

Here are playoff guidelines for you to pass on to your teams:

1. Please arrive at your game 30 minutes prior to your game time. If you are the first game at a site for the day, please respect the facility you are at and do not enter the gym until local game management has arrived.
2. The higher seed shall be the home team and shall keep the book. The lower seed shall be the visitor and tend the clock.
3. Please report all scores to your coordinator after each game, we will be posting the worksheets with score updates throughout the week (first one will be Sunday night). It is the responsibility of both coaches to report the scores.
4. All players who were on your roster at the start of the season should be listed for every game. If a player is not present, it should be noted as to why they are not present (eg. Injured, quit team, on vacation, no show, etc.).
5. The Quarters played section of the scorebook must be used to indicate each quarter that a player was in the game.
6. All legal players must play their minimum 8 minutes in a game. Several teams in the league have now been flagged to the board as teams that do not regularly meet those minimum 8 minutes. We are trying to send observers to check on those teams and randomly others throughout the tourney. If one of the board observers does believe that all players have met their 8 minutes and are not refuted by both team's scorebooks, that team will be subject to forfeit of all of their playoff games and possible expulsion from the league.
7. Players who arrive at the game after the end of the first half are subject to coach's discretion whether to play. If they do play, they must meet their 8 minute minimum. If a coach chooses not to play a player for this reason it should be noted to the scorers table during the 3rd quarter. If a player is injured and will not return to play in the game, this should be noted in the book as well.
8. The tie breaker in pool play is point differential. No team can gain or lose more than 15 points in a game. Therefore, it is not necessary to run the score up against an opponent. Coaches are expected to use a variety of game management techniques including but not limited to a) not applying presses or traps; b) playing bench personnel; c) mixing lineup of players on the court; d) implementing offensive and defensive strategies which will keep the point differential reasonable. This is not to say that you should ask your players to hold back, instead you should use your coaching skill to manage the game without having to ask your players to hold back. After 20 point differentials are achieved in a game, the leading team may not press until the differential is below 20 points again.
9. Coaches, players, and fans are expected to conduct themselves with a high level of professionalism towards each other and all game officials (this includes the scorekeeper and clock keeper). Those teams that have had difficulties with each other in the past have been flagged to the referees who will be managing the game very tightly.
10. Please CLEAN UP your bench area and quickly move off your bench at the end of your game. This will allow the next team to get into place.
11. Please remember that overtime rules for regular season apply in the playoffs. One 3 minute overtime. If still tied, the contest is decided by the first to score a point.
12. Pool play games are slotted for 1 hour 15 minutes. The refs will be keeping us on schedule. This may mean that if a site is running behind that your halftime may be shortened and warm up limited.