

Perhaps there are some of you who are not totally familiar with womens' A.A.U. (Amature Athletic Union) and D.G.W.S. (Division of Girl's and Womens' Sports) basketball rules. These rules are similar in many respects to those used in boy's basketball. However, they are quite different from the girl's high school rules with which most of you are familiar. These rules are used in most of the colleges in the United States and in the National League of which Parsons College is a member.

The following are some of the major differences in our game as compared to the high school girls and/or (in some cases) the boys game.

1. A jump ball starts each quarter - four eight minute quarters constitutes a regulation game.
2. The offensive team must shoot the ball within thirty (30) seconds from the time possession is gained. Due to this rule, there is no backcourt, over and back, rule in girls A.A.U. basketball.
3. In our game, we shoot the free throw for the offensive foul rule.
4. Any ball going out of bounds along the endline shall be put in play on the sideline closest to the spot where the ball went out of bounds on the end line. After a successful try for a field goal or free throw the ball is played in bounds under the basket. A ball goes out of bounds on the sideline after any violation.
5. An official must handle all out of bounds balls except after a field goal or successful free throw.
6. A player may not throw the ball against the body on an opponent and cause the ball to go out-of-bounds. The ball is awarded to the team whose player was intentionally hit with the ball.
7. If a player receives the ball in less than three seconds in the lane, she has three additional seconds to shoot or get out of the lane.
8. If a player in the act of shooting is fouled by two opponents simultaneously, the goal, if made, shall count, and two free throws shall be awarded.
9. A coach may call time-out from an official when his team is in possession of the ball and either from an official or through the scorer when the ball is dead.
10. Team substitutes may enter the game after a successful try for a field goal or free throw. They must have reported ahead of time and enter on the buzzer after having been recognized by the officials.
11. During the last two minutes of the fourth quarter, and during all overtime periods, two shots are awarded for all individual fouls. There is no one-on-one rule in A.A.U. basketball.
12. A player is allowed only five fouls.

WE HOPE THIS BRIEF EXPLANATION WILL HELP YOU TO ENJOY THE GAME MORE.