



JTAA RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND RULES

A. Mission Statement

JTAA Basketball strives to provide youth athletes a program which is committed to nurturing the physical and emotional well-being of the youth athlete; committed to the social development of the youth athlete; committed to the development of the youth athlete's sense of citizenship; dedicated to sportsmanship and fair play; to the treatment of all individuals with respect and dignity; to the development of individual and team skills, and to developing the youth athlete's desire to put forth his or her best effort.

All coaches and officials will help all youth athletes to develop strong, healthy bodies and minds while promoting the highest level of sportsmanship, an understanding and respect for the rules; instill the importance of teamwork and promote lifetime physical activity and to develop good citizens for the future.

Further, all coaches and officials shall seek to instill in youth athletes the values of fair play, honesty, integrity, cooperation with others, and the ability to lose with dignity and win with modesty. It is also a main goal to build good moral character and citizenship for all participants.

B. Recreational Board

The Commissioner is responsible for the assembly of the Board and has the authority to modify it as necessary.

The Board is responsible for oversight of Recreational Basketball and shall act as the sanctioning body.

The Board reserves the right to amend or modify any and all league rules or Policy Manual as and when it is deemed necessary to preserve the integrity of the league.

C. Disciplinary Action

Recreational Basketball hereby adopts by reference and incorporation the disciplinary rules and policies adopted by Jupiter Tequesta Athletic Association, however, any disciplinary rule or regulation specifically adopted by the Rec Basketball Board shall control and take precedence over any rule or policy of the Jupiter Tequesta Athletic Association.

Disciplinary sanctions outlined by the disciplinary rules and policies adopted by Jupiter Tequesta Athletic Association shall be viewed by the Board as providing for the minimum sanction.

D. Player Eligibility

A player's eligibility for a particular division is determined by his or her birthday as of September 1. A chart of appropriate age ranges for each division will be posted on the JTAA Rec Basketball's website and will be further included on the registration site.

Any player that wishes to play up an age division, provided there is a position for the player in the age division requested, must get permission from the President of that respective league (i.e., Boys President or Girls President) and the Commissioner of JTAA Rec. Basketball.

Under no circumstances shall a player play down below his or her appropriate age group. Any player or parent of a player falsifying a player's birthday shall be subject to disciplinary sanctions by the JTAA Rec Basketball Board, which may result in the immediate expulsion from the league.

E. Age Groups

Boys Leagues: Jr. Boys: Boys 5/6, Boys 7, Boys 8, Boys 9, Boys 10,
Sr. Boys: Boys 11, Boys 12, Boys 13, Boys 14, Boys 15-17.

Girls Leagues: Girls 5/6, Girls 7-8, Girls 9-10, Girls 11-12, Girls 13-17 (or based on enrollment numbers, the older Girls Divisions may be adjusted).

F. Basketball Rules (Revised as of September 2024)

1. Age Divisions, Basketball Size and Rim Height:

Divisions	Basketball Size	Basket Height
Boys 5/6	Youth 27.5"	8.0 feet
Boys 7	Youth 27.5"	8.5 feet
Boys 8	Youth 27.5"	8.5 feet
Boys 9	Mid-size 28.5"	10 feet
Boys 10	Mid-size 28.5"	10 feet
Boys 11	Mid-size 28.5"	10 feet
Boys 12	Full Size	10 feet
Boys 13	Full Size	10 feet
Boys 14	Full Size	10 feet
Boys 15-17	Full Size	10 feet
Girls 5/6	Youth 27.5"	8.0 feet
Girls 7-8	Youth 27.5"	8.5 feet
Girls 9-10	Mid-size 28.5"	10 feet
Girls 11-12	Mid-size 28.5"	10 feet
Girls 13-17	Mid-size 28.5"	10 feet

2 Game Length

Divisions	Length of Quarter (4 Quarters per game)	Clock Stoppage
Boys 5/6	5-7 minutes depending on start time	***Running clock
Boys 7	8 minutes	***Running clock
Boys 8	8 minutes	***Running clock
Boys 9	8 minutes	***Running clock
Boys 10	8 minutes	***Running clock
Boys 11	8 minutes	***Running clock
Boys 12	8 minutes	***Running clock

Boys 13	8 minutes	***Running clock
Boys 14	7 minutes	Every dead ball
Boys 15-17	7 minutes	Every dead ball
Girls 5/6	5-7 minutes depending on start time	***Running clock
Girls 7-8	8 minutes	***Running clock
Girls 9-10	8 minutes	***Running clock
Girls 11-12/11-13	8 minutes	***Running clock
Girls 13-14	8 minutes	***Running clock

*** Clock stops for:

- Free
- Throws
- Timeouts
- Injuries
- Last 2 minutes of the game on every dead ball
- Last 4 minutes of the game for substitutions

3. Time Outs

- 3.1 Three (3) time outs are allowed per game for all age divisions. Timeouts can be used at any time during the game.
- 3.2 Overtime Timeouts - One (1) time out allowed.
- 3.3 Any unused timeouts cannot be carried over from regulation play.

4. Overtime Play

Divisions	Regular Season Overtime Period
Boys 5/6	No overtime play
Boys 7	No overtime play
Boys 8	No overtime play
Boys 9	Next Point Wins
Boys 10	Next Point Wins
Boys 11	Next Point Wins
Boys 12	Next Point Wins
Divisions	Overtime Period
Boys 14	Next Point Wins
Boys 14	Next Point Wins
Boys 15-17	Next Point Wins
Girls 5/6	No overtime play
Girls 7/8	No overtime play
Girls 9/10	Next Point Wins
Girls 11/12	Next Point Wins
Girls 13-17	Next Point Wins

All overtime periods for both the regular season and the playoffs will start with a jump ball at half court. First team to score wins the game.

5. Three Point Baskets

The three (3) point line is at the regular high school distance for all age groups. A made basket counts as three (3) points from this distance.

6. Free Throws

Divisions	Location	Lane Violation
Boys 5/6	Free throws are two (2) feet closer than the regular free throw line.	It is NOT a violation for a player to cross the line while releasing the ball. If this occurs, the player may not get the rebound.
Boys 7	Free throws are two (2) feet closer than the regular free throw line.	It is NOT a violation for a player to cross the line while releasing the ball If this occurs, the player may not get the rebound..
Boys 8	Free throws are two (2) feet closer than the regular free throw line.	It is NOT a violation for a player to cross the line while releasing the ball. If this occurs, the player may not get the rebound.
Boys 9	Free throws are at the regular free throw line.	It is NOT a violation for a player to cross the line while releasing the ball. If this occurs, the player may not get the rebound.
Boys 10	Free throws are at the regular free throw line.	It is NOT a violation for a player to cross the line while releasing the ball. If this occurs, the player may not get the rebound.
Boys 11	Free throws are at the regular free throw line.	It IS a violation for a player to cross the line while releasing the ball.

Boys 12	Free throws are at the regular free throw line.	It IS a violation for a player to cross the line while releasing the ball.
Boys 13	Free throws are at the regular free throw line.	It IS a violation for a player to cross the line while releasing the ball.
Boys 14	Free throws are at the regular free throw line.	It IS a violation for a player to cross the line while releasing the ball.
Boys 15-17	Free throws are at the regular free throw line.	It IS a violation for a player to cross the line while releasing the ball.
Girls 5/6	Free throws are two (2) feet closer than the regular free	It is NOT a violation for a player to cross the line
	throw line.	while releasing the ball. If this occurs, the player may not get the rebound
Girls 7-8	Free throws are two (2) feet closer than the regular free throw line.	It is NOT a violation for a player to cross the line while releasing the ball. If this occurs, the player may not get the rebound.
Girls 9-10	Free throws are at the regular free through line.	It is NOT a violation for a player to cross the line while releasing the ball. If this occurs, the player may not get the rebound.
Girls 11-12	Free throws are at the regular free through line.	It IS a violation for a player to cross the line while releasing the ball.
Girls 13-17	Free throws are at the regular free through line.	It IS a violation for a player to cross the line while releasing the ball.

7. Playing Time

7.1. Substitutions:

For all divisions, substitutions will be allowed at the start or midpoint of each quarter (except for injuries.)

Referees are to stop play, if needed, for substitution if players have not entered the game via a dead ball foul by the 3:15 minute mark.

7.2. Injuries: If a player comes out of the game due to an injury, the player will only be assessed playing time for the actual amount of time the player was in that quarter. The player will not be assessed, for maximum playing time purposes, for playing time for that whole quarter.

7.3. Play Time:

Coaches are encouraged to play all kids an equal amount of time. All players are allotted at least 2 quarters of playing time, provided that they arrive at the game before play starts.

Players who arrive after the start of the game will be allotted 1 quarter of playing time.

There is no maximum playing time.

If a child is disrespectful or showing poor sportsmanship, Coaches have the authority to take the child out of the game. If the player's attitude does not improve while sitting out, the Coach is not obligated to put the player back into the game. **COACHES ARE ENCOURAGED TO "BENCH" PLAYERS THAT SHOW POOR SPORTSMANSHIP AND ARE DISRESPECTFUL**

8. Defense

Divisions	Man/Zone	Double team	Press
Boys 5-6	<p>Each team must play man-to-man defense. Coaches are allowed on the court</p> <p>It is illegal for a defensive player to steal the ball from an offensive player dribbling or holding the ball.</p> <p>A defensive player may steal the ball off a pass or if the offensive player loses control of the ball at any time.</p> <p>Players may not reach in to tie the ball up.</p> <p>The referee/coach may call a delay of game penalty if the ball handler is purposely delaying or not attempting to score a basket. The delay of game penalty will result in a change of possession.</p> <p>No zone defenses are allowed</p> <p>Score will be kept by a volunteer parent</p> <p>Fast breaks are allowed but the Coaches are to encourage passing</p>	<p>It is NOT permitted to double-team the player with the ball.</p> <p>It is NOT permitted to double team a player without the ball</p>	No defense is allowed in the back court.

<p>Boys 7</p>	<p>Each team must play man-to-man defense Coaches are allowed on the court for a few seconds at the beginning of each quarter to assist with player match-ups (this is done very quickly).</p> <p>It is illegal for a defensive player to steal the ball from an offensive player dribbling or holding the ball. A defensive player may steal the ball off a pass or if the offensive player loses control of the ball at any time.</p> <p>Players may not reach in to tie the ball up.</p> <p>The referee may call a delay of game penalty if the ball handler is purposely delaying or not attempting to score a basket. The delay of game penalty will result in a change of possession.</p> <p>No zone defenses are allowed</p>	<p>It is permitted to double-team the player with the ball using help defense if the player with the ball is advancing to the basket.</p> <p>It is not permitted to double team a player without the ball</p>	<p>No defense is allowed in the back court.</p>
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<p>Boys 8</p>	<p>Each team must play man-to-man defense Coaches are allowed on the court for a few seconds at the beginning of each quarter to assist with player match-ups (this is done very quickly).</p> <p>It is illegal for a defensive player to steal the ball from an offensive player dribbling or holding the ball. A defensive player may steal the ball off a pass or if the offensive player loses control of the ball at any time.</p> <p>Players may not reach in to tie the ball up.</p> <p>The referee may call a delay of game penalty if the ball handler is purposely delaying or not attempting to score a basket. The delay of game penalty will result in a change of possession.</p> <p>No zone defenses are allowed</p>	<p>It is permitted to double-team the player with the ball using help defense if the player with the ball is advancing to the basket.</p> <p>It is not permitted to double team a player without the ball</p>	<p>No defense is allowed in the back court.</p>
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<p>Boys 9</p>	<p>Each team must play man-to-man defense</p> <p>No zone defenses are allowed.</p>	<p>It is permitted to double-team the player with the ball.</p> <p>It is not permitted to double-team a player without the ball.</p>	<p>Defense may press during the last minute of the 4th quarter.</p> <p>While pressing, the pressing team may double team the ball but may NOT set up a zone press. At no time can the pressing team double team a player without the ball.</p> <p>The defensive team must allow the offensive team to inbound the ball if the ball is thrown between the backcourt free throw line extended and the backcourt baseline. If the offensive team attempts to inbound the ball by throwing the ball to an offensive player positioned outside the free throw line extended/baseline areas, the defensive team may attempt to steal the ball</p> <p>Once the ball has been inbounded, the defensive team may immediately play defense.</p>
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<p>Boys 10</p>	<p>Each team must play man-to-man defense</p> <p>No zone defenses are allowed.</p>	<p>It is permitted to double-team the player with the ball.</p> <p>It is not permitted to double-team a player without the ball.</p>	<p>Defense may press during the last minute of the 4th quarter.</p> <p>While pressing, the pressing team may double team the ball but may NOT set up a zone press. At no time can the pressing team double team a player without the ball.</p> <p>The defensive team must allow the offensive team to inbound the ball if the ball is thrown between the backcourt free throw line extended and the backcourt baseline. If the offensive team attempts to inbound the ball by throwing the ball to an offensive player positioned outside the free throw line extended/baseline areas, the defensive team may attempt to steal the ball</p> <p>Once the ball has been inbounded, the defensive team may immediately play defense.</p>
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Boys 11		No defense restrictions.	
Boys 12		No defense restrictions.	
Boys 13		No defense restrictions.	
Boys 14		No defense restrictions.	
Boys 15-17		No defense restrictions.	

<p>Girls 5-6</p>	<p>Each team must play man-to-man defense. Coaches are allowed on the court</p> <p>It is illegal for a defensive player to steal the ball from an offensive player dribbling or holding the ball.</p> <p>A defensive player may steal the ball off a pass or if the offensive player loses control of the ball at any time.</p> <p>Players may not reach in to tie the ball up.</p> <p>The referee/coach may call a delay of game penalty if the ball handler is purposely delaying or not attempting to score a basket. The delay of game penalty will result in a change of possession. No zone defenses are allowed</p> <p>Score will be kept by a volunteer parent</p> <p>Fast breaks are allowed but the Coaches are to encourage passing</p>	<p>It is NOT permitted to It is NOT permitted to double team a player without the ball</p>	<p>No defense is allowed in the back court</p>	
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<p>Girls 7-8</p>	<p>Each team must play man-to-man defense Coaches are allowed on the court for a few seconds at the quarter to assist with player match-ups (this is done very quickly).</p> <p>It is illegal for a defensive player to steal the ball from an offensive player dribbling or holding the ball. A defensive player may steal the ball off a pass or if the offensive player loses control of the ball at any time.</p> <p>Players may not reach in to tie the ball up.</p> <p>The referee may call a delay of game penalty if the ball handler is purposely delaying or not attempting to score a basket. The delay of game penalty will result in a change of possession.</p> <p>No zone defenses are allowed</p>	<p>It is permitted to double-team the player with the ball using help defense if the player with the ball is advancing to the basket.</p>	<p>No defense is allowed in the back court.</p>	
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<p>Girls 9-10</p>	<p>Each team must play man-to-man defense</p> <p>No zone defenses are allowed.</p>	<p>It is permitted to double-team the player with the ball.</p> <p>It is not permitted to double-team a player without the ball.</p>	<p>Defense may press during the last minute of the 4th quarter.</p> <p>While pressing, the pressing team may double team the ball but may NOT set up a zone press. At no time can the pressing team double team a player without the ball.</p> <p>The defensive team must allow the offensive team to inbound the ball if the ball is thrown between the backcourt free throw line extended and the backcourt baseline. If the offensive team attempts to inbound the ball by throwing the ball to an offensive player positioned outside the free throw line extended/baseline areas, the defensive team may attempt to steal the ball</p> <p>Once the ball has been inbounded, the defensive team may immediately play defense.</p>
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Girls 11-12		No defense restrictions.	
Girls 13-17		No defense restrictions.	

9. Lane Violations

Divisions	
Boys 5-6	Lane Violations will not be called
Boys 7	Players are allowed a 5-second count inside the lane
Boys 8	Players are allowed a 3-second count inside the lane
Boys 9	Players are allowed a 3-second count inside the lane
Boys 10	Players are allowed a 3-second count inside the lane
Boys 11	Players are allowed a 3-second count inside the lane
Boys 12	Players are allowed a 3-second count inside the lane
Boys 13	Players are allowed a 3-second count inside the lane
Boys 14	Players are allowed a 3-second count inside the lane
Boys 15-17	Players are allowed a 3-second count inside the lane
Girls 5-6	Lane violations will not be called
Girls 7-8	Players are allowed a 5-second count inside the lane
Girls 9-10	Players are allowed a 3-second count inside the lane
Girls 11-12	Players are allowed a 3-second count inside the lane
Girls 13-17	Players are allowed a 3-second count inside the lane

10. Minimum Players Required

10.1 All leagues require at least four players to start a game.

10.2 A team (except for the 5-6 Age Divisions, see 10.3) with 5 or more players **MUST** play with 5 players. If one team has 5 or more players, that team is prohibited from playing 4 on 4.

10.3 Boys 5-6 and Girls 5-6 Offensive Rules/Players on Court

10.3(a) Games will be played 5 on 5, with Coaches on the court

10.3(b) Players can pass to their coach at any time.

10.3(c) Fast breaks are allowed

10.3(d) SCORE WILL BE KEPT

10.4 Any team, for any reason, having only 3 eligible players to play will be required to forfeit the game.

11. Mercy

Divisions		Mercy Running Clock Rule
Boys 5-6	No Mercy Rules	Running Clock
Boys 7, 8, 9 and 10	If a team is ahead by 15 or more points, then all baskets count as 1 point.	If a team is ahead by 20, the game clock will not stop except for a time out or by request from an Official. If a team reduces the lead to 15, normal clock stoppage rules apply.

<p>Boys 11, 12, 13, 14, 15-17</p>	<p>If a team is ahead by 20 or more points, then all baskets count as 1. Additionally, the leading team cannot play defense in its back court</p> <p>If the lead is then reduced to 15 points or less then there are no defensive restrictions</p>	<p>If a team is ahead by 30, the game clock will not stop except for a time out or by request from an Official.</p> <p>If a team reduces the lead to 15, normal clock stoppage rules apply.</p>
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<p>Girls 5-6</p>	<p>No Mercy Rule</p>	<p>Running Clock</p>
<p>Girls 7-8, 9-10</p>	<p>If a team is ahead by 15 or more points, then all baskets count as 1 point.</p>	<p>If a team is ahead by 20, the game clock will not stop except for a time out or by request from an Official.</p> <p>If a team reduces the lead to 15, normal clock stoppage rules apply.</p>

<p>Girls 11-12, 13-17</p>	<p>If a team is ahead by 20 or more points, then all baskets count as 1. Additionally, the leading team cannot play defense in its back court</p> <p>If the lead is then reduced to 15 points or less then there are no defensive restrictions</p>	<p>If a team is ahead by 30, the game clock will not stop except for a time out or by request from an Official.</p> <p>If a team reduces the lead to 15, normal clock stoppage rules apply.</p>
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12. Uniforms

- 12.1 All players must wear their league issued, current year uniform. Failure to do so may result in a bench technical foul.
- 12.2 A player that never received a jersey may play if he/she is wearing a shirt color that is the same as the jersey color. A player not wearing a jersey and wearing a colored shirt that is different from the jersey color will be prohibited from playing.
- 12.3 A player's jersey must be tucked in.
- 12.4 League assigned shorts must be worn. If a player never received a pair of shorts then they must wear shorts of the same color as their team and the pair cannot have pockets.

13. Jewelry

- 13.1 Wearing of any jewelry is prohibited. Any Division Director, Board Member, or Game Official may deny a player wearing jewelry from playing in a game until he/she removes such items.
- 13.2 It is prohibited from covering up jewelry with tape, pad or any covering material. Please do not get your child's ear pierced during the season as we will require the player to remove them during the game.

14. Scorekeeper/Timekeeper

The home team is to provide a scorekeeper, the away team is to provide a Timekeeper.

15. Ejections

- 15.1 All leagues require that receipt of a second technical foul by the same player or same coach in a game results in an automatic ejection from the game and suspension from the next game.
- 15.2 Any coach or player ejected from more than one game will be reviewed by the JTAA Basketball Board for allowance of continued participation in the league.
- 15.3 Coaches are required to report to the corresponding League Director, or any Board Member, if a player or coach receives 2 technical fouls. Failure to do so could result in suspension for a game.
- 15.4 If ejected, a player or coach must vacate the premises. Failure to abide by this may result in forfeiture of the game, and possible law enforcement involvement.

16. Coaching/Credentials

- 16.1 All coaches must be approved by the Board. Please remember that coaching is not a right. Coaches who coach for non-JTAA travel teams or are found to be recruiting JTAA players to non-JTAA travel teams may be disqualified from consideration for being selected as a coach.
- 16.2 The Board reserves the right to remove a coach at any time and for any reason during the season as required.
- 16.3 Each team is allowed two designated coaches: a head coach and an assistant coach. Upon approval, teams may be allowed to have additional coaches to help during practice (practice-only coach). However, the practice-only coach may not be allowed on the bench during any game without permission. Such approval will only be granted in extreme cases such as when neither the head coach, nor the assistant coach can attend a game.
- 16.4 While we understand this is a recreational league, all coaches must wear acceptable attire while coaching. Coaches are required to wear league issued coach shirts during games. Only individuals wearing a currently issued coach short will be allowed to sit on the bench. All others are prohibited from sitting on the bench and will be required to leave.
- 16.5 To the extent possible, coaches are responsible for the behavior of their team's parents, players and spectators. Reasonable efforts to control them are expected.
- 16.6 Coaches must refrain from approaching Game Officials after a game to argue, dispute a call, harass, threaten, or disparage any Game Official. All officiating issues must be directed towards the respective Division Director, League President, Board Referee Liaison, or Commissioner. Waiting for a Game Official outside of the court or after a game, and confronting him/her is unacceptable

behavior. Any coach accused of such behavior will be required to meet with the Board or Commissioner. If the Board or Commissioner finds that the interaction was inappropriate, threatening or harassing, demeaning, or caused other reasonable harm to the Game Official, such behavior will result in a minimum 2 game suspension.

- 16.7 At every regular season and playoff game, each coach and assistant coach must wear and/or display a current coach's card issued by JTAA Rec Basketball Board. Prior to the start of any game, Game Officials shall check the credentials of each coach and assistant coach to ensure compliance. Any coach or assistant coach not wearing a coach's shirt will not be permitted to sit on the team bench and coach.
- 16.8 Only players and coaches scheduled to play at that time and location are allowed on the bench during game time.
- 16.9 All coaches must be at least 18 years old to coach. Children between the ages of 14-17 years old may be allowed to coach provided they 1) obtain approval from the Commissioner, and 2) have an adult supervisory coach with them during all practices and games.
- 16.10 Registration requirements for being eligible for being selected as a coach:
 - 16.10(a) All Coaches must follow JTAA volunteer/coaching procedures.
 - 16.10(b) All Coaches must register using the JTAA volunteer registration website.
 - 16.10(c) All Coaches must be NAYS (National Alliance for Youth Sports) certified
 - 16.10(d) All Coaches must submit to and pass a background check administered by JTAA.
- 16.11 All players participating in JTAA Basketball must be officially registered in accordance with JTAA procedures or policies. Any coach knowingly allowing a non-registered player to participate in a JTAA basketball game or practice will be subject to removal as head coach. If a coach does not know or is unsure of an individual's status, it his/her duty to obtain the status of the player in question prior to allowing him/her to participate in any basketball related activity.

17. Zero Tolerance for Abuse Against Game Officials

- 17.1 JTAA Basketball is committed to providing a sports environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. All Individuals participating in JTAA Basketball, whether as an athlete, parent, family member, spectator or visitor, shall be aware there is an expectation, at all times, of appropriate behavior consistent with the values of JTAA Basketball.
- 17.2 As a result of this, JTAA Basketball has a Zero Tolerance Policy regulating the conduct of coaches, players and parents, and all visitors toward game officials. Players, coaches, or spectators are not allowed to disrespect an official's decision, nor are they allowed to make abusive comments. This includes comments and complaints from the stands.
- 17.3 As outlined in Paragraph 16.6, Coaches must refrain from approaching referees after a game to argue, dispute a call, harass, threaten, or disparage the referee. If a Coach has questions or concerns about officiating or a particular game official, all issues must be directed towards the Division Director, League President, Board Referee Liaison, or Commissioner.
- 17.4 Spectators, visitors, and parents/family members must refrain from approaching game officials after a game to argue, dispute a call, harass, threaten, or disparage the game officials. If a parent has questions or concerns about officiating or a particular game official, all issues must be directed towards the Division Director, League President, Board Referee Liaison, or Commissioner. Waiting for a game officials outside of the court, after a game, and confronting him/her is unacceptable behavior and may result in a suspension. Any spectators, visitors, or parents/family members accused of such behavior will be required to meet with the Board or Commissioner. If the Board or Commissioner finds that the interaction was inappropriate, threatening or harassing, demeaning, or caused other reasonable harm to the referee, such behavior will result in a suspension from JTAA Basketball for a minimum of two games.
- 17.5 Game Officials are solely responsible for calling a game.
- 17.6 No player, coach or spectator shall refuse to abide by an official's decision.
- 17.7 A Game Official, Division Director, or Board Member may forfeit a game if any player or bench personnel fail to comply with any rules, regulations, or repeatedly commits acts that make a travesty of the game. A Game Official, Division Director, or Board Member may forfeit a game if spectators are acting in a threatening or improper manner and fail to leave after request or fail to end such behavior. In situations where players, parents, or spectators are unruly and will not stop such behavior or leave the gymnasium upon request, Game Officials, Division Director, or Board Member may forfeit the game, with the loss charged to that team. Decisions to forfeit a game cannot be challenged and are final.

18. Refunds

- 18.1 Refunds may be requested until the cutoff date posted on the JTAA basketball website. Refunds requested prior to this date will receive a refund minus a processing fee established by JTAA. Requests for refund after this date will not be granted, except in extraordinary circumstances, or at the discretion of the Commissioner.

- 18.2 If the refund date is not posted on the website, or is not current for the season, the default cut-off date will be the Friday prior to draft week. All requests must be in writing, via email to the JTAA Basketball Registrar or Treasurer, prior to 12 AM. Email requests sent to a coach will NOT satisfy the written notice requirement.

19. Use of Gymnasiums/Facilities

- 19.1 Basketball gymnasiums/facilities and outdoor courts used by JTAA are owned and operated by local public and private schools, towns, or counties. Use of gymnasiums/facilities or outdoor courts by JTAA is permitted through cooperation between the schools, towns, counties. Abuse of facilities and outdoor courts (vandalism, intentional or unintentional damage, litter, etc.) may result in the suspension of athletic activities and possibly the cancellation of the league. Accordingly, any athlete, parent, family member, visitor, or spectator found abusing any facility will be subject to discipline by the Board.

- 19.2 It is the responsibility of the last teams on any day's schedule to clean up the gymnasiums/facilities before they leave.

- 19.3 Use of gymnasiums/facilities is restricted to the area assigned and all activities must be limited to those for which use has been approved.

- 19.4 Use of public school facilities is automatically canceled when Palm Beach County Schools are closed because of holidays, inclement weather or when JTAA use will interfere with school activities.

- 19.5 It is prohibited from using any material that sticks to, marks, or defaces a facility court or surrounding area in any way. This includes removable tape or washable chalk/paint. Using removable tape (or washable chalk/paint) can result in discoloration of the basketball court/floor or removal of surface finishing. Cones may be used as long as they do not mark the floor in any way.

20. Weather/Lightning: ThorGuard Lightning Prediction and Warning System

20.1 Jupiter Community Park and Abacoa Park are equipped with a ThorGuard Lightning Prediction and Warning System. The main unit is located on top of the building in between the softball fields. The Park also has satellite locations on top of the building at the Multi-Purpose fields and the building located at the Senior Baseball Fields (Baseball fields on the West side of the parking lot). The satellite locations include a light on top of the building.

20.2 Once the system is activated by the potential for lightning in the area the following will happen:

-The lightning system activates when it reads a charge that is strong enough to produce lightning around the park.

-Once activated, the unit will sound (1) long horn and the light on top of the pole will start to flash. Coaches and parents please look at the light on top of the building at the Senior Baseball Fields when you arrive to see if the light is flashing (If the unit went off before you arrived you will not hear the horn, so you must go by whether or not the light is flashing).

-If the light is flashing all coaches, kids and parents must seek shelter and no one is allowed on the fields/courts within the park for the safety of everyone.

-Once the unit has reached a safe level it will give the "All Clear," this will consist of (3) short sounds of the horn followed by the light turning off. This means that it is safe for you to go onto the fields/courts and conduct your practice or game.

20.3 All JTAA and Town of Jupiter activities must follow this protocol when using the facilities at Jupiter Community Park and Abacoa Park.

20.4 If anyone has any questions or would like to view the site to identify the location of the ThorGuard system, please contact the Town of Jupiter Recreation Supervisor. The Town of Jupiter has a website that provides up to the minute updates on the status of the system: <http://jupiter.thormobile10.net/>.

21. Game Schedule

- 21.1 All game schedules will be posted on the JTAA basketball website.
- 21.2 The schedule posted on the website is the official schedule followed by JTAA Basketball. Except in cases of immediate rescheduling where the changes could not be posted to the website, any discrepancies in game time/location will be governed by the website.
- 21.3 Coaches are not allowed to reschedule league games.
- 21.4 The Commissioner reserves the right to change the schedule as required throughout the season. Please be advised that JTAA Basketball uses all gymnasiums at the discretion of the facility owner. If a facility has an unexpected event or needs the use of their facility, games will be rescheduled. This will require teams to play at different times and locations. We do our best to inform parents, players, and coaches prior to the originally scheduled event, but often such changes are communicated to us on short notice, or sometimes not at all. While we understand this can be difficult on family schedules, the alternative is for us to cancel the game that day. Given the tight scheduling of the season and limited availability of facilities, should we have to cancel a game, it will not be rescheduled for another day.

22. Team Selection

- 22.1 ALL leagues will form individual teams by a draft system.
- 22.2 In an effort to create balanced teams and competitive leagues, requests for placement on a specific team, coach, or player, or to play on a specific team for any reason (friends, transportation, etc.) will NOT be guaranteed. All players must play on the team by which they were drafted or placed by the Commissioner.
- 22.3 If required, players may be moved from a team in an effort to maintain competitive balance. Moving of players will be allowed only with the approval of the Commissioner.

23. Length of Season

- 23.1 Our season generally starts in November and ends in February.
- 23.2 After all regular season games have been completed, all age divisions, except Boys 5/6's, Boys 7, Boys 8, and Girls 5/6's, Girls 7/8's, will participate in a playoff.

24. Practice During Season

- 24.1 Practice times and locations are provided to each team by the Board.
- 24.2 Teams are PROHIBITED from practicing at any non-JTAA basketball approved facility/practice site. This includes a coach's own home basketball court or neighborhood association's park.
- 24.3 Practices are 60 minutes. Each team will have one indoor practice and one outdoor practice. Practices are scheduled for Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday.
- 24.4 If your practice is canceled for any reason, i.e. weather or school closing, that team is prohibited from taking another team's location or time slot in an effort to make up the missed time.
- 24.5. When practicing at any Town of Jupiter outdoor basketball court, JTAA Basketball is required to leave one full court available for general public use.
- 24.6 Please report any issues to your league director. If non-JTAA basketball individuals are on the court and will not leave, or you feel threatened, please contact the Jupiter Police.
- 24.7 Please respect time allocations. We have many teams with limited space. All coaches shall show respect for teams practicing by having their players remain off the court until it is their scheduled time. Coaches shall vacate their courts when their time is up. It is not acceptable to ask an incoming coach for just a few more minutes to finish a drill or a scrimmage.
- 24.8 Violations of Paragraph 24.7 will not be tolerated. Failure to adhere to this may result in suspension or forfeiture of a game(s).

25. Practice Schedule During Holiday Season

25.1 Once the season breaks for Winter Holiday, we will operate on a modified practice schedule as follows:

1. There will be no indoor practices for any team.
2. Teams will be allowed to practice outdoors at their regularly scheduled practice time. If a park closes or the Park District is doing work, that team will lose their practice time.
3. Teams will be allowed to practice outdoors if they want a second practice. However, they must not interfere with another team's regularly scheduled practice time.
4. Teams will NOT be allowed to practice at a non-JTAA basketball approved facility/practice site. This includes a coach's own home basketball court or neighborhood association's park.
5. Normal practice schedule (indoor and outdoor) will resume when schools resume normal schedule.

26. Playoffs

26.1 All teams will make the playoffs.

26.2 All playoffs will be based on a seeded, single elimination tournament format.

26.3 Teams will be seeded based on 1) Win-Loss Record, 2) Head to Head Competition and 3) Coin Toss.

26.4 Teams will not be allowed to practice indoors once the playoffs begin.

26.5 Playoff practice schedule

1. Teams will be allowed to practice outdoors at their regularly scheduled practice time.
2. Teams will be allowed to practice outdoors if they want additional practice times. However, they must not interfere with another team's regularly scheduled practice time.
3. Teams will NOT be allowed to practice at a non-JTAA basketball approved facility/practice site. This includes a coach's own home basketball court or neighborhood association's park

27. Volunteers

All volunteers must register with JTAA as a volunteer, compete and pass a background check administered by JTAA, and be approved by the Board prior to interacting with any basketball athlete.

28. Use of JTAA Basketball Database

- 28.1 All volunteers, coaches and non-coaches, agree that the JTAA player database is a proprietary database owned and operated by JTAA and JTAA Basketball.
- 28.2 Other than required to perform his/her job, no volunteer, without the express consent of JTAA Basketball Commissioner, may share any information obtained from the JTAA Basketball database with a third party, including using the JTAA database or data obtained from the JTAA Basketball database, to form non-JTAA sponsored recreational or travel sports league(s), basketball or otherwise, providing information obtained from the JTAA Basketball database to an existing non-JTAA program or third party, or using such obtained data in a manner that is not for the purpose of JTAA Basketball.
- 28.3 Failure to follow this rule may result in removal from JTAA Basketball and/or other JTAA sports.