



## Tewksbury Girls Basketball League

### TGBL In-Town Operating Policy

**Game Rules:**

All game rules will be maintained in the Coaches Handbook. The Coaches Handbook is reviewed and approved annually by the Board of Directors prior to the start of the season as per Article XIV of the TGBL Bylaws. The League Directors are responsible for distributing the handbook to all In-Town coaches prior to the league draft.

**Team Composition:**

The number of teams for each league will be determined by the number of participating members signed up for each league in a given year. An even number of teams will always be formed for each league to ensure all teams play every week. Teams will have as close to equal number of players per team as possible, with no team having more than one(1) additional player than any other team. Teams will have an 8 player minimum.

**Team Placement:**

Teams will be determined by a league draft as outlined in Article XIII of the TGBL Bylaws, and in accordance with the In-Town Draft Policy..

**Season Scheduling:**

The In-Town season will run from mid/late November to early March each year. Each team will have one 1-hour practice each week, and 1 game each weekend. There will be no games scheduled during the following:

- Thanksgiving
- Christmas
- New Years
- The first weekend of February school vacation (games WILL be played on the second weekend)
- Travel League (RVL) Playoffs (typically the 1st or 2nd weekend in March)

**Number of games:**

The number of games per season will be determined by the BOD prior to the season start, and will be based on the season start and end dates and availability of gym time to play the games. A full slate of games must be played in the course of a weekend (Saturday or Sunday) in order for there to be league play for that week. There will be a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 14 regular season games. All games scheduled and played, and are in accordance with the rules outlined in the Coaches Handbook, will count towards the standings for each league.



## TEWKSBURY GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

### Game Scheduling:

Once the BOD sets the season dates, all games will be scheduled prior to the season start for all available weeks. Once the schedule has been determined and set, scheduling changes will only be allowed to adjust game time or venue, and not be allowed to change opponents. The final week of the regular season schedule will be “subject to change”. Changes to the final week of games can change opponents and will only be allowed for the purposes of breaking ties in standings, and only done if needed.

### Officiating:

Officials will be assigned by the Referee Coordinator for all games. League Directors and the Scheduling Coordinator must work closely with the Referee Coordinator for any schedule or venue changes to ensure all games have the proper officials assigned.

### Standings:

Standings will be kept and maintained throughout the course of the season by the League Directors. The 1st and 2nd place teams in the standings at the conclusion of all regular season games will receive awards, which will be presented at the TGBL In-Town Awards Banquet, at the end of each season.

In the event of a tie in the standings between 2 teams at the end of all regular season games, the following will be used as tie breakers:

1. **Head-to-head:** All head-to-head meetings of the 2 tied teams will be considered, with the team winning the majority of the head-to-head matchups being placed higher in the standings
2. **Total Points Allowed:** Each team's cumulative points allowed for all games played during the season will be calculated and the team with the LOWER total points against will be placed higher in the standings
3. **Coin toss:** In the event that the teams remain tied after 1 & 2 above are considered, a coin toss will be held after the final game has been played to determine which team is placed higher in the standings. A TGBL Board of Directors member will conduct the coin toss with coaches from both teams present. The BOD Member will assign “heads” and “tails” to each team and verbally communicate the assignment to both coaches prior to the coin toss. The coaches and BOD Member will validate the results of the toss and the winner will be placed higher in the standings

In the event of a tie in the standings between 3 or more teams at the end of all games, the following will be used as tie breakers:

1. **Total Points Allowed:** Each team's cumulative points allowed for all games played during the season will be calculated and the team with the LOWER total points against will be placed higher in the standings.
2. **Coin toss:** In the event that the teams remain tied after 1 above are considered, a coin toss will be held after the final game has been played to determine which team is placed higher in the standings. A TGBL Board of Directors member will conduct the coin toss with coaches from both teams present. The BOD Member will assign “heads” and “tails” to each team and verbally communicate the assignment to both coaches prior to the coin toss. The coaches and BOD Member will validate the results of the toss and the winner will be placed higher in the standings

### School Closures:

In the event of school closures due to weather or other events, efforts to reschedule the missed games will be made. If no suitable reschedule is feasible due to lack of gym time or available dates, the games will be canceled.

This policy is augmented by the TGBL Constitution and By-Laws.



# TEWKSBURY GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

## March Madness Tournament:

At the conclusion of the regular season, there will be a “March Madness” tournament held. All teams will be entered into the tournament regardless of regular season outcomes. The regular season final league standings will be used to determine seeding of the teams for the tournament. The tournament format will be based on the number of teams in the league, and follow the below:

### 4-team league:

#### First Round:

Game 1: Seed 1 (Home) vs. Seed 4 (Away)

Game 2: Seed 2 (Home) vs. Seed 3 (Away)

#### Second Round (Championship):

Game 3: Highest remaining seed from games 1&2 (Home) vs. Lowest remaining seed from games 1&2 (Away)

### 6-team league:

#### First Round: The #1 and #2 seeds will receive a first round “bye”

Game 1: Seed 3 (Home) vs. Seed 6 (Away)

Game 2: Seed 4 (Home) vs. Seed 5 (Away)

#### Second Round:

Game 3: Seed 1 (Home) vs. lowest remaining seed from games 1&2 (Away)

Game 4: Seed 2 (Home) vs. highest remaining seed from games 1&2 (Away)

#### Third Round (Championship):

Game 5: Highest remaining seed from games 3&4 (Home) vs. Lowest remaining seed from games 3&4 (Away)

### 8-team league:

#### First Round:

Game 1: Seed 1 (Home) vs. Seed 8 (Away)

Game 2: Seed 2 (Home) vs. Seed 7 (Away)

Game 3: Seed 3 (Home) vs. Seed 6 (Away)

Game 4: Seed 4 (Home) vs. Seed 5 (Away)

#### Second Round:

Game 5: Highest remaining seed from games 1-4 (Home) vs. Lowest remaining seed from games 1-4 (Away)

Game 6: Second highest remaining seed games 1-4 (Home) vs. Second lowest remaining seed games 1-4 (Away)

#### Third Round (Championship):

Game 5: Highest remaining seed from games 5&6 (Home) vs. Lowest remaining seed from games 5&6 (Away)

## Policy Change Log

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1.0	Initial creation	2/21/2024

This policy is augments the TGBL Constitution and By-Laws.