

TRI-STATE BASKETBALL CHALLENGE

5th, 6th, 7th & 8th GRADE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RULES

The following tournament rules are in addition to National Federation High School rules.

Two 20 minute halves (clock will stop the last 2 minutes of the game unless team is up by 20 pts.) for all levels. Overtime will be up to two (2 minute overtime periods) then sudden death next bucket wins.

All teams should be prepared to play fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled game start time. Warm-ups will be limited especially at the beginning of the tournament.

Free throws—one and one on seventh team foul and two on tenth team foul.

Two (2) 30 second timeouts per half, one additional time out for each overtime quarter. Timeouts do not carry over into overtime.

All teams must have five (5) players to start the game, but can finish with less than five (5).

Foul language or unsportsmanlike conduct by players, coaches, or FANS will not be tolerated. **If a parent is asked to leave the school property, by referees or tournament personnel, the player will also be removed from the game. (Coaches: please share this information with players' parents.)**

No tobacco or alcohol of any kind is permitted on the school property.

Practice is only permitted prior to the start of the game and at halftime, IF time permits.

Certified referees are provided.

Any defense is allowed. Teams may press at any time during the game unless there is a twenty (20) point lead. A twenty (20) point lead means no mid or full court press.

A technical foul on a coach sits all coaches for the remainder of the game.

The three (3) point line will be in effect for all levels.

Game clock will stop for normal game situations in the last 2 minutes of the game.

Each player must have a numbered uniform jersey.

Every player is permitted to play on only one team. Players may not play for more than one team. Players may not play in more than one grade level. **One player, one team.** NO exceptions!

All players must be in either 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grade in school and must play with that grade level in this tournament **or may “play up” to the next grade level (e.g., 6th grade student may play on a 7th grade team but may NOT play back on a 6th grade team). No student is permitted to play in a grade level below his/her grade.**

“The TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR(s) will have FINAL AUTHORITY on all decisions related to disputes or protests.” Decisions by basketball referees are final.

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