

Gym Team Bylaws, Revised 8/22/2014

- 1.** The Gym team will be comprised of youths living in the Athens Consolidated School District 213, or the Greenview Consolidated School District 200, and will compete in The Gym league in Springfield, various tournaments, and against other area teams as scheduled. This league is geared toward more advanced players and should teach more advanced fundamentals of basketball along with good sportsmanship.
- 2.** All players that tryout will be placed on a team. Player cut's will not be made.
 - a. Players will be placed on a team by score of tryout.
 - b. Teams will be a minimum of 8 players and a maximum of 10 players.
 - c. Player's may only tryout once.
 - d. If a player wishes to tryout and cannot make either tryout, they need to contact the VP of Basketball and arrange a time they can have a private tryout. This decision and time is at the discretion of the VP of Basketball.
- 3.** AYSA will form the teams by the following guidelines.
 - a. The top players at each grade level will be placed on one team. In this document this team will be referred to as the "A" team.
 - b. AYSA will attempt to have a team for 2nd thru 5th grade boy's and girls.
 - c. AYSA will attempt to field more than one team if the numbers provide.
 - d. The players that do not finish the tryouts with the top scores will be placed on a different team. In this document this team will be referred to as the "B" team. If numbers require this team may be a mix of grade levels. For example, if 14-4th grade boy's tryout and 10-5th grade boy's tryout, we would have the top 8 scoring 4th grade boys on one team and the top scoring 8 5th grade boy's on one team. The remaining 8 boy's that tryout would be placed on a team mixed of 4th and 5th grade boy's.
 - e. We do not guarantee all teams will have an equal number. AYSA will adjust the team sizes in accordance to tryout scores to the best of our ability.
 - f. AYSA reserves the right to adjust the number's on each team in order to keep the teams competitive and give the players the best playing experience.
- 4.** All players' must tryout at their current school grade level.
 - a. If no team is available at the player's grade level, then he/she would be included in the score's for the grade above.
 - b. This rule is only to insure that if a player wants to play and there is not enough players' at their specific grade, they would still be considered for the gym team.
 - c. The one exception to this rule is: if a 1st grade boy or girl wishes to try out for the 2nd grade team, they can tryout. They will not be placed on the 2nd grade team ahead of an eligible 2nd grade boy or girl. Even if their tryout score is higher. If there is space available on a team,

they will be placed on a team. A 3rd grade player will not be considered ahead of a 4th grade player, a 4th grade player will not be considered ahead of a 5th grade player.

d. The “B” team may be excluded from this rule. If numbers require us to mix 2nd and 3rd or 4th and 5th to form a “B” team, in order to avoid cuts, AYSA will mix the grade levels. A 1st grader may also be considered for the 2nd grade “B” team, but they will not be placed on the team ahead of an eligible 2nd grade player.

e. If there is not enough player’s to form a team at a specific grade level, the VP of Basketball may reach out to the coach to find a player to fill the team.

5. Player’s may be removed from a team. This would be done through the following process.

a. Parent or coach would express interest in taking the player off of their gym team.

b. Parent and Coach would discuss the reason why.

c. Parent and coach would have a meeting with the VP of Basketball and explain why they wanted to make this change.

d. The VP of Basketball would decide if this was in everyone’s best interest.

e. Coach would discuss with the player the reason why they are making this decision.

f. An open tryout would be held for any player that wanted to take the player’s spot.

6. The “A” team will not be “required” to play “Rec” league basketball.

a. They will play a 14 game “Gym” schedule plus the “Gym” tournament.

b. This schedule lasts from November until sometimes March. Length of schedule should be considered by all parents and players that qualify to join this team. (If the parent does not feel like they can make the commitment required for the season, they should consider the “B” team option.)

c. This schedule will be covered by the initial fee.

d. They will also receive free entry to the Junior Warrior Classic.

e. A coach or parent may request a player play “Rec” basketball. These requests will be considered on an individual basis.

f. Any additional tournaments they decide to enter will be the responsibility of the coach and the parents.

g. If the coach decides not to have the team participate in the Gym winter schedule they would then be divided up into the Rec league.

7. The “B” team will be required to play “Rec” basketball.

a. They will play an 8 game fall “Gym” schedule.

b. This schedule lasts from November through December/January.

c. They will then be split up and play a 6 game “Rec” schedule.

d. The “Rec” and “Gym” basketball will be covered by the initial fee paid.

8. All fees are due at tryouts unless prior arrangements are made with the VP of Basketball for AYSA.

a. If fee's are not paid, or arrangements are not made, a player's tryout will not be considered for the "A" team. Once this player's fee is paid, they will be placed on the "B" team and a jersey will be ordered. Regardless of their tryout score.

b. Hardship discounts will not be accepted. Payment plans can be arranged by credit card through PayPal.

9. All teams will have uniforms provided.

a. 3rd, 4th, 5th grade boy's and girl's "A" teams will have reversible green and white shorts and jersey's.

b. All other teams will be provided with jersey/shirts paid for from fees.

9. Coaches will be picked by the VP of Basketball and then approved by the AYSA board.

10. Tryouts will be timed and scored, not judged. The tryout form is available on the AYSA website.

a. Each player will be assigned a number for tryouts.

b. The player or his parent is to fill out the signup sheet when they show up for tryouts, and provide check or cash payment.

c. The VP of Basketball will match up the numbers to the names only after scoring of the tryout is complete.

d. The VP of Basketball will total the tryout scores. Just for verification, a separate person will recheck the math on the total scores.

e. Tryouts will be timed/scored by people chosen by the VP of Basketball.

f. After tryout score's are totaled they can be seen by request. Names will not be seen on the tryout forms shown. This is only to protect the player's. The number assigned on the top of each score sheet may be blacked out.

11. Player eligibility

a. Girls will not be allowed to play on the boys teams.

b. Boys will not be allowed to play on the girls teams.

c. Players may be disciplined by the coach for missing practices or games. It will be up to each individual coach. The coach should determine this rule prior to the first practice.

12. Practice times will be arranged through the VP of Basketball.

a. A practice schedule will be made up in conjunction with the individual coaches. The practice dates and time will be coordinated and approved by the Athletic Director of Athens School District and approved by the VP of Basketball.

- b. Any change in the schedule will be conveyed to the coaches via email, text, or phone call from the VP of Basketball at his/her earliest convenience.
- c. Practices will be individual team practices.
- d. Athens School district reserves the right to move AYSA practice times for school sponsored teams/events.

13. Game rules and player conduct

- a. Games will be scheduled by The Gym for league play and other games and tournaments will be at the coach's discretion.
- b. The Gym will provide referee(s) and score keepers for The Gym league games. For all other games and tournaments each team must have one representative to either keep the clock or the score book.
- c. Each player will be responsible for their own transportation to and from practices and games.
- d. AYSA will provide a referee(s) for each game scheduled outside of The Gym league, excluding any outside tournament's entered into by the coaches.
- e. Game rules will be followed in accordance with the location hosting the game.
- f. Player's are expected to follow all conduct rules for the host of the event. Ejection or disciplinary action by the host event can be followed by disciplinary action by the team's coach.

14. Coach and parent conduct

- a. Coaches are expected to be an example for the players'.
- b. Parents' are expected to also be examples for the players'.
- c. Ejection by a referee from any event can lead to further disciplinary action by AYSA. The decision on this could be made by a board vote, either by e-mail or in person.