# Berwyn Heights Men's League: Guidelines

- ➤ The League will provide: jerseys; game basketball; referees and scorekeepers.
- The BHML philosophy is to enjoy the competitive spirit and camaraderie of a fun game in a structured league.

## **Eligibility**

- ✓ All players must be at least 30 years of age in order to participate in Sunday League games.
- ✓ Players must turn in registration form, waiver and league fee prior to League draft.
- ✓ All gym registrations MUST be paid through the Berwyn Heights Community Center
- ✓ Players must live in Berwyn Heights, be a past (or present) member of the Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club

#### Weather

- ✓ All cancellations are determined by either BHML or MNCPPC
- ✓ Games that are cancelled may be rescheduled during the regular season.

# **Officiating Obligations**

- ✓ Every participant in the BHML is *required* to serve as referee, scorekeeper, or timekeeper approximately one game per month.
- ✓ Failure to cover your assignment shall result in a one-game suspension.

#### Insurance:

✓ Participants in activities held by BHML are not covered in any manner for personal liability or property damage. This means that players are competing at their own risk.

### **Player Conduct**

Any comments, actions, or gestures meant to provoke or threaten other players or officials will not be tolerated. Abusive or foul language will not be tolerated. Violations will result in a technical foul and/or ejection from the game.

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The Berwyn Heights Men's League will be officiated in accordance with NFHS high school rules with modifications noted below.

- ✓ Games will consist of two 20-minute halves. There is a fifteen-minute grace period for the first game only. No grace period for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> games. Clock stops on all fouls, time outs and jump balls. Clock will stop on all whistles the last 2 minutes of the game
- ✓ Overtime will be a period of 5 minutes.
- ✓ Free throws are played on the release.
- ✓ Free Throw Line Up- 6 players are allowed in the paint (4 defensive 2 offensive) and shooter.
- ✓ Teams will be awarded four (4) time outs per game
- ✓ Teams will be awarded one additional time out for overtime and will retain any unused timeouts remaining from regulation.
- ✓ If you are not able to field a team, the team captain must notify BHML commissioner, Jim McGinnis at 301-651-8142 at least four (4) hours before the start of the game so that the League can notify the opposing team and game officials.

### Penalties & Discipline:

- ✓ A player is fouled out on his 5th personal foul.
- ✓ All technical fouls will count towards the players 5th personal foul.
- ✓ Two technical fouls in a game shall result in a player's ejection from the game.
- ✓ Any player receiving a total of three (3) technical fouls during the season will receive an automatic one-game suspension.
- ✓ Any player ejected from any two games during the course of the season, or who receives four (4) technical fouls within the season, will receive a suspension for the remainder of the season, including playoffs.
- ✓ A player committing a flagrant foul shall be ejected from the game and suspended for the following game.
- ✓ Fighting shall result in a minimum 3-game suspension, subject to review by the BHML Board. Any further violent acts may result in a one-year ban from the League.

#### Playoffs:

- ✓ Tiebreakers for playoffs will be determined by head to head record followed by total points scored throughout the season.
- ✓ Top 6 teams advance to a single elimination tournament.
- ✓ Playoff Format:
- o First Round 3 seed vs. 6 seed: 4seed vs. 5 seed
- o Second Round 1 seed vs. lowest remaining seed from 1<sup>st</sup> round; 2 seed vs. highest remaining seed.