

TITLE: ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING PROGRAM

WVSSAC Rules for middle school basketball will govern the program.

Purpose: To provide the opportunity for grades 3-6 grade students to learn the fundamentals of basketball.

Eligibility: The instructional league will be available for 3rd and 4th grade students. The instructional and competitive league will be open for 5th and 6th grade students. Players must be 3rd-6th grade students and have earned a "C" average during the first nine weeks of the school year. Students must have a physical exam, after July 1 of the current school year before s/he is eligible to participate in any practice or game. Students suspended from school for disciplinary or other reasons may not participate in any practice, session, or game held during the term of the suspension.

Coaches: Principals will recommend employment of coaches to the Superintendent. A salary per schedule by the Gilmer County Board of Education will be paid to coaches. Principals, with superintendent approval, will determine the number of coaches needed. The number of teams will be determined by the number of students who participate. All coaches employed outside the school system who are not certified as a teacher must complete coaching requirements established by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. Principals will evaluate coaches. Principal(s) will evaluate coaches.

Practice Sessions/Clinics: Practices sessions/clinics shall be open or closed to the public at the discretion of the coaches. Practices will be held at the school and students will be participating in rotational stations for the purpose of building specific skills and fundamentals related to the sport. Within the sessions, teams will be scrimmaging and skills will be reinforced. The coaches will group the students based on their individual skill level. The clinics will last not more than 6 consecutive weeks and instructional sessions will be no more than 2 per week. Practice starts the 1st week in January.

Teams: Teams will be comprised based upon skill level of the players and formed at the discretion of the coaching staff. Maximum number of students per basketball team is 10. Players sign up by December 1st.

Games: 5th and 6th grade games will be played on Saturdays of the program provided there is not a scheduling conflict. The games will be comprised of four 6 minute quarters. Principals and coaching staff will develop a schedule for games at the beginning of the program. A tournament will be held on the last Saturday of the program.

Rules: Rules and regulations established by the WVSSAC will govern this program unless otherwise specified in this policy. Disputes to be settled by the school Principals meeting as a team if necessary. Good sportsmanship is expected by all participants and spectators and the principal/designees will be responsible for crowd control. Unruly behavior will not be tolerated and consequences will include ejection with possible denial of future access to games/tournaments or related activities.

An intermediate size ball will be used.

Insurance: Students must provide proof of insurance coverage prior to participating in any practice or game.

Transportation: Parents/guardians are responsible for providing or arranging transportation for participants to all sessions/clinics and games.

Board of Directors: Elementary Principals will comprise the Board of Directors, and shall be responsible for all aspects of the program.

Board Adoption: December 19, 2016