder of the season.
- g. Program put on probation for a designated period.

16 RE-ENTRY AFTER REMOVAL

- a. After suspension has been served all remaining programs may vote to allow re-entry.
- b. Re-entry may be subject to conditions set by other league members.

17 PROBATION PERIOD

- a. Programs placed on probation must meet all conditions and stipulations set forth by league members to remain in the league.
- b. If a program in probation fails to meet conditions, then they will be removed from the league for the remainder of the season and not allowed to re-enter for one full season.

18 PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES/DIRECTORS/COORDINATORS

- a. Each program will have a designated representative.
- b. Representative shall supervise program in a professional and courteous manner. Remember, you are the example of your programs.
- c. Provide input and suggestions to better our league.
- d. Alert president of concerns/problems concerning league.
- e. Provide a safe environment for hosting games.
- f. General league or program duties
 - i. Attend scheduled meetings to remain in league (or have someone there in your stead)
 - ii. Vote on changes
 - iii. Host Saturday Jamboree at your location
 - iv. Pay any fees need to league or other programs
 - v. Ensure your program is complying with league rules and regulations.
- g. Gather information needed by your program
 - i. Ensure sign ups are held at your location.
 - ii. Ensure you have coaches for all your teams.
 - iii. Ensure participants meet requirements for eligibility.
 - iv. Ensure practice time is scheduled for all teams.
- h. Gather information needed by league to schedule your programs play
 - i. Turn in number of teams for play by deadline
 - ii. Provide a master roster to league by deadline
 - iii. Turn in gym availability schedule
 - iv. Turn in insurance information for players (if applicable).
- i. Coordinate all activities to host games at your location
 - i. Bookkeepers
 - ii. Clock keepers
 - iii. Gate keepers
 - iv. Concession stand
 - v. Clean up committees
 - vi. Any other item needed to host game
- j. Provide parents and coaches with all necessary information
 - i. Rules and Regulations of the League
 - ii. Game schedule
 - iii. Practice schedules
 - iv. Changes to schedules

- v. Insurance information (if applicable)
- vi. Deadlines
- vii. Work duties
- viii. Rules of Conduct