

## **Policy 5110 BASKETBALL (Boys & Girls)**

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### **I. Scheduling**

- All teams will play a double round-robin schedule.
- Teams will play home and away each season.
- Tuesdays --Triple headers. Thursdays will be sub-varsity double headers opposite sites. Fridays will be Varsity Double headers.
- For Thursdays sub-varsity games: The school hosting the varsity game will host the girls freshman and JV. The away varsity team will host the boys freshman and JV on the preceding night.
- The league schedule will rotate every two years with the last game being moved to the first and other games moved back accordingly.

### **II. Division Championship Determination**

Two points for a win, one point for a tie, and zero points for a loss.

### **III. Starting Times**

- Triple Headers will start at 4:00 p.m. with 15 minutes between the freshman and JV games. There will be a 20 minute warm up between the JV and Varsity games.
- Sub-varsity Double Headers will start at 5:30 p.m. The JV game will start fifteen-minutes after the freshman game.
- Varsity Double Headers will start at 6:00 p.m. The second game can start
- 20 minutes after the completion of the first game or 15 minutes after the completion of the first game with approval of both coaches.
- Boys play first on "odd" years and girls play first on "even" years on Varsity Double Header nights (Follow MHSAA cross country rotation).

### **IV. Pre-Game Warm-Up**

- The court is to be available thirty-minutes prior to the start of the first contest.
- Freshman and JV teams get a maximum of fifteen-minutes warm-up. Varsity will get a maximum of twenty-minutes warm-up.
- A longer warm-up must be agreed upon by both schools.
- The introductions and the National Anthem will not be part of the pre-game warm-up. During introductions starting players are expected to shake the hand of the opposing coach.
- When a host school conducts a special activity that will interrupt the routine, they shall be required to notify the visiting AD at least forty-eight hours in advance.

## **V. Rules of the Game**

- All MHSAA and National Federation rules will be followed.
- The MHSAA mercy rule will apply for varsity, JV, and freshman games.
- Only 12 cheerleaders will be allowed on the floor during the game. Any number is allowed during time-outs and half-time.
- Only the home team may have a pep band. The pep band must be under the supervision of an adult.
- No noisemakers will be allowed.
- White uniforms at home; dark on the road.
- Spectators will be prohibited from forming pep lines on the game floor.

## **VI. Game Format**

- Games will be four quarters of eight-minutes each.
- Half-time will be ten-minutes long unless both teams agree to an extension.

## **VII. Host School Responsibilities**

- Provide registered MHSAA officials at each level:
  - ✓ Freshman: Two Officials
  - ✓ JV: Two Officials
  - ✓ Varsity: Three Officials
- Schools have the option of contracting three officials to work sub-varsity double headers.
- Warm-up balls for both teams.
- Water and ice for both teams.
- Locker room facilities for the visiting team.
- Chalkboard or equivalent for visitors.
- Changing area for officials.
- Certified athletic trainer or doctor (if possible).
- Provide an adult as the timer, announcer, and scorer for varsity games.
- Host school trainers will tape the visiting team (if asked). As a courtesy, the visiting team should bring taping supplies.

## **VIII. Make-Up Dates**

- Postponed dates will be made up on the next available date.
- Division games take precedence over non-division games.

## **IX. Reporting Scores**

The host school will report scores to:

- Jackson Citizen Patriot (800-878-3267)
- Lansing State Journal (800-365-1068)