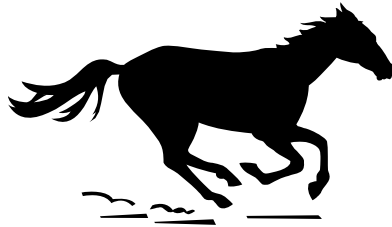


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2006-2007 Basketball Rules and Operating Procedures

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Season Schedule & Registration

Official Basketball Season

September 1- March 31

- Practice during the official season begins and ends at the coach's discretion
- Any "Off-season" practice is entirely voluntary.
- "Off season practice must be approved by the treasurer if association funds are needed to pay gym fees.

Player Registration

- Information meetings will be held March and August. Players may register at that time.
- Parents must complete a family registration form and medical release for each player.
- Parents must also complete a volunteer commitment form
- The registration fee is \$50.00 per player before September 15 and \$60.00 per player after September 15.
- All payment arrangements must be made by September 30.
- New players will be registered after September 30 ONLY with the prior approval of the coach.
- Newly approved players registering in the middle of the season will be required to pay a \$50.00 registration fee, uniform deposit, and a pro-rated amount for the remainder of the season.
- Registration fees will not be refunded

Player Responsibilities & Rules of Behavior

Attitude

Players are expected to:

1. Respect the authority of the coach and obey the coach without argument at all times.
2. Accept constructive criticism as an opportunity for improvement.
3. Respect the coach's right to determine the level of playing time for each player.
4. Respect other players at all times- opponents as well as teammates.
5. Refrain from the use of foul language, name calling or physical fighting
6. Address the coach with respect at all times.
7. Address the coach as requested. Some coaches may require players to address them as "Coach", "Mr." or "Mrs." And may require players to respond with "Sir" or "Maam"

Commitment

Practice

- Practice days and times are set by each individual coach. All players are expected to consistently attend all season practices set by their coach. Occasional absences due to illness, family needs, etc are tolerated. Absences will be handled by the coach as determined in his/her written rules. Failure to attend "regular" season practices in a consistent manner may cause the coach to request a player removed for the team.
- The Mustang Basketball Committee will automatically review any request for removal by a coach.
- Coaches may schedule "off season" practice. However, coaches are required to obtain permission of the Treasurer if the association funds will be needed to pay for gym rental.
- "Off season" practice is entirely voluntary and absences will not be held against any player
- Coaches must be informed if players can not attend practices due to academic schedules and parents and coaches will work together to minimize impact to the team and the player's ability. We recognize that, especially during high school, structured classes area concern.

Games

- Players are expected to be present at all games.
- Parents or players must notify the coach in advance if a player will not attend a game.
- The Coach will handle absences from games as determined by his/her written rules

Stewardship/ Uniform Care

- All Players are required to pay a uniform deposit
- Players are expected to keep their uniform clean and in good condition at all times.
- Players are expected to notify the team parents or a coach immediately if their uniform requires attention. NO alterations should be made to the uniform
- Players (parents) are expected to wash and hang dry their uniforms after each game.
- Players are expected to wear the uniform that they were assigned
- No uniform substitution will be allowed at any time without prior consent of the Equipment Manager.
- At season's end players/parents are expected to return uniforms as scheduled by Registrar/Equipment Manager

Modesty

- All players and coaches are expected to dress in a modest manner at any practice, game and during transportation to and from game.
- Coach may institute a dress code at his/her discretion.

Coach's Rights and Responsibilities

Coach's Rights and Authority

1. During practice and games (including pre-game and post-game) the coach is the person in authority
2. The coach has the right to determine format for practices, coaching strategy for games as well as the amount of playing time for each player
3. The coach can remove any player from the court or from the gym at any time for any reason.
4. The coach may place a player on probation after notifying the Committee Chairman in writing.
5. Probation may mean a parent must stay with a player at all times for a given period of time.
6. To remove a player, the coach must submit a written request to the Committee Chairman and/or to the Committee must act on the requested player removal within a week.

Coach's Responsibilities

1. The Coach is responsible for conducting safe and well organized practices.
2. If a coach chooses to "bench" a player as a disciplinary measure, the coach is responsible to inform the player for the disciplinary action.
3. The coach must inform parents of disciplinary action.
4. The coach is encouraged to inform parents of disciplinary problems before minor problems become major problems.
5. The coach is expected to conduct him/herself in a positive and controlled manner during games and practices.
6. Written guidelines for disciplinary actions to be submitted to committee prior to season beginning.

Parent's Relationship with the Coach

- If a parent has any concern (e.g. playing time, coach's behavior, etc) concerning the team or their child, that parent is expected to contact the coach privately **outside of practice or game time**. In the event parents and coach cannot reach an understanding, the formal grievance process should be followed and the board will intervene as necessary. This grievance should be done within 5 days
- The committee Chairman should be contacted if a parent feels there is a situation that requires immediate action.

Parent Duties and Commitment

Player eligibility is dependent on parental commitment. One parent from each family is required to volunteer in some way. Older siblings may work in the place of the parent.

Parents commit to:

1. Pay all fees as agreed
2. Insure their player's uniform receive proper care. See the Uniform care for instructions
3. Return uniform in good condition by the deadline set by the committee
4. Resolve conflicts as soon as possible in a Christ like manner, and if required, follow the formal grievance procedures.
5. Volunteer as needed by the team
6. Discipline players as required
7. Respect the authority of the coach in his/her efforts with the team
8. Drop- off and pick up players on time for practice and games
9. Respect the decisions of the Committee as final

Jobs for each team include but are not limited to:

- Team Parent (serves as a liaison to the Basketball Committee)/ Fundraising Coordinator for respected team
- Concession Coordinator
- Photographer
- Score/ clock Keeper
- Admissions to home games

Formal Grievance Procedures

Parents or Coaches should initiate this process **ONLY** after an attempt has been made to resolve any disagreement privately.

Step One

- Verbally contact the current Committee Chairman within 5 days
- The current Committee Chairman will attempt to resolve or mediate the conflict

Step Two

- Submit a written request for a meeting to a committee member
- The written request should outline the grievance , and propose a suggested remedy
- Preferably a written request will be given to a least two committee members

Step Three

- If further attempts by the Chairman fail to resolve the conflict, the Committee will meet within 10 days of the written request
- At the discretion of the committee Chairman, the committee may conduct these meetings within Executive Session
- The committee must rule on the grievance and provide the party with its finding and recommended course of action.
- All decisions by the committee are final

Game Travel and Out of Town Travel

Day Travel

Coaches will designate the arrival time for each game. Players and their parents are responsible to get themselves to the game. If rides are shared, or a “caravan” is formed to attend a game each driver will be responsible for the players that they carry in their vehicles. Team parents will assist players in obtaining rides to and from games.

Out of Town/ Overnight Travel/ Chaperones

In cases where overnight travel is involved, the committee will designate chaperones to oversee the well being of the players during the trip. The committee will make this designation based on the best interest of the team(s). Chaperones may request and receive compensation to reimburse expenses for food, gas, and lodging. All parents attending the trip may not necessarily be designated as chaperones; chaperones must be available to supervise and manage the team on the trip. Coaches may be designated as chaperones for a trip, but not necessarily have to be a designated as chaperones.

Out of town trips the coach will have full authority as in practice times and game times. If they chose to set limits for the players the chaperones and parents are to abide by them. The coach has authority and responsibility for the team for the duration of the overnight trip.

The committee has the responsibility for planning, logistics and financing for an overnight trip.

Player Eligibility Requirements

1. The teams shall be defined as "18 & Under", "16 & Under", "14 & Under", and "12 & Under".
2. A player's age as of September 1 shall determine which age bracket for which they are eligible. Thus:
 - a) "12 & under" refers to someone who is 12 or younger on Sept 1
 - b) "14 & under" refers to someone who is 13 or 14 on Sept 1
 - c) "16 & under" refers to someone who is 15 or 16 on Sept 1
 - d) "18 & under" refers to someone who is 17 or 18 on Sept 1
3. In the event there are not enough players to fill a team roster, the age bracket divisions may be combined in a fashion to be determined by the Committee..
4. By definition and rules of tournament play, a player may not "play down" an age bracket. For example, if a player is 15 as of Sept 1, they cannot play on the "14 & Under" team.
5. Requests for a player to "play up" from their stated age group will be considered on a case by case basis by the Committee with significant input from the parents and coaches of the involved teams. The criteria for such a decision will be a determination of what is best for the Mustang program as a whole and development of the player. The request must be made in writing and presented to the Committee before the first scheduled game of the season.
6. Birth Certificates will be required as proof of age & eligibility
7. A player must be living at home with a parent or guardian
8. A player must be home schooled in compliance with current Texas Law.
9. For a player to be considered home schooled, 51% of their education must arrive from at least one to the following sources:
 - a) They are taught at home by the players parents, grandparents and/or legal guardian
 - b) They are taught at home by an older sibling of at least 18 years of age
 - c) They are taught at home or someone else's home by another home school parents, tutor, and provided that it is done under the parent's supervision.
 - d) If they are taught at a central location (i.e. a homeschool coop classes) by a home school parent or tutor, given that the player is still taught at least 51% by their parents, grandparents and/or legal guardian regardless of location.
10. A Player is not home schooled if 50% of their education arrives from

- a) College or vocational/technical classes taken at non-homeschool institution such as a college
 - b) Classes from a Christian/ Private school or a Public School
11. To be eligible for participation in the National Christian Homeschool Basketball Championships, players must have been home schooled since January 1st of the year of the championships.
 12. A player is ineligible if that player has gone through a homeschool, public school, private school, or Christian school high school graduation ceremony prior to that season's first game.
 13. A player is ineligible if that player is enrolled in more than 8 hours of college courses.
 14. If a player started a season on another homeschool, public school, private school or Christian school team, no transfer shall be allowed during the season without the approval of the Coach and the Committee Chairman.
 15. A player must be a member of the Boy's and Girls Club (enrollment fee is included in registration fee)
 16. Any student who transfers from a public school, Christian/Private school, or another homeschool team for disciplinary reasons must wait one year before they are eligible to participate in any Mustang activity. (A probationary period may be allowed at the coach's discretion and the approval of the Committee Chairman)
 17. Team size may be limited. Team size will be determined by the individual coaches with the approval of the Committee.
 18. Each player's family must be a member (either full or associate) member of BVCHEA. The BVCHEA membership fee is included in registration fee.

Changes to These Rules and Procedures

When paying the registration fee, parents agree to abide by these rules and procedures for the current Basketball Season.

As with any growing organization, changes may become necessary. However, these changes will not normally be implemented during an active basketball season, but presented for consideration at the end of the current season for implementation for the next season.

Any suggested change to current rules & regulations must be presented in writing to a Basketball Committee for consideration at an open Committee meeting. The Committee will discuss them, and present any possible changes to the BVCHEA Board for final approval.

Notification of the meeting will be extended via email to the basketball loop at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting.

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