**Season 5 West Texas Basketball Association Rules and Procedures**

**Game Play**

* Each game will consist of two 20-minute halves. The clock will run continuously until the last two minutes of the second half (unless a team is leading by more than 20 points). There will be a 3-minute overtime period in case of any tie. If a “double overtime” is needed, the first team to score wins the game.
* Each player will be allowed 5 fouls. Each team will shoot one and one at 7 team fouls and receive two free throws at ten team fouls. Each team will receive 4 timeouts for the entire game. You can use them whenever.
* Each player must be listed on their team’s roster in order to play. This will be checked before each game begins. If a player has not paid and is on the playing or on the score sheet, it will result in an automatic forfeit.
* Players are to be wearing the jerseys that are provided by the league for their specific team. If a player does not have their jersey, then the player may purchase another before the game for **$30**. **A player will not be allowed to play in A REGULAR SHIRT WITH NO NUMBER.**
* All games will be played at Dodge Jones Youth Sports Center **(1042 Loop 322, Abilene TX 79602).** Each game will start at the designated time on the schedule. If your team does not have five players by the start of the game, then we will put 5 minutes on the clock. If you only have four players by the end of that 5 minutes, then your team will be allowed to play if you want. Any less results in a forfeit.

**Playoffs**

* Playoffs format will be different from previous years. In an attempt make it more competitive, we will be implementing the “WTBA Ending”. Instead of playing until the time runs out, we will play to a “target score”. This is the explanation of the game:
* The game will go like any other game until the last 2 minutes of the game. The referee will stop the game at the 2 minute mark and the clock is turned off.
* At this point, the target score will be made by adding 7 points to the leading teams score. Ex. If the score is **72-67** at 2 minutes, the target score will be **“79”.**
* First team to reach 79 points wins the game.

**Player Conduct**

* West Texas Basketball Association is a recreation league which aims to create a welcoming environment for all players. Additionally, its basketball league is conducted at a public facility. As such, the following conduct expectations are in place for all basketball games.
* The following actions may result in a technical foul or ejection.

--The use of profanity in any form of manner.

--Complaining about or questioning an official’s call

--Persistent complaining about an official’s call

--Inappropriate comments or remarks towards officials or players

--Taunting in any shape or form

**One technical foul**- You can finish the game, but you have a one game suspension next week you play a game.

**Two technical fouls in separate games-** This will result in ejection from the current game and a one game suspension (next game).

**Two technical fouls in ONE GAME**- **You will no longer be able to play for the remainder of the season**.

**Fighting**

Fighting will result in ejection from the game and banishment from the league for the rest of the season. A player may also be banned from future WTBA leagues in the future.

**Liability**

West Texas Basketball Association is not associated with Dodge Jones Youth Sports Center in any way. West Texas Men’s Basketball Association, their employees, AYSA and Dodge Jones Youth Sports Center are not responsible for any injuries that are sustained by playing in their facilities. By playing in the West Texas Basketball Association you assume all responsibilities for injuries that you may sustain.

By signing below, you are agreeing with all rules and regulations of West Texas Basketball Association, AYSA and the Dodge Jones Youth Sports Center and accept all responsibility for injury and consequences for your conduct.

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