

**EDINA GIRLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
2011 RULES FOR HOUSE BASKETBALL
2nd GRADE LEAGUE**

COACHES MUST HAVE A COPY OF THE 2011 RULES AT EACH GAME

The E.G.A.A. house basketball program is meant to be **FUN and INSTRUCTIONAL**. The second grade program is entirely instructional in nature. Teams will have many levels of ability and experience. It is important that each girl has ample opportunity to improve her skills by dribbling, passing, and shooting baskets during each "event". An event is defined as a practice/scrimmage and game situation.

1. EVENT ORGANIZATION

This is the 4th year that the EGAA has teamed up with the Minnesota Developmental Basketball Program. They will assist our program, your girls with developing fundamentally appropriate skills through a series of drills each night for a period of about 35 minutes. They will concentrate on skill development activities starting with basics of passing, dribbling and shooting. Learning **preset "plays" is discouraged at this age level.**

The final 25 minutes each night will be set aside for scrimmaging. The Girls will be divided equally into teams and the scrimmages will be supervised by the Volunteer parents/coaches. Penne's will be provided to assist in splitting up the girls into teams.

Scrimmage / Game.

There will be no official time keeping or score keeping.

1. **BASKETS** will be 8-feet for 2nd grade house league teams. A junior size ball will be used in this league.
2. **DEFENSE RULES.** In the spirit of instruction, the following are specific rules regarding defense:
 - a. Person to person defense only.
 - b. Defense may guard their person only after the ball has crossed half court. No pressing allowed. No double or triple teaming is allowed.
 - c. Defensive players may not steal a dribbled or held ball. This habit encourages bad footwork and bad habits. However, a player may intercept an opponent's pass.
 - d. A defensive player is NOT allowed to play an area of the court as opposed to a person, e.g., a player **MAY NOT** be stationed in the key in order to pick up an offensive player who has moved past her defender.
 - e. Switching person-to-person is permissible **if** the defender calls "switch" and immediately leaves the player she is defending and switches to another offensive player. A defender may only call switching if the offensive player they are guarding is screening or being screened, or if an offensive player "beats" her defender.
 - f. After the defense has gained control of the ball, either by a rebound, missed shot or interception, the team losing possession of the ball must fall behind the Half-Court line.
3. **SUBSTITUTION AND EQUAL PLAYING TIME.** Coaches **MUST** rotate players among the different positions. Each team member present must play half the scrimmage / game. No player can play the entire game unless the minimum number of players is present. No player may play more than half the game unless 9 or fewer players are present. In this situation, players must

be rotated in and out-of-the-game so that each player receives EQUAL PLAYING TIME. Please try to keep everyone involved in the game.

4. **NO FREE THROWS:** Free throws will not be shot for any type of foul.
5. **STEALING:** No stealing the ball while it is being dribbled or held, however a player may intercept an opponent's pass.
6. **HELD BALLS:** A held ball will result in a turnover after ten seconds.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES:

1. **COACHES MUST HAVE COPIES OF THE 2011 RULES AT EACH GAME.** It is your responsibility to help enforce the rules at the time of an infraction, not after the completion of the season.
2. To foster **TEAM UNITY**, a strong **COMMITMENT** to attend both practices and games is **HIGHLY ENCOURAGED for EACH TEAM MEMBER**. Coaches **ARE NOT OBLIGATED** to give **EQUAL PLAYING TIME** to team members who **LACK THIS COMMITMENT**.
3. **WATER BOTTLES ONLY.** Team members, coaches, parents, and spectators should bring water bottles to games and practices.
4. **NO SODA, FOOD OR PETS** will be allowed in Edina school gyms or hallways. **MONITORS** will enforce this guideline.
5. **CHILDREN MUST BE NEAR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS** during practices and games in Edina schools to ensure children's safety.
6. **EVERYONE MUST STAY OFF ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT STORED IN GYMS** to ensure respect for school property.
7. **NO JEWELRY** shall be worn by team players during practices or games to ensure all players safety.
8. **FIRST AID KITS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COACHES AND CUSTODIANS.** Coaches should arrive 15 minutes early to make sure the custodian has **SET OUT** the first aid kit and has the baskets at the correct height. After the last game of the evening, the coaches must **RETURN** the electronic scoreboard and the first aid kit to the custodian who will store them together in a closet to ensure their safety.
9. **GYMS MUST BE LEFT IN GOOD ORDER.** Use of our school facilities is a **PRIVILEGE** we must respect. Gym monitors will enforce this guideline by a final check for trash and paper left behind.