

**MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE  
BOYS' & GIRLS' BASKETBALL BY-LAWS  
(Revised 5/23/08)**

**1. Rules:**

- A. The National Federation Rule Book (as adopted by PIAA) governs.
- B. All members of the conference shall be governed by rules and interpretations adopted by the P.I.A.A.

**2. Levels of Competition:**

- A. Boys and Girls Varsity
- B. Boys and Girls Junior Varsity
- C. Boys and Girls Freshmen
- D. Boys and Girls Middle School

**3. Contest Rules:**

- A. Middle School games will start at 4:00 p.m. with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team playing first followed by 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
- B. Freshman games will start at 4:00 p.m.
- C. Junior Varsity games will start at 6:00 p.m.
- D. Varsity games will start 20 minutes after the termination of the Junior Varsity game. The game clock will be set at 20 minutes after the Junior Varsity game so the Varsity contest starts on time.

**4. Warm-ups:**

- A. Warm-ups by only the participants of the JV game and again for the Varsity game will be allowed during the customary 20-minute warm-up time prior to those games.
- B. Varsity players are to report promptly to the playing floor upon completion of the Junior Varsity game. No warm-ups before this time.
- C. No players will be allowed to warm up in civilian attire.

**5. Special Events**

- A. The opposing school should be contacted at least one day in advance of the scheduled special event.
- B. The 20-minute warm-up will begin immediately after the program.

**6. Uniforms**

- A. Home teams will wear light jerseys. Away teams will wear dark jerseys.

**7. Ball**

- A. The game ball shall be an official game ball of standard make as approved by the National Federation.
- B. The home team will provide six basketballs for the visiting team.

## 8. Score Table

- A. For varsity games, the official timekeeper and official scorekeeper must be a faculty member or other competent and responsible adult. For junior Varsity games, the official timekeeper must be a responsible adult. The official timekeeper and official scorekeeper are the responsibility of the home team.
- B. The official timer is required to notify the coaches and officials three minutes prior to the conclusion of the half-time period.

## 9. Bench/Sideline Protocol

- A. Seating on the players' bench shall be limited to authorized personnel.
- B. Team seating will be provided behind the varsity bench.
- C. The coaching staff is personally responsible for the conduct of his or her players at home and away contests.

## 10. Postponement

- A. Postponement of games is up to the home team.
- B. The home team is responsible to notify all parties involved.
- C. The rescheduling of a game must be by mutual consent of the teams involved on the next available playing date, including Saturdays.

## 11. Officials

- A. In the event that the correct number of officials are not present, the game can proceed only if there is a **mutual agreement** between both schools.

## 12. End of the season meeting:

- A. The meeting must be held at least one week prior to the date of the championship game.
- B. Coaches must attend any meeting called by the sport chairman and must complete any forms requested. Forms include All Star nominations, officials' ratings, etc.
- C. Each team **MUST** be represented by the head coach or the head coach's designee (to be approved by the school's athletic director or principal). If a school is not represented a fine of \$50 will be assessed to the school.
- D. At the league meeting, coaches vote for the top players with each coach voting for 10 players.
  - a. Points: 10 down to 1 will be assigned to each player with the number 10 being assigned to the top choice and so on down the list.
  - b. Players receiving the top five vote totals will comprise the 1<sup>st</sup> team.
  - c. Players receiving the next five vote totals will comprise the 2<sup>nd</sup> team.

- d. Players receiving the next five vote totals and being listed on no less than two of the ballots will comprise the honorable mention team.
  - e. **No school may vote for any of their own players.**
  - f. When ties occur, the selection process will end once you have reached, or come as close to five (5) members as possible.
- E. “Most Valuable Player” voting:
- a. The night of the meeting, coaches may nominate one of their own players to be considered for the “Most Valuable Player” Award.
  - b. Voting occurs at that meeting.
  - c. Coaches can NOT vote for their own players.
  - d. In case of a tie, coaches will re-vote once, voting for one of the athletes that were tied during the initial vote (coaches cannot vote for their own players).
  - e. If a tie still occurs after the second vote, “Co-MVPs” will be named.
  - f. A plaque will be awarded to the MVP(s).

### 13. Playoffs/Championship:

- A. Format
- Semi-Finals - Game A - Second Place Team vs. Third Place Team
  - Game B - First Place Team vs. Fourth Place Team
  - Finals - Winner of Game A vs. Winner of Game B.
- B. Tie-breaker procedures for playoff positions:
- a. Head to head competition
  - b. Record against common opponents
  - c. District XI Rating
  - d. Overall Record
  - e. Least amt. of points allowed in head-to-head games (the teams tied)
  - f. Least amt. of points allowed vs. common opponents
  - g. Least amt. of points allowed allowed in league play
- C. Each coach of the playoff teams shall submit a list of five preferred officials to the league school in charge of basketball. The final decision on officials will rest with the league and then be given to the league assignor.
- D. For each playoff game the home team will be the higher seeded team.
- E. The visiting teams will be responsible for being sure that their uniforms are of contrasting color with the home team.

### 14. Miscellaneous Items

- A. Cheerleaders shall be limited to one cheer by one team per time out, alternating cheerleading groups each time.
- B. **No** visiting pep bands shall be permitted. The pep band may play at all times except when the clock is running, during a foul shot and when the visiting cheerleaders are cheering.

- C. Teams are allowed one “**run-thru**” sign at the beginning of the contest.  
Hand-held signs, banners, or noisemakers are strictly prohibited.

**15. Reporting Game Results:**

- A. The home team will report game results to the following media:

*The Morning Call*  
1-800-999-5625  
(610) 820-6558  
Fax: (610) 820-8654

*Pocono Record*  
1-800-756-4237  
(570) 421-3000  
Fax: (570) 421-6284

*The Express Times*  
1-800-360-3601  
(610) 258-7171  
Fax: (610) 258-7130

*Times News of Lehigh*  
1-800-443-0377  
(610) 377-2051  
Fax: (610) 826-9608

*MVC League Statistician*  
Email: [bross@stroudsburg.k12.pa.us](mailto:bross@stroudsburg.k12.pa.us)  
Fax: (570) 424-0789