

HAMBURG LITTLE CAGERS

Boys 13-15 Division

Rules of Play

The 13-15 Boys will follow general NYS Boys High School rules and guidelines, with the following local/ special game rules as follows...

Basketball size: 29.5 regulation basketball

Game Time: 40 minute game duration

First Half – 20 Minutes (running clock)

- First 7 minutes – “A” Team with subs allowed
- Middle 7 minutes – “B” Team with NO subs allowed
- Last 6 minutes – “A” Team with subs allowed

Second Half – 20 Minutes (running clock)

- First 7 minutes – “A” Team with subs allowed
- Middle 7 minutes – “B” Team with NO subs allowed
- Last 6 minutes – “A” Team with subs allowed

*****Clock will stop on every whistle during the last minute of each half*****

Playing Time/ Substitution:

- Every player must play a minimum of 14 minutes each game.
- There is no substitution during B team play.
- There is free substitution during A team play.

Timeouts:

- 2 timeouts per half. No carry overs.

Overtime:

- 3 Minutes (running clock until last minute of overtime)
- “A” Team with free substitution.
- Jump ball at center court starts the overtime period.
- 1 timeout per team allowed in overtime (no carryover of timeouts from regulation).
- If no winner after ONE overtime period, the game will be declared a tie (regular season only).

Line Change Transition (from A to B/ B to A):

- Line change transition is NOT a timeout, although the game clock will stop briefly to accommodate the change.
- Team with possession at line change stoppage will in-bound ball

B Team Rules:

- Each head coach chooses his/ her FIVE (5) “weakest” players that are PRESENT at the game on that particular day. This is that team’s B SQUAD for THAT ENTIRE GAME!
- Head coaches have the right to make changes **to the opposing team’s B Squad ONE TIME if he/ she sees fit with no questions asked or arguments.** Changes can be made one time during the first half or at halftime. Once the second half begins, no changes may be made.
- Division Reps/ League officials have the right to overrule/ overturn “B” teams and “B” team changes at their discretion.
- There are NO SUBSTITUTIONS ON “B” TEAM (if injury/ illness/ early player exit occurs, opposing coach’s choice).
- “B” team players cannot foul out during “B” team, but if a “B” team player commits 5 per fouls during any point in the game, he is ineligible to play during “open” time for the rest of the game.
- “B” squad players ARE PERMITTED to play during OPEN TIME at the coach’s discretion.
- **Half-court defense ONLY on “B” squad.** Once the defensive team has possession in their own backcourt, the opposing team must drop back past the half court line.

A few clarifications:

- ANY DEFENSE (full court and half court) defense is allowed during “A” team.
- Front court defense ONLY during “B” team playing time.
- Any STYLE of defense is allowed (man-to-man, zone, trap, etc.)
- 10 second rule IS in effect to advance the ball past half court.
- If both coaches agree that the outcome of the game is clear, they can collectively determine that “B” team will finish the game on the court.
- As stated previously in the game time rules, EVERY player must play a total of 14 minutes of game time MINIMALLY.

Playoff Format/Eligibility:

- Playoff seeds will be determined in the following order when applicable:
 - Overall record
 - Head to Head record
 - Record vs. common opponents
 - Coin flip
- Player Eligibility... All players must be present, and play in, at least half of their team’s regular season games to be eligible to participate in the playoffs.

Hamburg Little Cagers League-Wide Rule on Ejections

1. If a player, a coach, or a spectator is ejected from a game for any reason, he/ she will be automatically suspended from his/ her team’s next regularly scheduled game.
2. However, the Hamburg Little Cagers Board of Directors reserves the right to increase or decrease any suspension upon further review and consultation with the Division Representative.
3. Ejection from a game means that the ejected individual MUST leave the facility and the property of the facility in a timely fashion.
4. If an individual is suspended, that individual is not permitted to be at the facility or the property of the facility during the game(s) that he/ she is suspended for.
5. Players and Coaches who are suspended, are still permitted to participate in practices during their suspension unless the Hamburg Little Cagers Board of Directors decides otherwise.