

For the Fair Play Basketball League at the Seminary we use Federation rules, except for allowing players six fouls per game. Also, on free throws, players may enter the lane on release. Three point line dwellers, and the shooter, must wait for it to hit the rim to cross their lines.

The Seminary, with its old, pit style gym, has historically been a great place for adult basketball leagues. The courts are shorter, allowing more play at the rims, with less running. But due to those short courts, there are some limitations.

- There is no half-court line. And even if there was, it would be a tight half-court. But remember that the five second rule still applies.
- There is no half-circle/oval under the basket. This means that charges taken under the basket are a part of play.
- The strap above the basket is out of play.

Clock management:

- At the end of the first half the clock stops inside 15 seconds. This allows a team a possession in case their opponent is at the free throw line. **THE CLOCK DOES NOT STOP AFTER A MADE BASKET**, so conserve your time outs! Teams get three time outs per game.
- At the end of the second half, the clock can stop inside 2 minutes. If a team is trailing by more than 20 we are just going to let it run for mercy's sake.
- Teams need to arrive on time, and have at least 4 players, to start the game. Teams that start late lose all of their time outs.

Jerseys

- Have a light, and a dark, team jersey option. Multi-color teams/players may need to be "skins".
- Please help out the scorekeepers by wearing the same on-court team colors with jersey numbers (without duplicates... We once had a #13 complain about fouling out, not even knowing that a sub had the same number). Teams taking care of their details can help us take care of the overall details.

Divisions & League Tourney

- We try our best to offer multiple divisions, currently at 3 or 4 (A, B+, B & C). One of the tenets of a Fair Play league is to level out the play, whether it is basketball, or volleyball. Tight games are fun to be in, or watch. Overtime games are 2 minutes extra, followed by 1 minute extra, if still tied. Third overtime is sudden death. One made free throw wins the game.
- League tourneys are seeded by season results. Ties are determined by head-to-head meetings, by who won the most recent head-to-head meeting, then by points. Tourneys are, at this time, single elimination. A winner of a lower division tourney may move up and play in a higher one.
- Currently the prize for winning is \$80 off the next season, or T-shirts, or I can take suggestions.

Player Behavior:

- A player code of conduct will be strictly enforced. Two technical fouls result in an ejection. Players ejected from the game may not play the following week, unless they want to pay a fine. Players ejected twice in the same season will be banned from the league. Ejected players must leave the building. Any further words, on the way out, may result in more technical shots.

- Fans must also maintain a code of conduct towards the opposing team. Fans must stay off the team bench. We have ample viewing of the game possible upstairs.
- Most players play for the workout, and/or the joy of the game. If one plays on after a perceived bad call, he may see that it balances out. This isn't the NBA, or Big Ten.
- Please don't wear jewelry on court, or anything that could cut, snag, or entangle your opponent, or self. Please do not be overly aggressive to the point of near-injury, as many of us have to work the next day.
- We would like kids to remain upstairs during games for their own safety.

Rosters

- Players must be 18, or older, to play. Women may play.
- A team waiver form must be signed, which becomes your roster. New players may join up until a team's 5th week of play. **NO NEW PLAYERS ARE ALLOWED FOR THE LEAGUE TOURNEY!** If an illegal player has been found playing in the league tourney, that team has its score set to zero.

Payment

- There will now be an early entry fee to encourage team players to pay their team captains early in the season. We have a good nucleus of teams and want to keep this league going.
- We will now need half of the team payment upfront for unknown teams. Players appearing on existing teams, from teams in the past, that are known to be delinquent, may not play.
- Teams can pay by mail, by paypal, by Chase quick pay, or in person at the scorer's table.

League Info

- A schedule, standings, and eventually, the league tourney, can be found on the www.fairplayvolleyball.com website, under the basketball tab. Also, we are on facebook at "Fair Play Basketball Leagues".
- We plan on two seasons each year, lasting at least 12 weeks of play, depending on how far your team goes in the league tourney. The seasons will start early in the months of January, & September.
- To enter a team we need the division, team name, and contact info. Start times are posted six days before the league start. The full schedule will not be completed until week three, so as to align the divisions, and courts, evenly.

We would like to thank Bill Keys, of the Allen County Basketball Association, who did a great job in the past, of giving the Seminary a quality reputation for adult basketball leagues.

