

**GIRLS' 2021
WESTERN
ATHLETIC
CONFERENCE**



**BASKETBALL
RULEBOOK
5TH & 6TH
7TH & 8TH
HIGH SCHOOL**

January/2021

GWAC PURPOSE



The Girls Western Athletic Conference (GWAC) is committed to provide a fun, yet competitive, environment whereby the young ladies of our community may compete and develop general or advanced skills in specific sports, while learning the basic values of teamwork, respect and sportsmanship.

At all times, we, as their leaders, shall conduct ourselves by word and action in a manner that will always set a good example and will contribute to the girls' roles as young, Christ-centered women, firmly rooted in the Catholic Faith stressing the following:

Discipleship – to empower young women to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today.

Participation – to draw young women to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community.

Growth – to foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young woman.

Dear Coach,

Thank you for coaching! Welcome to the Girls' Western Athletic Conference (GWAC). This conference, founded in 1970, organizes leagues for girls' volleyball, basketball and softball. There are 20 member parishes from the west side of Cincinnati. We hope the upcoming season will be enjoyable for you and your team. If you would like to share your thoughts and opinions to continue to improve our league, please contact your league representative. He/she can then discuss it at the next monthly league meeting with the other league reps. You are always welcome to attend our monthly league meetings which are held at Our Lady of Lourdes. Please check our website for each monthly meeting date and time at:

<http://gwacsports.com>

This clinic book contains the updated 2021 GWAC league rules pertaining to basketball. If you have any questions concerning the rules, contact your league contact listed on your schedule and on our website.

Sincerely,

Girls' Western Athletic Conference

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RULES – GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The GWAC follows the NFHS rules with the following exceptions and/or clarifications.

HOME TEAM

The home team is indicated on your schedule. Keeping with the spirit of our Catholic faith and good sportsmanship, the home team will be responsible for the prayer before each game.

SCOREKEEPER

It is the responsibility of the home team to provide the official scorekeeper. There will be one official scorekeeper. However, each school may have a scorekeeper on the bench.

GYM SUPERVISOR

It is strongly suggested that each gym have an adult supervisor present during ALL games scheduled in their gym.

BASKETBALL SIZE

All 5th & 6th teams use 27.5 " balls

All 7th & 8th/HS teams use 28.5" balls

*as per NFHS regulations

FREE THROWS AND THREE-SECOND LANE

In **all** 5th/6th grade levels, free throws will be shot from the line between the bottom of the circle and the standard 15' foul line.

In most gyms, this is approximately 12'. This will also determine the start of the three-second violation area (lane).

For the 7th/8th grade level and high school leagues, free throws will be shot from the normal 15' foul line. This will also determine the start of the three-second violation area (lane).

Note for all grade levels: Players may enter the lane on the release of the ball, except the shooter who must wait until the ball hits the rim or backboard.

Note: We will follow the NFHS pertaining to free throws. The one and one bonus will be in effect on the 7th foul - the double bonus will be awarded when the 10th foul is called. This bonus remains in effect until half time or the end of the game.

3-POINT FIELD GOAL

The 3-point field goal will be in effect in the gyms that have the 3-point line marked on the gym floor. This will be in effect for all levels from the 5th/6th grade to HS.

TIME-OUTS

Four (4) one-minute time-outs may be charged to each team during a regulation game. Each team is entitled to one additional timeout during each overtime. Unused time-outs accumulate and may be used at any time during the game. The head coach or players on the playing floor may call time-outs.

DURATION OF GAME

All games start at scheduled time –

NOT BEFORE TIME.

7TH & 8TH & HIGH SCHOOL ONLY – CONTINUOUS CLOCK

7th & 8th & High School games will consist of:

- Two 19-minute halves
 - 1st half----Last minute is stop and go
 - 2nd half----Last 2 minutes is stop and go
 - OT periods will be played until the game is decided.
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5TH & 6TH ALL TEAMS

- Quarter Length - 5 Minutes
 - Extra Periods - 2 Minutes
 - OT periods will be played until the game is decided
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TERMS

LIVE BALL: Any ball in play including ***ball taken out of bounds after a made basket.***

DEAD BALL: Any ball put in play by the referee while the clock is stopped ***also including ball taken out of bounds after a made free throw*** (e.g. after made Free Throw, ball taken out of bounds or after a time out.)

PRESSING

H. S., 7TH & 8TH A & 5TH & 6TH A

Pressing will be permitted during both Live and Dead Ball situations (see terms above) until such time that a team has reached a lead equal to or greater than the limit listed below. If a team has reached this scoring advantage, they will not be allowed to press until such time that the lead falls below the limit. If a team violates this – the first violation is a warning, the second offense draws a technical foul and possession of the ball remains with the offensive team.

7TH & 8TH B1 and 5TH & 6TH B1

Pressing will be permitted during Live Ball ONLY (see terms above) until such time that a team has reached a lead equal to or greater than the limit listed below. If a team has reached this scoring advantage, they will not be allowed to press until such time that the lead falls below the limit. If a team violates this – the first violation is a warning, the second offense draws a technical foul and possession of the ball remains with the offensive team.

7TH & 8TH B and 5TH & 6TH B Levels

NO Pressing will be permitted

If a team violates this – the first violation is a warning, the second violation draws a technical foul and possession of the ball remains with the offensive team. A “blatant” violation during a live ball press is a judgement call by the official.

PRESSING RESTRICTION GUIDELINES

GRADE LEVELS	PRESS	PRESSING RESTRICTION
High School	Yes	20 point lead
7 th & 8 th 'A'	Yes	20 point lead
7 th & 8 th 'B1'	Yes	20 point lead
7 th & 8 th 'B'	No	
5 th & 6 th 'A'	Yes	15 point lead
5 th & 6 th 'B1'	Yes	10 point lead
5 th & 6 th 'B'	No	

PLAYING TIME

- All A & B1 divisions must play all team members the equivalent of one quarter.
- All B divisions must play all team members roughly half of the game.
- If a coach questions whether this is being done, the coach should report it to the league contact. If

the league finds a coach has not been playing all team members, they will be suspended for one league game and forfeit games from that game.

- Any coach wishing to discipline a girl by not letting her play in the game must inform the opposing coach and the referee prior to the start of the game.
- Once a player is disciplined, she may not enter the game for any reason.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Each player must be a registered member of that parish or attend the parish school. In case of in-season transfer, the girl has the option of playing for either team. In-season is considered six weeks before the first scheduled game.

Players whose parish/school does not have a team on their grade level are eligible to play for another parish/school ONLY if a petition asking to allow her to play has been submitted and approved by the GWAC league representatives.

**Any High School girl whose name has appeared on a High School roster may not play for GWAC in that sport in that year.

GUEST PLAYERS

To avoid forfeits, the GWAC will allow players rostered on teams within our organization to participate/substitute as Guest Players in league basketball games outside of their specific team as follows. Teams will be allowed to use only one (1) Guest Player per game. Teams using a guest player will not be permitted to have more than 5 players, including the Guest Player. If a rostered player shows up late, they will replace the guest player, and that player will be ineligible to play for the remainder of the game.

A Guest Player can be pulled up from a younger grade

level; however, a Guest Player cannot play down at a younger grade level. A player from an A-level team cannot be a Guest Player for a B1 or B-level team at the same grade level. Prior to the start of the game, the coach using a Guest Player must notify the opposing coach with official present stating his/her team will be playing with a Guest player. Player must be in similar school uniform.

The primary goals of this rule are to allow games to be played using a full complement of players, avoid forfeits and improve the balance of play; however, this rule is not intended to be used to gain an overt competitive advantage.

RESCHEDULING

Coaches may not reschedule any games requiring paid officials. Only in the event of a School or Church calendar change occurring after scheduling has taken place will the GWAC consider a change.

GRACE PERIOD

There is no grace period unless authorized by the league. If a team is not on the court and prepared to play at the scheduled game time, the game is declared a forfeit. Teams must be on the court ready to play at these times, not just walking into the gym.

ROSTERS

Coaches will receive an email with a link to complete an online roster form. At that time coaches will submit their players' names, school, grade, and uniform number. They will also indicate their preference of trophies or t-shirts, should they place first or second in league standings. Be sure to indicate sizes of shirts on your submitted roster. Coaches can print their completed roster which must be

available at all games. Games will be forfeited if coaches have not completed their online rosters by their first league game.

UNIFORMS

All girls on a team must wear shirts and shorts of identical color and style. All uniforms must have a number readily visible on the front and back. If shirts or athletic compression shorts are to be worn under the official uniform, they must match all those wearing shirts or shorts. No sweat pants, thermal underwear, slacks, cut-offs, leggings, etc. may be worn under the uniform shorts. All players must wear non-marking gym shoes. No turf shoes. For the sake of players' safety, no jewelry is permitted to be worn and no gum chewing is permitted on the court.

REPORTING SCORES

There are several ways you can now report your scores. Winning scores and wins by forfeit must be reported within 72 hours to be credited. Failure to do so will result in the team not being credited in league standings. The system will send us an email reporting any scores reported after the time set for each game/division. Only the winning coach should report the score. Any questions contact your league contact or send an email to cincygwac@gmail.com

Our League PIN # is 3357

1. Go to the following website to report scores.
<http://gwacsports.com/phoneitin/>
2. For those with IPHones or Androids devices
 - Download TeamNet™ from Apple's App Store or the Android Market
 - Signing In - Entering the leagues PIN number and a game number
 - Confirm - Confirm the game is correct and proceed to enter score
3. You can also login to the website:
www.gwacsports.com.
 - Go to the basketball dropdown menu and click on teams/divisions.
 - Go to your division and click on your team.
 - Upper right hand corner is login information.
 - Enter your email and password number. Note: Information is on the front of your clinic book.
 - Follow links for scores.

Only the winning coach should report the score. If you have any problems, please contact your league contact or send an email to cincygwac@gmail.com

AWARDS

1st and 2nd place awards will be distributed in all competitive leagues at the end of league play for all sports, except possibly in the case of a tie in the final league standings (see below).

- If 1st and/or 2nd place ties exist in the final league standings, the following rules will be in effect:
- If two or more teams are tied for 1st place, all teams will receive 1st place awards and no 2nd place awards will be given.
- If there is a single 1st place team and two or more teams tied for 2nd place, the league winner will receive 1st place awards and the teams tied for 2nd place will receive 2nd place awards.

Awards are given to teams that come in 1st or 2nd in their division. At the beginning of the season all teams must complete their roster on the GWAC website specifying whether their team would prefer trophies or t-shirts. If requesting t-shirts include sizes.

Any questions, email our GWAC VP – Jenny Nie at jenlou@roadrunner.com – If a roster is not uploaded, it will default to 10 trophies for the team.

WEATHER

To check a game status, do one of the following:

- 1) Sign up for the RAINED OUT text message on the league website.
- 2) Go to the league website for updated information

FORFEITS

If your team is unable to make a scheduled game, the forfeiting coach is responsible for contacting your league contact. The opposing coach will be notified by your league contact. If a forfeit occurs, do not pay referee fees at the game site. Forfeits are the responsibility of the forfeiting school and the league will handle payment.

COACHES

The OHSAA has a 14' coaching box rule. One head coach, one assistant coach and a scorekeeper only are permitted to occupy the bench along with team members. Only one coach is to be standing in the coach's box. The other coach and scorekeeper must be seated.

Coaches who are roaming the sidelines will be given one warning by the officials. If the behavior continues, a technical will be given.

The referee has authority over the game, all players, coaches and fans present observing the game. He/she may take any action deemed necessary to insure a fairly played game. We know there are times when coaches will be compelled to question a call. All we ask is that you extend to these officials the courtesy and respect his/her position deserve.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES 202

GWAC has published their guidelines for participation in this year's basketball season on their website.

Anyone not following our guidelines will not participate.

www.gwacsports.com

CRITICISM/COMPLAINTS CONCERNING OFFICIALS

Should you find any official to be questionable in his/her officiating, we ask that you write/email your complaint with name of the official the complaint is against, your name, school, game code, division, date of the game played and the nature of the complaint.

Direct email to:
Eric Fay
Director of Basketball
Scheduling
erictfay@live.com

The officials will be made aware that they are open to criticism (we hope constructive) so please do not hesitate to do this. It is the only way we can obtain reliable feedback. We do not expect to hear about every bad call. Please use good judgment. We cannot take action without complete details.

LEAGUE CONTACT

ALL 5th & 6th Teams

- Eric Fay @ erictfay@live.com

ALL 7th & 8th Teams and H.S. Teams

- Bev Rosemeyer at berosemeyer@yahoo.com

PROTEST RULE

1. Any protest must be placed with the games official(s) and the opposing coach at the time of the infraction. Both coaches and the official(s) must sign the official scorebook. From that time on, the remainder of the game will be played under protest. At the end of the game, the official will take this page from the official scorebook and submit it to the Director of Officials.
Protest must be filed before game is over.
2. The reason for protest must be submitted in writing or in email to his/her league secretary by the protesting coach within twenty-four (24) hours after the game. A protest fee of \$25 must accompany the protest. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee will be refunded.
3. The protest board will consist of Director of Officials and two impartial parish representatives from GWAC.
4. The GWAC President will preside over the meeting. Those in attendance at the protest meeting will be the Director of Officials, the protest board, the league secretary, if necessary, the game official(s) and (1) one coach from each team involved in the protest. All those required to be present at the meeting will be notified by the league contact as to the date, time and location of the meeting.
5. The outcome of the protest will be decided by a majority vote of the three members of the protest board. A protest concerning an official's decisions(s) or judgment call(s) will NOT be considered. A rule interpretation is protestable. If a protest is upheld, the game ensues from the point of the protest or the protest board may take other appropriate action.

CONDUCT OF PLAYERS, COACHES AND SPECTATORS

If a written or verbal complaint(s) is received by the GWAC stating that, in the opinion of the complainant, a coach, player or anyone else connected with the team has conducted him/herself in an unsportsmanlike manner, that person may be notified of the complaint by the GWAC president or vice president. Depending upon the nature of the complaint(s), an investigation may be made. If, subsequent to an investigation, the complaint(s) is deemed valid by the GWAC League representatives, appropriate disciplinary measures can and will be taken. Discipline may range from a warning to suspension from any further league activity for the remainder of the season.

Any coach, team member, or anyone else connected with a team, who is ejected by an official for unsportsmanlike conduct during a game will be suspended not only for the remainder of that game, but also from participation in that team's next league-sanctioned game. During suspension, the individual will not be permitted on the premises.

Failure to comply will result in the team's forfeiture of the game(s) played during noncompliance.

The individual being disciplined is entitled to appear before the GWAC League representatives either during the investigative process, if feasible, or to appeal any disciplinary action taken subsequent to the completion of the investigation. Any appeal must be in writing, and any disciplinary measures meted out by the GWAC must be complied with pending completion of the appeal and appearance before the GWAC. Failure to comply with disciplinary measures will result in the team's forfeiture of any games played during noncompliance.

If a coach, parent, or fan is ejected for any reason, he/she must leave the premises.

For additional information on the Code of Conduct, please go to the Archdiocese Charter on Youth Athletics.

www.catholiccincinnati.org/ayatf/

Examples of Unsportsmanlike conduct by a player include, but are not limited to:

- Derogatory remarks
- Showing excessive disgust with official's decisions
- Using insulting language or gestures

GWAC WEBSITE

Please visit the GWAC website-www.gwacsports.com

The website will have schedules, standings,
coaching tips and drills.

FOUNDING MEMBERS of G.W.A.C. 1970

OUR LADY of VICTORY
OUR LADY of VISITATION
ST. ANTONINUS
ST. CATHARINE
ST. JUDE
ST. MARTIN

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ST. CATHARINE of SIENA
ST. CLEMENTS
ST. DOMINIC
ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA
ST. JAMES – White Oak
ST. JOHN – Dry Ridge
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ST. JUDE
ST. LAWRENCE
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