

**Central CT Catholic Middle School Basketball League  
(CCCMSBL)**

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**The purpose of this document shall be to clarify the League position with respect to the Archdiocesan rule PRESSING on page 6 under the heading of Official Game Rules, hereafter referred to as the “20 Point Rule”**

**Our understanding of the purpose of this rule at the Archdiocesan level is to regulate Christian behavior. Our league holds coaches/teams to an even higher standard. The league interpretation of this rule is as follows (also see JV rules for that interpretation)**

**The CCCMSBL has extended the Archdiocesan rule to include the first half as well. So these rules now pertain to the entire varsity game:**

**“No pressing” as used in the Archdiocesan rule is defined as any attempt to inhibit the offensive team from moving the ball from their backcourt to their frontcourt. If the offensive team is attempting to fast break, the defense may attempt to prohibit the fast break by picking up players at half court. Otherwise the defense will drop back into a zone, generally inside the three point arc.**

**Teams ahead (by 20 points) will not fast break. “Fast break” is defined as pushing the ball up the court past the defense, prior to the defensive team’s ability to set up their defense. If the defensive team is attempting to press, the offensive team may use whatever tactics are available to break the press.**