

2012-2013 MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL
RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The regular season will start on **Wednesday, January 9, 2013** and will end on **Monday, January 28, 2013**.

The middle school league championship tournament will be played Wednesday, January 30, 2013 and Monday, February 4, 2013.

2. Each team will play seven (7) games and all games will count in the overall league standings. The team with the highest percentage of wins in these games will be declared the league champion. If a tie occurs, the first consideration will be head to head competition. The top four girls' teams and the top four boys' teams will play for the League Championship at FPD.
3. The starting time for games played on weekdays is 5:15 p.m. Saturday games will start at 10:00 a.m.
4. **Due to transportation delays and traffic congestion, teams occasionally arrive late. It is important that both teams have the opportunity to play. Although it is not ideal, consider allowing your team to play with little or no warm-up. Remember--To the athlete it is about having the opportunity to play.**
5. Length of playing time: 10 minute quarters with the clock only being stopped for timeouts, player injury, or scorer problems. The players may not approach their coach when the clock is stopped for player injury or scorer problems.

Time between quarters:	one minute
Time between halves:	three minutes
Time between games:	five minutes
Number of Timeouts:	two per half (1-Full, 1-30 second)

The clock will be stopped for the last 30 seconds of each quarter as in regulation basketball with one exception – **if a team is 30 points ahead at the beginning of the fourth quarter, the clock will continue to run until time expires.**

If the regulation game ends in a tie, a 3-minute overtime will be played. The overtime will be played with a running clock, except for the last 30 seconds which will be played by official rules. One 30-second timeout may be called by each team.

6. On a game day preceding a school day, both games must be completed by 7:15 p.m. Since we are using a running clock, this should not be a problem.
7. Admission will be charged for games. **The admission charge is \$3 for everyone.** Do not change the admission fee. It is important that we are consistent throughout the league. Some revenue can be generated from this as well as controlling the people coming into the gym.
8. It will be the responsibility of principals and coaches to select qualified adult(s) to serve scorekeeper and/or clock operator. **Students may not keep the clock or the official scorebook**

9. The Home Team is responsible for e-mailing the Athletic Office (eashley@bibb.k12.ga.us) with the results of the girls' and boys' game. Please do this so that we may keep up with the league standings.
10. Please list your players on the Middle School Certificate of Eligibility Form found in the Middle School Athletic Handbook. This roster should be in the Bibb County Athletic Office **at least one week** before your first game. You must have a minimum of seven (7) players on each team.
11. **Do not allow a student to try-out, practice, or participate without a physical, consent form, and a code of conduct form on file.**
12. Eligibility: Read the Middle School Athletic Handbook (p. 1-2) for eligibility requirements. . Any violation of an eligibility rule will result in the forfeiture of any game in which the ineligible student participates and a period of game suspensions for the coach. Remember – if a player has reached the age of 16, he/she is ineligible.
13. All coaches are required to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure the safe conduct of games and the safe departure of teams from the playing site. Home coaches should always be present as the visiting team leaves the gym, boards the bus, and leaves the school area. School officials are urged to take whatever precautions are necessary to keep down any unpleasant incidents. Law enforcement officers will be assigned and paid for by this office for all league games. These officers are on the clock from 4:45 - 7:30 p.m. This does not release the host school from responsibility for security. Visiting coaches must cooperate with the host school and officers so we can eliminate problems to the best of our ability. **It is strongly suggested that visiting teams remain in the gym until the crowd has cleared the area.**
14. *Coaches are also reminded of the necessity for them to demonstrate good decorum and conduct during the game. The coaches' attitudes, language, and actions will dictate those of players and fans, and often it is the coach who not only gets into trouble with the officials, but also incites players and fans to undesirable actions!
15. Officials for Bibb County games will be assigned by this office and paid by the school district. All officials used must be certified officials belonging to a GHSA approved association. If the officials are late or only one official shows, notify this office the following day. **If no officials show, call Eddie Ashley (478/957-8058) immediately.**
16. Coaches are not to change or cancel games without specific permission from this office.

17. We play the 3-point rule in all boys' and girls' games. Be sure your scorers and timers understand the rule.

The location of a player with respect to the 3-point line is where he or she is touching the floor. If the player is airborne, his or her location is the same as at the time the player was last in contact with the floor. Touching the line prior to the release of the ball on a try, places the shooter in the 2-point area. The plane of the line has no significance to the location of the player or whether it is a 2- or 3-point try. After releasing the ball on a try from a location behind the line, the shooter may land on the line or inside it without influencing the fact that 3 points will be scored if it is successful. The 3-point try starts and ends exactly the same as a 2 pointer. The crediting of points relative to the ending of a period is identical to that of a 2-point try.

If defensive goal-tending or basket interference occurs on a 3-point try, 3 points are awarded. If a player is fouled in the act of shooting an unsuccessful 3-point try, the player will be awarded three free throws. If the player is fouled in the act of shooting a successful 3-point, the player will be awarded one free throw.

A signal has been adopted to indicate when a 3-point try is made and another signal is used to indicate a successful goal. The covering official gives a preliminary signal (3 fingers on arm extended at head level) to denote a 3-point try. If the try is successful, the covering official extends both arms over head with palms inward in the traditional "touchdown" signal. The other official shall also give the successful signal.

18. For the pre-game and 2nd half warm-up period and during the time of team introductions, the teams cannot run around or through the opposing team's half of the court and the mid-court circle is off limits to both teams. Violation of this will be a technical foul. This means: Your team should take the most direct route onto the court. Do not divide your team into 2 groups. Take one route onto your end of the court then divide your team. Do not go in the mid-court circle at anytime prior to the start of the game or 2nd half unless directed to do so by the officials. Your team or a member of your team cannot be anywhere in that circle during pre-game or the 2nd half warm-up period.
19. Technical fouls are combined with personal fouls for player disqualification. If a player is charged with a technical foul, this counts as one of his/her personal fouls.
20. Technical and personal fouls are combined to reach the bonus. The bonus shall begin on the 7th team foul by the opponents in each half. Beginning with the 10th team foul in a half, the shooting team will be awarded 2 shots.
21. A player, or any bench personnel, will be disqualified on their second technical foul. Any individual disqualified in a game may not play in the next 2 scheduled games.
22. **The 3rd technical foul or the 2nd technical foul charged directly to the head coach is automatically considered flagrant and the coach shall be disqualified.**
23. **Every technical foul, unsportsmanlike conduct or disqualification, must be reported on the attached form. If your team is involved in a game where this occurs, make the report even if your team did not commit the violation. This form must be completed and faxed to this office immediately.**

24. A player who is bleeding, or has an open wound, or has an excessive amount of blood on his or her uniform must leave the game and may not return prior to the first opportunity for such player to re-enter, unless a time-out is called by the coach.
25. There can be no player control foul during an interrupted dribble.
26. The coach shall designate the free thrower in a technical foul situation.
27. A player occupying a marked lane space may move on release, but shall not break the plane of the free throw line until the ball touches the ring or backboard or until the free throw ends.
28. Excessive swinging of the arms or elbows is a technical foul rather than a violation.
29. Videotaping is allowed for your games only.

REMINDERS – Bus Requests, Certificate of Eligibility, Consent Form, Code of Conduct, Email Game Results (Home Team)

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Girls:	Chantay Edwards	
Boys:	TBA	
Bloomfield		478/779-4800
Girls:	Tierra McCain/Tondalaya Davis	
Boys:	Reginald Coleman/Kimberly Austin	
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Boys:	Matt Kitchell	
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Girls:	Sherri Marks	
Boys:	Jerry Copper/Bobby Poff	
Miller		478/779-4050
Girls:	Elizabeth Finch	
Boys:	Patrick Hodges	
Rutland		478/779-4400
Girls:	Maria Lewis/LaTanya Sandifer	
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