



**CHINO VALLEY NJB**

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# PLAYER ADVANTAGE RULE

**2007-2008 Chino Valley NJB Winter League**

**Applicable to Boys Divisions 1, 2, 3 and Girls Division 2 & 3.**

**Not applicable to Girls Division 1.**

There should be no complaints regarding this rule. A team with 9 players has a distinct advantage over a team with 10 players. This rule minimizes that advantage and is the right thing to do. National implements a similar rule during Championship Series and All-Stars.

## **CVNJB PLAYER ADVANTAGE RULE**

If Team A has 10 players and Team B has less than 10 players then Team A's Head Coach MAY select one (1) player from Team B who is precluded from playing more than (2) two of the first (4) four periods. The selected player may play either the 1st or 2nd and then either the 3rd or 4th periods. There are no restrictions in the 5th and any subsequent periods. The selection must be announced to the scorekeeper and Team B Head Coach prior to the start of the 1st period.

**NOTE: Not applicable if both teams have less than 10 players.**

Logic: Rule not needed in this case since the disadvantage is markedly reduced given that both coaches have the luxury of playing their better players one additional period.

**NOTE: This rule is applicable even if one team only has 9 on their original roster.**

Logic: Regardless of maximum roster size a team with 9 players (Team B) has a distinct advantage over a team with 10 (Team A) since Team B gets to play 2 of their top players an additional period. This rule means Team B's top player does not get to play the extra period. Team B still gets to play their 2nd and 3rd best player an extra period. This is still an advantage, just reduced in magnitude.

**NOTE: The selection must be made before the start of the game.**

Logic: This is to simplify administration of the rule. Given that the rule only applies to Chino Valley teams it is incumbent upon our coaches to know who the better players are. National's rule, to be used during the Championship Series and All-Stars, states that selections be made before the 2nd and 4th periods. This is necessary because teams have not had the opportunity to see each other play. In addition, coaches have been known to not start their best player in an attempt to avoid selection. National's rule puts much more burden on the Referees and Scorekeepers. We are keeping it simple.

**NOTE: It is incumbent upon the Team A Head Coach to implement the rule.**

Logic: This is a Chino Valley rule and as such the referees will not be looking for it. It is expected that our coaches will be fair in implementing this. That means if the Team A Head Coach feels that he will defeat Team B, regardless of the disadvantage, that he will NOT implement the rule. The intent is to level the playing field and not tilt it more in one direction.