



MIDDLE SCHOOL and JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

GRADES 8 - 9 - JUNIOR

COMMISSION / COORDINATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The FV Basketball Commission is responsible for running FV Championships for the MIDDLE SCHOOL and JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL levels of Grade 8, 9 & 10 (Junior).

The Association determines:

1. the format of the Playoffs.
2. the number of teams that qualify.
3. the number of games.
4. the dates and sites.
5. the price of admission.
6. the awards.
7. the referees.
8. the playing rules.

The actual playoffs themselves are hosted by members of the Fraser Valley from various leagues who take their turn to host Regionals and Championships.

LEAGUES

The Leagues for Junior High School Levels are operated by the local Athletic Association who is a member of BC School Sports. In the Fraser Valley, these Associations are:

1. The Coquitlam Athletic Association. (includes Coquitlam, Port Moody and Port Coquitlam).
2. The Delta Athletic Association.
3. The Fraser Valley East Athletic Association. (includes Chilliwack and Fraser Cascade).
4. The Langley District Association.
5. The Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Athletic Association.
6. The Surrey Secondary Schools' Athletic Association.
7. The Abbotsford/Mission Athletic Association

The Fraser Valley Basketball Commission does not interfere with the operation of these leagues, other than to set the date league play must end.

GRADE 8, 9 & JUNIOR COORDINATOR POLICY

1. That Coordinator, Provincial Rep and Host are merged, to be subsequently referred to as the Coordinator.
2. That the zone scheduled (in rotation) to host the FV Championship on any given year supplies the Coordinator.
3. That the term is for 1 (one) year.
4. That the Coordinator attends all Executive Meetings.
5. That the Coordinator is responsible for all of the dealings of its level (as described by the Executive).
6. That the Coordinator report to the President of the Commission.
7. That the Coordinator runs seeding meetings in a location of the choice of the gender hosting the REGIONALS that year.
8. That the Coordinator communicates draws, dates, location and game times to registered members of his/her level (can be done through Executive-Secretary).
9. That the Coordinator follows all FV guidelines in hosting a FV Championship.
10. That the Coordinator writes a Championship report with recommendations and sends it to the President.
11. That the Coordinator collects the gate and personally forwards it to the Treasurer of the Commission.
12. That the following deadlines and consequences be applied to the naming of a Coordinator- Host-Zone Rep for Grades 8, 9 & Junior Boys and Girls Basketball in the FV:
 - December 1 –The zone, whose turn it is to host, has until the 8:30 am of this date to name their Coordinator. Consequence of not doing so: The whole zone will be dropped from the FV Championship for that year. Everyone will be notified.
 - December 10 – On December 1, the Executive will put out an appeal to the membership to find a host for any level that does not have a Coordinator. The members of the FV have until 8:30 am on December 10 to fill the Coordinator's position. **Consequence of not doing so: The FV Championship for that level is cancelled.** Everyone will be notified.
 - January 15 –If a member applies to host a cancelled championship before the

January 15 deadline, then that Championship will be reinstated (minus the original host zone). If no one comes forth by 8:30 am of January 15, there will be no further appeals for that Basketball Level.

Seeding Guidelines for Grade 8 & Junior Levels

Step #1 - Identify the 24 teams that have advanced.

There are 8 leagues with 3 teams each. Surrey, along with Abby-Mission-FV East (Junior only), are considered double leagues and have 6 berths because of their size. However, each of these two leagues are to be seeded as 2 leagues in turn. League #1 will be 1st, 3rd and 5th. League #2 will be 2nd, 4th and 6th. Surrey and Abby-Mission-FV East will have 2 host sites in the Regional Playoffs.

Step #2 - Seed the 24 teams: 1 –24

To determine seeding, teams from different leagues will compare their results in the year. Only **SCORES** will be considered when comparing results. Other reasons such as “Our best player was sick or injured”, etc. will not be accepted. A first place league finisher must be seeded ahead of a second place finisher from the same league; a second place finisher ahead of a third place finisher from the same league, etc. Process: Nominations for 1st place in the rankings are received from the floor. This will be followed by a short period of discussion and then a vote of all present. Each school will receive only one vote. The process continues until all 24 spots have been filled.

Step #3 - The teams 1-24 will be then placed in their brackets. At this time:

1. Teams from the same league will be reseeded up or down 1 or 2 steps in order to prevent them from being in the same bracket.
2. A league Championship team that is not in the top 8 will be given the bye in its bracket for winning the league and the higher ranked team will play the first round.

The following criteria must also be met at this time:

1. The top 8 ranked teams (1-24) must be seeded in different regionals.
2. No teams from the same league are to meet in the first round and, as much as possible in the same regional. Surrey is the exception because it is a double league. Abby-Mission-FV East in the Junior level is also an exception at that level.
3. Every attempt will be made to ensure that teams from the same league do not meet in the opening round of the FV Championship Tourney. This, however, cannot be guaranteed.
4. A top 8 team that is not a league champion must have a league champion scheduled into its bracket.

Step #4 - The winner of each Regional proceeds on to the Fraser Valley. The draw (brackets) for that tournament must be handed out at the Seeding meeting.

Please Note:

Seeding can be very difficult and the perceptions of coaches can vary greatly. The manipulation of the draw to create the best Regional and FV tournament at the Meeting can only go on so far until there is a stalemate. The meeting CHAIRMAN has the power to make final decisions in cases where the

meeting is at a stalemate.

Seeding Guidelines for the Grade 9 Level

All of the above criteria apply to Grade 9 except that the coaches will be seeding 12 teams only. There is no regional. The first day of the FV is sudden death:

The seeding for the FV tournament will be as follows:

- i. #5 seed vs #12 seed. Winner to play #4 seed.
- ii. #6 seed vs #11 seed. Winner to play #3 seed.
- iii. #7 seed vs #10 seed. Winner to play #2 seed.
- iv. #8 seed vs # 9 seed. Winner to play #1 seed.

Every attempt will be made to keep teams from the same league away from each other on the first day.