

Dear Coaches,

Thank you for being a Cupertino Hoops coach this year. Although you have a team or two, please consider that the Cupertino Hoops Board, the referees, you, the coaches, and your assistants are also on a team to support the players.

I have a request, a requirement and then some comments on our rules.

Request: Please have a sense of urgency in getting your games started. Warm up off your game court when necessary. We have a tight schedule and do not want to deprive the teams that play later of any of their playing time.

Requirement: Have an official scorekeeper for each game. As a minimum, keep track of fouls for each of your players.

Cupertino Hoops rules can be found at: http://cupertinohoops.org/?page_id=181

Following are some comments:

1. ALL players in ALL divisions will shoot half-time free throws
2. With some modifications, we follow High School Basketball rules so please ensure that players understand the basics, e.g., 3-second rule, double dribble and carrying the ball.
3. There are rules on playing time. These will generally be enforced on an honors basis during the season, but will be monitored more closely during the year-end tournament. If a team is suspected of violating the playing time rules, that team and its coaches will be monitored closely and "assisted" with substitutions as needed. For the sake of your players, please strive to achieve equal playing time as much as possible.
4. Substitutions will happen at 5 minute intervals unless you have more than 10 players suited up. Please help the refs to remember. Since the clock runs during substitutions, please sub quickly.
5. Undershirts – although high school rules require the color of any shirt under the jersey to match the jersey, Hoops will allow another color as long as ALL undershirts are the same color. If there is a violation(s), the player(s) can play but the opposing team gets one free throw per violation. No player is required to wear a shirt under the jersey.
6. Please help with the mercy and no-back-court-defense rules. Ideally, these rules are enforced by you the coaches instructing your players.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any board member to get further clarifications.

Enjoy the season!!!

Don Van Buren

Head Referee / Referee Coordinator

Cupertino Hoops