



## Jersey Elite Fall Basketball League Policies and Rules

### Age and Grade Requirements

**Fourth Grade-** Must be in 4<sup>th</sup> grade or lower during the current season and Cannot be 11 years old prior to September 1st of the current season.

**Fifth Grade-** Must be in 5<sup>th</sup> grade or lower during the current season and Cannot be 12 years old prior to September 1st of the current season.

**Sixth Grade-** Must be in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade or lower during the current season and Cannot be 13 years old prior to September 1st of the current season.

**Seventh Grade-** Must be in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade or lower during the current season Cannot be 14 years old prior to September 1st of the current season.

**Eighth Grade-** Must be in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade or lower during the current season (exception for 9th graders who meet age eligibility and do not play in a high school program at any level) and Cannot be 15 years old prior to September 1st of the current season.

**JV Division-** Must be in the 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> Grade during the current season Cannot be 17 years old prior to September 1st of the current season.

**Varsity Division-** Must be in the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> during the current season Cannot be 18 years old prior to September 1st of the current season.

### Rosters

All teams must submit rosters. A player is permitted to be on one team roster only. The roster shall include the player's grade, their current home address, and their current telephone phone number. This roster must also include the name, address and telephone number of the head coach and all assistant coaches.

All teams must submit two copies of each player's birth certificate and a recent photograph (taken within the last year) must be stapled to each birth certificate. The photographs should be at least 2 inches by 3 inches in size.

The Commissioners will review and approve the team rosters and player documentation. The Commissioners will retain the original documentation and return a copy to the Member organization. Rosters, birth certificates and player photos must be carried by each team's coach to every game and presented to the opposing coach upon request. Failure to submit roster, pictures and birth certificates to the Jersey Elite Travel Basketball League will result in forfeiture of any games up to time of submission.

Any players whose name appears on a ninth grade or higher school basketball team roster shall not be eligible to participate in the Jersey Elite Travel Basketball League.

The roster must be submitted by October 1st. Players are prohibited from participating prior to the receipt of their approved documentation.

Each player must wear the assigned team uniform.

Any violation of the player eligibility rules shall result in the forfeiture of all games in which the ineligible player participated. The offending team also will be eliminated from playoff participation and will not be eligible for a Conference championship.

Any changes or additions to any team roster must be submitted prior to October 20th. Roster changes during this period shall be submitted to the Conference Commissioner. Any player added after October 20th will not be eligible for the playoffs.

## **Playoffs and Championship**

The process for determining Conference championships (Play-Off Format) shall be the responsibility of the Jersey Elite Travel Basketball League. The general rules for determining seeding for the play-offs are as follows:

In the case of two teams with the same number of wins, the first tie breaker will be head to head; if the teams split, then the next tie breaker will be total games played...i.e. if a team is 8-7 and another 8-6 the team which played all their schedule games will be given the higher seed...(this is to encourage teams to play all their games....forfeits will not count as a game played). It becomes the responsibility of each team to play all games as scheduled and in case of weather cancellations, every effort should be made to make up the games. The third and final tie-breaker will be a coin flip.

## **Game Schedules**

All teams are required to have a home gym. You will be required to choose one day and time when your home games can be scheduled each week. The Board must approve the initial game schedules for each Division. All games must be started within 15 minutes of the scheduled game time. If either team is unable to field a five-man team within this time limit then that team forfeits the game. If neither team is able to field a five-man team within this time limit then both teams will be charged with a forfeit and a loss in the team standings.

As soon as five players from each team are available after the designated starting time, the game must be started.

Both teams involved and the Jersey Elite Travel Basketball League must approve all schedule changes. Schedule changes will only be approved for valid reasons, not for the convenience of a particular team or players.

In the event only one official is available to work any game, the game will be played.

## Score Submission

It is the responsibility of the home team to submit the scores within 24 hours after the completion of the game. Failure to do so may, at the discretion of the Jersey Elite Travel Basketball League, may result in awarding the win to the visiting team. Scores should be submitted by email to [info@youthelitesports.org](mailto:info@youthelitesports.org), or text message to 609 206-0970. The information should be submitted in the format below.

Date of Game:

Location:

Time:

Grade:

Home Team Name/Score:

Away Team Name/Score:

### Insurance

Each Member must provide a certificate of current liability insurance coverage designating the Jersey Elite Travel Basketball League, its officers and directors, as additional insureds prior to the start of league play each year.

### Awards

Awards as determined by the Board will be given to the regular season championship teams in each Division, and the playoff championship and playoff runner-up teams in each Division.

### Playing Rules

The Jersey Elite Travel Basketball League games will be played under the boy's high school basketball rules established by the NJSIAA, with the noted exceptions:

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Division**

##### **Full Court Pressure**

Full court pressing will only be allowed in the final four (4) minutes of the 2nd Quarter and the final four (4) minutes of the 4th Quarter. During all other stretches of the game your defense IS NOT allowed to extend past half court.

The Jersey Elite Travel Basketball League has the right to put in place specific playing rules as it determines to be in the best interest of its Members. All such rules will be communicated to the Members before they are implemented.

## **SNOW EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:**

1. Once you know your facility is closed, please contact Youth Elite Sports 1-800-YES-7712 and follow up with an e-mail if possible to: [info@youthelitesports.org](mailto:info@youthelitesports.org).

If the home team does not contact the refs, they are still responsible to pay the fees if the refs show up.

2. Contact the coach of the team you are scheduled to play.

3. Contact League official to re-schedule at: [info@youthelitesports.org](mailto:info@youthelitesports.org).

4. When submitting your score to the email please refer to the original date the game was scheduled to be played.

## **Code of Conduct**

The Jersey Elite Travel League considers good sportsmanship and fair play to be of paramount importance. Respect for referees, opponents and the sport of basketball must be exhibited at all times by coaches, players and team supporters. It is the responsibility of each coach to control himself, his team and the supporters of the team.

At game sites, the referees have absolute control of spectators', players' and coaches' behavior. If, for any reason, a spectator, coach or player is asked by a referee to leave the gym and does not do so immediately, the referees will have the authority to end the game, awarding the win to the other team. If a team is involved in more than one such incident during the season, then that team will be removed from the league and forfeit its remaining games.