



Hills Raiders Basketball Association Score Margins Policy

Our vision at Hills Raiders Basketball Association is to see our sport celebrated as the sport of choice in the Hills community. We want to see players from all ages enjoying Community basketball in a supportive and fair environment.

Central to making this vision a reality is to ensure good sportsmanship and fairness prevails in our domestic competition. Adherence to the following Rules by Coaches, Players & Referees will greatly assist in promoting a positive culture where players of all abilities can thrive in our Association.

This policy applies to all HRBA affiliated clubs and independent teams playing in the HRBA domestic competition. HRBA will provide the necessary education to our coaches and training for our referees to ensure compliance to this policy. Failure to abide by this policy may result in court penalties including but not limited to turnover and technical fouls.

Regardless of Margins Under 10

1. Half-court defence only – No full court press. This includes post a score and all inboundings.
2. In all out of bound situations in the offensive front court, all players must vacate the keyway.
3. Play man to man at least an arm length.
4. No double-teaming players.
5. No reaching across on the ball handler. The defence is not allowed to reach across from the side to try to steal the ball.

More than 20 POINTS Under 12

1. Keyway defence at all times by the winning team
2. Play man to man at least an arm length.
3. No double-teaming players.
4. No reaching across on the ball handler. The defence is not allowed to reach across from the side to try to steal the ball.

More than 30 POINTS Under 14, Under 16, Under 18

In the event of a 30-point margin, the following must be adhered to:

1. Half-court defence at all times by the winning team

2. The winning team will then only be allowed to play man to man defence
 - a. Pack line defence is not allowed.
 - b. Single man coverage at all times.
3. Coaches should aim to challenge their players with a combination of the following:
 - a. Weak hand dribbles only.
 - b. Weak hand lay ups.
 - c. Scoring off shots only.
 - d. Minimum number of passes before a score.
4. Whilst it is not always feasible to not score, the aim of the coach for an increasing margin should be to slow the pace of the game.

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