1. **TYPE OF BASKETBALL** – All Big-9 Schools will use a NFHS approved leather or composite Baden, Wilson, Spalding or any other state approved wide seam basketball.

2. **SCHEDULE** – The league is divided into two divisions 4A and 3A. The league schedule will consist of a double round-robin schedule played against each league member of the same classification. 4 non-league crossover games will be scheduled against members of the opposite classification. Schools, by mutual agreement, may opt out of the non-league, crossover games and/or schedule double headers.

3. **GAME TIMES** – The starting time for JV basketball games shall be 5:45 PM, with 20 minutes allowed for warm-up of the varsity team PLUS time for the introduction of the players and the National Anthem; however, the varsity game is not to begin prior to the scheduled start time. Varsity Girls/ Varsity Boys game time is 7:30pm. Double Headers and/or by mutual agreement, AD’s may change game times. **League** schedule changes must be approved by the league president, the sport chairperson, and all schools must be notified.

4. **GAME SITES** – Games will be arranged as facilities allow.

5. **INTRODUCTION OF PLAYERS**
   a. The “warm up” having expired, the timer will call both teams to their respective benches. (Fight song and disclaimer to be completed prior to teams coming to the bench).
   b. The visiting team substitutes will be introduced and will proceed to the foul circle nearest their bench.
   c. The home team substitutes will be introduced and will proceed to the foul circle nearest their bench.
   d. The starters will be introduced alternately by position. The will meet at center court, shake hands and proceed to join their team at the foul circle nearest their bench.
   e. It is a violation of the Columbia Basin Big-9 League Policy for either team to huddle in the center circle at the conclusion of the introductions.
   f. The National Anthem will be played. A suitable substitution for the National Anthem, such as the pledge of allegiance, is permitted.

6. **MASCOTS** – During basketball season, only the home team may have a designated member of the cheer squad dress as a mascot and perform with the squad. All other mascots are prohibited.

7. **DISTRICT TOURNAMENT SITES**
   a. Boys’ and girls’ district tournament sites are proposed by a vote of the Big-9 Athletic Directors. These sites must be capable of holding the anticipated crowd for each game of the district tournament. They will be selected and recommended to the YVIAA and NCWAA Executive Board prior to the end of the regular season.
   b. An official from the home teams association, an official from the visiting teams association and an official from an association that does not have teams involved in the game will work the district tournament games.
   c. Each tournament site will have a paid tournament manager who will be responsible for the game timer, scorer and all other workers.
d. Each school is to provide an adequate number of faculty chaperones to help with the conduct of students and general crowd control. The list of supervisors will be sent to the site managers in advance of the day of the game.

e. The home team will furnish the game ball as approved by the state.

f. Each school is entitled to an equal share of the available spectator seating. Players, managers, statisticians, trainers, cheerleaders, coaches and supervisors will be admitted by pass list under the direction of the YVIAA and NCWAA boards.

g. The district tournament manager will distribute specific tournament information regarding programs, officials, registrations, tournament balls, team benches, towels, tickets, pre-game warm-up, introduction of players game time and home teams.

h. Teams may suit-down up to twelve (12) players for the District Tournament.

8. 3A/4A DISTRICT TOURNAMENT FORMAT (5/510)
The District Basketball Tournament shall be a 6 team tournament:

February 11 (Round 1)
- Game 1: Big 9 #6 @ Big 9 #3
- Game 2: Big 9 #5 @ Big 9 #4

February 12 (Round 2)
- Game 3: Winner Game 1 @ Big 9 #2
- Game 4: Winner Game 2 @ Big 9 #1

February 18 (Round 3) - @ 1 site - Location TBA
- Game 5: Winner Game 3 vs Winner Game 4 - Winner #1 seed to state
- Game 6: Loser Game 3 vs Loser Game 4

February 19 (Round 4) @ same site as Friday - Location TBA
- Game 7: Winner Game 6 vs Loser Game 5 - Winner will be the Big 9 #2 seed.

*** In the 4A, the Big 9 #2 will play the GSL #2 on Tuesday February 22nd for the 2nd seed to state.

9. PROCEDURE FOR SELECTING ALL LEAGUE BASKETBALL TEAMS

a. During the last week of the season, the basketball chairperson will ask each coach in the league to rate the players on his/her team and will send those rating to the chairperson who will compile the list. The basketball chairman will then distribute an all conference nomination form to each of the boys and girls basketball coaches in each classification. The coaches will select the 10 opposing players from teams in their classification they believe deserve all league recognition. The coaches will rank those players in order 10 to 1 (10 being the player they feel was the Big-9 Player of the year in their classification). The coaches will also select the 5 opponent players from their division they believe deserve all league defensive team recognition, ranked in order 5 to 1 (5 being the player the believe the feel was the Defensive Player of the Year for their classification). Finally, coaches will vote on the coach in their classification they feel deserves the Big-9 Coach of the Year award. Coaches will submit those ballots prior to the final Thursday of the regular season.

b. The basketball chairperson will compile the votes and determine the Big-9 All league Teams. The all-league teams will be announced at the annual end-of-season basketball coaches meeting. The first team will consist of Player of the year and the next 5 highest point totals, second team will consist of the next 5 highest point totals, and the honorable mention will consist of any individual receiving a vote. The Big-9 all league defensive team will consist of the Defensive player of the year and the next 5 vote getters plus ties.

c. The first team all conference defensive honorees will receive the Big-9 foil certificate.
10. LEAGUE TIES (9/10)
   a. At a league meeting of the Big-9 prior to the district tournament, the basketball chairman will conduct a draw in which each league member will draw a number. These “tie breaker numbers” will be used when needed to resolve ties. In each situation where these numbers are used, the school having drawn the lower number receives the highest seeded position into the tournament.
   b. The Big 9 Criteria used for Breaking Tie-Breakers will be used to resolve ties.