

PLHBA Modified Rules for Miniball

Miniball Overview

Miniball is a modified form of basketball for beginners. It has been designed for children to learn basic fundamental basketball skills and develop gameplay.

- Miniball has modified rules-please see below
- Boys and girls may play in the same team.
- Boys teams may be fixtured to play girls teams.
- Miniball uses low backboards
- Size 5 ball
- The referees may call for a substitution in the case of shoe laces needing retying.
- There are no finals for Miniball

Please remember that the aim of Miniball is participation and all players should be given an equal opportunity to play and develop their skills.

Coaches and parents should not be concerned about winning games.

Special Miniball Rules

Free throws: taken from a line 1200 mm in front of the free throw line.

Three point shots: For all games with low backboards successful shots from outside the three point line will only score 2 points.

Zone Defence: No Zone Defence allowed or double teaming in the back court (see below)

NOTE: This is not the referees' responsibility. Suspected breeches should be reported to either the Games Controller or a Referees Supervisor.

PENALTY: Technical foul on the coach as instructed by the referee supervisor or PLHBA official. Note, a warning will be given prior to a technical foul. A second infringement will result in the technical foul.

No cross court (or over and back) violation.

Half-Court Defence:

No double teaming in the back court is allowed by the defensive team.

PENALTY: Offence receives the ball back at the advance mark in the front court opposite the team benches.

Interpretation of Rules:

Referees are asked to be helpful to the young players and to explain their calls where necessary. The referees are asked to show tolerance concerning violations which do not allow too much advantage.

Examples of interpretation

- No 3 second rule.
- Leniency on travelling in back court after a score.
- When a player has obviously stepped over the line when attempting to put the ball into play blow the whistle, stop them, explain, and let them do it properly.

Reaching across on the ball handler:

The defence is not allowed to reach across from the side in order to try steal the ball. This is to encourage good defence by getting the defence to get in front and establish a legal guarding position.

PENALTY: This will be treated as a violation, and the offense will receive the ball from the sideline as appropriate. Should a foul occur however, a foul shall still be called and the penalty of that foul shall outweigh the penalty defined here.

Mercy Rule:

If a team reaches a 20 point lead they will be required to only play defence in the front court. If the lead reduces to below 15 they will then be allowed to return to full court defence.

PENALTY: Should a referee coach or PLHBA official be made aware of a violation to this rule, they shall inform the coach that half-court defence must be played. Failure to adhere to this rule is considered a violation of the Fair Play Policy and penalties shall be applied in accordance with this policy.