**AMSSAA | GRADE 8 BASKETBALL**

**2024 - 2025**

**GRADE 8 - RULES & REGULATIONS**

* Grade 8s play on Tues/Thurs. starting on ***28 November 2023***
  + **Game times are 3:15 and 4:30**
  + Boys: Tuesday @ 430 Thursday @ 315 **|** Girls: Tuesday @ 315 Thursday @ 430
* Games are **32 minutes**. 3 minutes for overtime periods as an extension of the 4th period. Halftime is 5 minutes in length.
* FIBA rules in are in effect, with highschool modifications (where needed)
* Zone defenses are allowed. Full court pressure is allowed at any time.
* In line with middle school(s) philosophies of sport, we will use ***rules of forced substitution*** during the first three quarters of all league games. The substitutions will occur in four-minute intervals during the first three quarters. The horn shall sound at a natural break as close to four minutes as possible. **A complete line change of five players will be made at this time**. In the first three quarters there will be no substitutions done outside of the line changes except in special circumstances. A special circumstance would be an injury to a player, or if a player on the court needs to be removed for disciplinary reasons. In this case, the opposing coach has the option, if he/she chooses, of picking the player to substitute into the game. If one team does not have 10 players dressed for a league game (due to unforeseen circumstances), then the forced substitution rule will not be in effect for that game; however, equal playing time should be followed as close as possible.

**PLEASE NOTE**: foul trouble is not considered a special circumstance; players may not be removed to protect them from fouling out of the game.

* **30 second clock will be used for BOYS** **+ GIRLS** and a 10 second backcourt count. There will be an 18 second reset for a front court foul.
* Grade 8 teams will use a BADEN size 6 basketball – 28.5”
* A Grade 8 team will **NOT** full court press if they are ahead by **20 or more points**.
* If teams are up by 30+ points, the coach who is down **can** concede the game and have the scoreboard **RESET** and continue playing the game. The scoresheet will continue to reflect the actual score of the game. This is not a league mandate, but rather a recommendation/option. (Coaches’ discretion, not mandatory)

**PLAYOFFS – GRADE 8**

**NOTE: THIS SUBSTITUTION RULE WILL NOT BE IN EFFECT FOR THE LEAGUE PLAYOFFS.**

All teams advance to the playoffs, unless they have declared to be an exhibition team during the season due to special circumstance. Seeding for the playoffs is based on the final league standings. In the event of a tie in standings - head-to-head competition will determine who finishes ahead. If there is a three-way tie, head-to-head among teams involved will first be used, and then a coin toss will determine standings. Teams that finish highest in league standings will get to host playoff games. This will not always be possible because of three levels and two genders of teams using similar sites if they finish in a similar spot in the league standings; however, an effort will be made to localize playoffs to teams that finished higher in league play. The first round is single elimination; teams are then slotted into an 8-team tournament format to determine final placements.

**Host Sites – please be aware that due to lack of FVBOA officials during playoff season, there may be a chance that local, school-based officials will need to be arranged for early playoff round games**

League playoffs are **Monday 03 February 2025 – Saturday 08 February 2025**

Championship Saturday(League Finals @ TBD): **Saturday 8 February 2025**

**Using a predetermined berthing number, AMSSAA will receive berths to the EVAA Championship. Out of all of the leagues, AMSSA will likely get the most since we have the most teams (expect 4-6 berths)**

**Eastern Valley Championship Information (www.evathletics.ca)**

* **12 Team Tournament**
* **Single elimination**
* **Seeds 1-4 get a BYE**

**-February 10 – February 13, 2025**

**-Grade 8 Boys in Abbotsford (School TBA)**

**-Grade 8 Girls in Langley (School TBA)**

Top Teams in the EVAAs are eligible for the Grade 8 Provincials at

You are not obligated to go; it is an invitational tournament.

**2025 Provincial Tournament:** **February 27th – March 1st, 2025**

The 26th Annual British Columbia Grade 8 Boys & Girls Championships are in Chilliwack this year. It will be hosted by GW Graham Secondary and Stitó:s Lá:lém Totí:lt Elementary / Middle School.

**OTHER DETAILS**

* Referees are to be supplied by the home team.
  + At the **Grade 8** level FVBOA referees do not need to be used. It is encouraged/expected to have TWO competent officials to referee games for game management and safety concerns.
* **FVBOA (Fraser Valley Basketball Officials Association) MAY be able to help sites cover home games. If you are in that position, please contact Paul Nivins (**[**pnivins@gmail.com**](mailto:pnivins@gmail.com)**) and/or Trevor West (**[**westagencies@shaw.ca**](mailto:westagencies@shaw.ca)**) to communicate your needs.**
* Please note that player conduct must be handled by coaches and school administration. It is not the role or the responsibility of the league coordinator to handle discipline. Player infractions/offenses will be immediately directed to school administration. Please instruct coaches to directly contact the opposing coach and athletic director for any player conduct concerns, also notifying the league coordinator. The EVAA has a disciplinary committee if situations need to be addressed another level.
* Schools are responsible for the decorum of coaches and team followers. This includes how they interact with minor officials and game referees. Officials play a vital part of the game – just as players and coaches do – and they deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. Referees are doing their best, so please recognize and acknowledge this fact while interacting with them.
* The EVAA Executive and Basketball Coordinators are really pushing hard to have a central website ([**https://www.evathletics.ca/**](https://www.evathletics.ca/)) that is complete with scores and schedule from every league updated as frequently as possible. It is the winning coach’s responsibility to ensure scores are sent IMMEDIATELY after your game. Please retain scoresheets.

**WINNING TEAMS WILL EMAIL WITH SCORES THE NIGHT OF THE GAME!**

**Send scores to Chris Harvey (W.A. Fraser)**

[**chris.harvey@abbyschools.ca**](mailto:chris.harvey@abbyschools.ca)

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