

## TOURNAMENT GAME RULES

1. Games will consist of two eighteen minute halves running time. The last two minutes of the half and game will be stop time. Halftime is three minutes. Three time outs per team per game of one minute. No carryover for overtime. First overtime will be two minutes stop time. All overtimes will start out with a jump ball. Additional overtimes will be sudden death. One, 1 minute time out per team, per additional overtime. Exception will be championship game which will not have sudden death. Coaches and players may call time out.
2. Fouls for each will be kept and players will foul out after receiving their fifth foul.
3. When shooting free throws, 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be shooting at 13'. 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be able to cross the line and 6<sup>th</sup> graders must stay behind the line.
4. Starting with the seventh foul in a half, the other team shoots one and one and starting with the tenth foul, the other team shoots two free throws for each foul. All shooting fouls will be two shots. After 15th foul in a half, the other team shoots two and retains possession (just as for an intentional foul).
5. **4th - 6th grade rules:** No full court defense, half court traps or doubling. No zone defenses. The game will be person to person. In the last two minutes of the game, pressing is allowed except for the team that is in the lead by 10 points or greater.
6. 3 seconds in the lane will be enforced – except for 4<sup>th</sup> grade.
7. With a tight schedule, there may not be much time between games. Please stretch and warm-up on the sidelines. A three to ten minute warm-up will be allowed. Be ready to play at the assigned time.
8. During running time, the clock will only stop for time outs, injuries and officials discretion. During stop time in the last two minutes of the game or in overtime, the clock will also stop for out of bounds and free throws. The clock will run in the last 2 minutes if a team is ahead by 20 points or more.
9. Pool play is determined by 1<sup>st</sup> - Wins and losses, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Fewest points given up, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Points scored.
10. Coaches can make substitutions during the usual dead ball situations (out of bounds, violations, free throws, or time outs) by standing, raising one hand and yelling “Sub”. Players may enter the game when - and only when - the referee signals the player to enter. Substitutes must be ready and waiting to come into the game.
11. The scoreboard is the official score. Coaches and officials should keep a close eye on the scoreboard. Any questions on the score must be discussed at the moment of the question. Fans with questions for the officials must go through their coaches. The referees and the scorekeeper will then make the final decision. Once additional points are scored, the score cannot be adjusted.
12. Tournament officials reserve the right to adjust any rules or schedules as necessary. Please check the brackets at tournament headquarters.
13. No protests, all referee decisions are final.
14. 4th – 6th boys will use regulation girl’s basketball and girls will use regulation girl’s basketball.  
**Please bring your own basketballs for warm-ups.**
15. Remember to be a good sport and enjoy the day!