



**CAPE CORAL PARKS AND RECREATION
BY-LAWS AND LEAGUE RULES**

**ARTICLE I: NAME
BIDDY BASKETBALL LEAGUE**

Athletic Office: (239) 242-3491

Article II: PURPOSE- To familiarize youngsters with the fundamentals of basketball; providing an opportunity to play the game in a supervised, organized and safety-oriented manner. This is intended to keep the welfare of the participants free of any adult ambition or personal glory.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

1. The league is open to youths from age five (5) through eight (8).
2. Oldest eligible players may not turn nine (9) years of age during the season they are competing in.
3. Youngest eligible players must turn five (5) years old by March 1(Spring), September 1(Fall)

ARTICLE IV: COACHES AND ASSISTANTS

1. Coaches will be appointed annually by the City of Cape Coral. One (1) coach and one (1) assistant coach per team is allowed.

ARTICLE V: SPONSORSHIP

1. Sponsors may be solicited for individual teams. The sponsorship fee will be established each year as deemed appropriate by the City of Cape Coral. Sponsorship funds will be used exclusively for the individual team and/or the general financial needs to carry on the functions of the League (for example, secure gym space, purchase equipment, uniforms, etc.).

ARTICLE VII: PLAYER SELECTION

1. Player selection process will proceed as follows:
 - A. Player selection shall be carried out as directed by the City of Cape Coral.
 - B. Registration dates will be determined by the City of Cape Coral.
 - C. There will be a registration fee charged for each player. The amount of this registration fee will be set as deemed appropriate by the City of Cape Coral. The current registration fee is \$60.00.
 - E. The son/daughter of a Coach/Assistant Coach may be placed onto that Coach/Assistant Coach's team, if so requested.

ARTICLE VIII: LEAGUE CONDUCT

1. Player attendance and conduct:
 - A. Players are expected to be at all team functions, unless the coach grants an excusal.
 - B. Players that consistently have unexcused absences from practice and/or games may be subject to disciplinary action by the Coach and/or League Director (***8U division only***)
 - C. Players and Coaches will conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times. This will include practices, games and all other CCBBL (City of Cape Coral Bidy Basketball League) functions. Failure to do so will constitute grounds for disciplinary action by the Coach and/or League Director.
 - D. No player shall be suspended by a Coach without the League Director's approval.
2. Player schoolwork: The CCBBL (City of Cape Coral Bidy Basketball League) believes that schoolwork is an extremely important and vital part of a youngster's life during the elementary and middle school years. Coaches are encouraged to stress responsible study habits and the importance of education to all of the youngsters participating in this program.
3. Technical fouls against Coaches:
 - A. First Technical Foul – Coach suspended for **at least** next played game.
 - B. Second Technical Foul – Coach will be removed from league – NO EXCEPTIONS!!

**NOTE- Certain incidents in the gym will be reviewed by the Review Board and additional penalties may possibly be given out.

ARTICLE IX: LEAGUE

1. This League is made up of teams that will practice and compete at primarily an instructional level, incorporating less experienced players. It will be composed of youngsters separated into two divisions, 5/6 & 7/8.

ARTICLE IX: LEAGUE DIRECTOR

1. The League Director is an employee of the City of Cape Coral, Parks and Recreation Department who is directly responsible for this activity. All decisions made by the League Director are final. The Cape Coral Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to change any and all rules, regulations, policies and/or procedures when due cause warrants it.

ARTICLE X: GAME REGULATIONS

1. RULES GOVERNING PLAY will be the same as in the current rulebook, as set down by the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations, unless otherwise stated. Length of each game is as follows:

8U Division

- A. Four (4) periods of seven (7) minutes each be the equivalent of one (1) game for the for Biddy Basketball League.
 - B. There will be one (1) minute between quarters.
 - C. There will be five (5) minutes between halves.
 - D. The clock will only stop for the last thirty (30) seconds of each quarter, unless stopped by a referee. EXCEPTION: The clock will be stopped during time outs.
 - E. One (1) coach at a time must be on the court with his/her team at all times. The job of the coach is to help coach / instruct their players during the game.**
2. LANE VIOLATIONS - None.
 3. DEFENSE: Defense cannot pickup offensive players until they reach the designated defense area.
 - A. Defense for this league is man to man. No zone defense will be allowed.
No defense will be allowed outside the designated defense area.

**** Coaches please stress to your players that they must stay with their man when playing defense. If a player is roaming the court and not guarding their designated player, play will be stopped and they will be directed to do so.**

**** Once the offensive team passes "half court", they have seven seconds to advance the ball into the designated "defensive zone". If the team does not advance the ball within the designated time, the ball will be turned over to the opposing team. (**8U division only**)**

5. PLAYERS PER TEAM- Maximum of eight (8) players per team.

6. TIME OUTS- Each team shall be allowed three (3) timeouts per half game.

7. PLAYING TIME AND SUBSTITUTIONS:

A. Players in this division are required to start and play at least two (2) full quarters per game from start to finish.

B. Each player must sit out one (1) **complete** quarter in each game. The EXCEPTION is if the team has less than seven (7) players; then all players may play the entire game.

EXCEPTION: Coaches are not required to play any player who is:

1) Being disciplined for conduct as outlined in ARTICLE VII (which must be stated to the Scorekeeper/League Supervisor).

2) Injured.

D. To insure that each child plays one half (1/2) of every game, we ask that you make your substitutions in the following manner:

1) Those players that did not start, play the entire second quarter. This will be done again in the second half.

6U Division

One (1) coach at a time must be on the court with his/her team at all times. The job of the coach is to help coach / instruct their players during the game.

**** Unlimited number of substitutions will be allowed in this division.**

ARTICLE XI: EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

1. EQUIPMENT is as follows:

- A. Basket Height- The goals for the CCBBL (Cape Coral Bidy Basketball League) shall be at a height of eight (8) feet.
- B. Basketball size: (27.5 Pound Compression)

2. Uniforms:

- A. Jersey's will be purchased by the City of Cape Coral.
- B. The league logo will appear on all uniform jerseys.
- C. Players must wear the jersey provided by City of Cape Coral or will not be allowed to play in that game.