Coach, Parent, Volunteer:

First, we want to thank everyone for participating in the upcoming youth leagues out here. As coaches we thank you for taking the time to help these kids improve their games and develop as young men and women. We hope to make this another great session, and to ensure that we want to pass along some of our policies to help things go smoothly.

**Specific Rules** Zones / Pressing - The middle school level is where we start to allow zone defenses (but still encourage man to man) and no longer reward points on fouls. However, teams are still limited to pressing only in the final 2 minutes.

\*Final 2 minutes - If the score is within 10 points in the final 2 minutes of the game the clock will stop on all dead balls.

Teams are allotted 3 Timeouts per game - all other MHSAA high school rules apply

**Team Payments** -Please provide payment for any remaining balances when you're here for your first games. We will have a sheet at the front counter with current balances and can take check, cash, credit card, Apple Pay.

**Coaching Expectations** - We ask the coaches in our league to do their best to focus on the development and instruction of their players. If you have a rules issue, disagreement or conflict of any sort please come find Kurtis, Trent, Seth or Terry for assistance. We are motivated to keep this a positive environment for development at all levels (players, coaches, fans, officials) Please know going in this is FOR THE KIDS. No abuse towards officials will be tolerated.

**Entry Process** - When you enter the building there will be a sign-in sheet for (2) coaches and (1) scorekeeper per team. They, along with players and kids under 5 will not be charged admission. Admission will be $3 per spectator. We will also have passes available for $25 that are valid for 10 entries (these do not expire).

**Scheduling** - Schedules will go up each week directly to the website <https://www.thecourthouseac.com/gr-youth-leagues> to allow for matching up of teams, adding in any new teams and accommodating weekly requests. If you have any special requests we ask that you either email (grandrapids@thecourthouseac.com) us a week in advance or let us know at your games the week prior. Once the schedule is posted it gets tough to make changes. The weekend schedules go up late Wed/early Thu each week.

**Weather Cancellations** - In the case of bad/extreme weather, for weekend leagues we will make a determination by 2 hours before games start for that day. If we do cancel we will notify coaches via email, post it to our website and social media, and notify Wood-TV 8. Please pass this along to parents to cut down on unnecessary phone calls.

**Food/Drink Policy** -

\*No outside food please

\*Players/spectators bringing their own drinks will be asked to do so in a thermos / Yeti / take home squirt bottle to reduce excess garbage in the building (Starbucks, etc will not be allowed past the tiled areas)

\*Please do your best to pick up benches after games