

Readington Men's Basketball League Rules & Regulations

1. The Readington Twp. Men's Basketball League is for Readington male residents that must be thirty years of age or older.
2. Completed applications/registration forms (which may be accessed and printed from the Rec. website) and the required fee are due no sooner than September 15th and no later than October 1st of each year. If the applications/registrations are not received by this time you will lose priority in being placed on a team. Completed applications/registrations with the required fee (which must be made by check payable to Readington Recreation) should be given or mailed to the League Coordinator designated on the application/registration. The League Coordinator will be at the Readington Middle School gyms on most Monday's and Thursday's in September and October from 6:30 to 8:30 pm for over 30 men's open basketball. Upon receipt of the completed application and the required fee made payable by check to Readington Recreation, you will be logged in as wanting to play. Teams are usually selected by no later than the end of October and you will be notified by your team captain if selected to play. Due to limited gym time, the number of new players that can join the league each year is usually limited. If you do not get on a team, you will be placed on a waiting list and your fee will be returned. For any new players interested in playing in the league, they must come and play in a minimum of three over 30 men's open basketball nights from September 15 to October 15 to be evaluated so when teams are selected they can be fair and balanced.
3. The season typically runs from the end of October to late March with games played on Thursday nights and sometimes on Monday nights usually at the Readington Middle School back gym.
4. Captains for the teams will be the same captains as the prior year unless someone resigns or a 2/3 vote of the captains elects to remove any captain or any captain is removed by the Twp. Rec. Committee. Any new captains will be selected by a majority vote of the remaining captains. Captains are responsible for selecting teams and making sure all teams are fair and balanced at a draft meeting to be announced in advance, which is open to all league members wishing to attend.
5. The Executive Committee will be comprised of three individuals selected by a unanimous vote of the team captains. If the captains cannot unanimously agree to the members of the Executive Committee any short fall on the Executive Committee may be filled by appointment by the Rec. Committee Men's Basketball Liaison and the Twp. Rec. Director.

6. Playing time shall be determined by the team captains. All players must play a minimum of half the game unless hurt or removed from the game for disciplinary reasons or have any unpaid fines outstanding.
7. All games shall have scheduled two certified referees. No referee shall be scheduled that is not certified. In the event one referee fails to show, a substitute ref (not necessarily certified) may fill in with the approval of the team captains that are playing provided the other referee working the game is a certified ref. No league games will count or be played unless at least one certified ref is officiating any game.
8. If a player is called for a technical(s) due to foul language, excessive criticism, or other reasons – that will not in and of itself, result in a warning from league Exec. Committee.

A warning will be issued when a player or referee speaks or acts in a way above and beyond a normal competitive environment ex. threats, combativeness, aggressive action etc. A second similar digression (either during the same incident or another separate incident) will result in a game suspension. A third offense would result in a season (regular & playoffs) suspension.

An automatic one game suspension (or longer) pending the severity of the offense would be declared for any effort to hit, kick, punch another, or throw elbows excessively. Anyone who does hit, kick, punch or throws elbows will have a minimum of three game suspension and potential league banishment.

The decisions will be arrived by the League Exec. Committee with approval from the Readington Recreation Committee Men's Basketball Liaison and the Town's Recreation Director. Input from captains will be taken into consideration. Decisions once made will be final. A member of the Exec. Committee will inform the offender and their captain as well as the offende and their captain, prior to the next scheduled game. Should anyone disagree with the decision of the League Exec. Committee, they may appeal it in writing sent to the Township Recreation Director and/or Men's Basketball Recreation Committee liaison member who will bring it to the attention of the Recreation Committee. The appealing individual will then be required to come to the next Recreation Committee meeting to discuss the appeal only after which will the appeal be acted on by the Recreation Committee.

Note: The penalties imposed are all "judgment calls" and each incident will be viewed separately and distinctly by the Exec. Committee. The expected Behavior and associated Penalties are meant to be guidelines, NOT LAW.

The intended goal is that by creating and clearly communicating the agreed to Behavior Penalties this will remind League Members that this type of behavior is

unbecoming our members, and in the event of an unfortunate event, there will be consequences.

9. If anyone has a problem with what has happened during the game, the player should bring this verbally to his captain's attention. The captain will then bring any problems to the Executive Committee. Alternatively, said problem may also be brought by anyone to the attention of the League Executive Committee in writing. The League Executive Committee will make the Rec. Committee Liaison aware of any such written complaint. The Executive Committee with approval from the Readington Recreation Committee Men's Basketball Liaison and the Town's Recreation Director will be the final determination as to any actions to be taken.
10. Provided they are a township resident, owner of a business in town paying taxes, or are an employee of the Readington Twp. Board of Education, all members that were previously in the league the prior year are given the first right to join the league again next year provided they have completed and submitted their application/registration form and required check by the dates stipulated herein. If there are openings, the next people in line are those township residents who have played in the league before but did not play in the prior year that also have their completed application/ registration form and required check by the dates required. If there are no openings, people will be put on a waiting list in case someone gets hurt. Out of town players will only be permitted if everyone from Readington wanting to play is first on a team.
11. Each team is required to have one person to man the clock and do the book each week. If your team does not provide someone to do this, your team is fined \$10. The captain can assign the fine to whomever he assigned the responsibility for this game. The fine must be paid by your next game or your next game will result in a forfeit.

Team jerseys must be worn each game. Individuals will be fined \$10 each time an infraction occurs. Payment must be made by the next game or else that individual will not be allowed to play until the fine is paid.

These fines will be used to help cover the costs of the year end party.

12. Please remember that this is a social league. We all have jobs to go to in the morning. We expect hard play but no dirty play. Please remember that this is a league for exercise and some competition. This is not the NBA and we need to remember this as we go about playing in the league.
13. Games comprised of two twenty minute halves. There is a running clock that is only stopped by the whistle with two minutes left in the second half. If a team is winning by more than 15 points with two minutes left, the clock will continue to run and will not be stopped. Each team has 4 timeouts to be used at any time. If

the game goes to overtime, unused timeouts are carried over and each team is awarded an additional timeout. Overtime comprises of 3 minutes of clock. The rules of the second half would carry over to overtime.

14. If a team is short players, they are allowed to recruit other players already in the league. The team must recruit a player that is no higher than their highest seed that is missing that day. The other captain must approve the pick.

There will be no substitutes for playoff games. If you do not have 5 people, you will have to forfeit the game.

15. All teams qualify for the playoffs. They will begin when the regular season ends.
16. If schools are closed due to inclement weather, our games are automatically cancelled. If activities are canceled because of inclement weather, you will be notified via email that the games have been postponed. If you have a question about a game, email or call your captain.
17. The Rec. Committee reserves the right to add, delete or change or modify any rule or regulation herein as it sees fit in its sole and absolute discretion.