

2021-2022 BASKETBALL NEWSLETTER

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MIDDLE SCHOOL SEASONS

The opening day of practice for middle school basketball is determined by the school. The season starts for a student their first day of practice. The season ends on the last scheduled day of competition for the school team. Prior to a student participating in practice they must have a completed physical on file with the school. A student must also complete concussion education each year before starting practice. Once a student becomes a member of the school team, they can not play or practice on a non-school team until their team membership has ended.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NON-SCHOOL TEAM EXCEPTION

In April, 2015 the KSHSAA Board of Directors voted to provide an exception for 7th and 8th grade players in regards to non-school team participation outside the season of sport. From October 24, 2021 (SCW #17) through February 27, 2022 (Sunday of SCW #35) there are no restrictions on the number of players that may participate together on a non-school team. While a member of the school team a player may not play or practice with a non-school team. The school coach may not coach their potential players outside the season of sport. The school team may not extend their season by continuing to play as the school team after the school season is complete. The rule change was made to provide equity between girls and boys participating on non-school teams outside the season of sport.

OPEN GYMS

1. The time and day(s) of the open gym shall be made know to the entire student body by the administration through announcements, social media postings, bulletin boards, school newspaper articles, etc.
2. The gym must be open to anyone enrolled in the school and must be on a voluntary basis.
3. During the summer or during the school year, a school may not have an open gym at the same time as "offseason conditioning."
4. During the school year, no coach can be present in any open gym if there is participation in his/her out of season sport.
5. **The person in charge of supervising the open gym may not coach, organize or instruct** students in any sport not in season.
6. Participants will furnish their own clothing (shorts, shoes, tops, etc.)
7. Schools may furnish basketballs, volleyballs, floor mats, wrestling mats, batting cages, etc.

BASKETBALL OFF SEASON LEAGUE TEAMS

Beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day basketball players are limited to **no more than three members** (in basketball) of the same school squad the previous season playing or practicing on the same non-school team. A squad roster may not contain more than three players from the same school squad and rotate in and out each week or tournament which player participates. This applies grades 7-12 (see exception below).

School Year is defined as the Tuesday after Labor Day until the Saturday before Memorial Day.

School squad is defined as Varsity, JV, 9th, A-team, B-team, etc. - Any amount of time played in a contest (pinch-runner, 1 quarter, etc) constitutes team membership.

While a member of the school team a player may not participate on an outside team in that same sport. They may participate in other activities, but should inform the school coach.

School coaches (head or assistants) may not coach these outside teams during the school year, outside the season of sport.