

Rules & Regulations

SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY

Good sportsmanship and cooperation is both anticipated and expected. The team captain or designated coach, if applicable, is expected to aid in controlling teammates' and team followers' conduct and to represent his/her team as spokesperson in case of appeals to the court monitor. Poor sportsmanship may result in penalties against the team, such as a Technical, Intentional or Flagrant foul. Failure to comply with the Sportsmanship Policy, with acts such as fighting, taunting, intimidating or verbally attacking a league official, player or spectator may lead to removal of that player, team and/or spectator from the league. Decisions made by league administrators and officials are final and are not subject to review by video, other recordings or other sources.

1. Who Can Play

The league is open to adult players who are at least 21 years old by the day the first game begins.. A player may not participate on multiple teams within the same league.

2. Number of Players

Each team must have a minimum of 3 players and may consist of a maximum of 5 players. A team shall have no more than 3 players on the court at any time. For all teams placed in a designated co-ed bracket (See Rule 5), a member of the opposite sex must be on the court at all times. All games must start with at least 3 players on each team. Any number of players (1, 2, or 3) may finish a game.

3. Authorized Equipment & Apparel

No player shall be allowed to wear a guard, cast, hard brace or other potentially dangerous equipment on his or her elbow, hand, wrist, finger or forearm, including equipment made of hard leather, plastic, plaster or metal—even if the equipment is covered with soft padding. Soft braces, sleeves and wraps will be allowed unless they pose a danger to other players. In addition, jewelry, hair bands and clips will not be allowed. Tournament officials retain the right to disallow any equipment or apparel that is judged to be dangerous or inappropriate.

4. Basket Height / Two Point Arc

The basket height will be 10 feet. The distance for 2 point arc will be 19 feet.

5. Basketball Size The regulation size ball will be used in all co-ed games.

6. Free Throw Shooting Distance

The distance for free throws will be a distance of 15 feet in all other games.

6. Fouls

Basketball officials, acting as court monitors, will call fouls for all games. All called fouls shall result in at least one free throw shot, except on a successful field goal, in which case the basket counts and no free throw shot is awarded, and except for Intentional, Flagrant or Technical fouls, which result in an automatic one point award. If the fouled player is in the "act of shooting" a two point shot, which is missed, that player will be awarded two free throw shots. However, a basket shall not count when an offensive foul occurs. During a free throw, opposing team players may not intentionally disrupt the shooter's unhindered throw. A change of possession will result regardless of whether the free throw shot is made or missed. After the last free throw shot, the ball will be placed into play from the back court line. Incidental contact between opponents shall not result in a called foul unless such contact results in a meaningful disadvantage.

A. Intentional Fouls

An intentional foul is a foul designed to neutralize an opponent's obvious advantageous position. It is a foul which, based on the basketball official's observation of the act, is not a legitimate attempt to directly play the ball.

A foul shall also be ruled intentional, based on the basketball official's observation of the act, if while attempting to play the ball, a player causes excessive contact. An intentional foul results in one point for the offended team and possession of the ball.

B. Technical Fouls

A technical foul will be called for unsportsmanlike acts such as taunting, baiting or trash talk. Taunting and baiting can involve derogatory remarks or gestures that incite or insult a player. Trash talk involves a deeply personal, verbal attack directed toward any person involved in the event. In extreme cases, the player may also be suspended from play and a coach or fan removed from the court for the remainder of that game or for the rest of the tournament. A player who aggressively comes into contact with or assaults a basketball official, court martial or other tournament official shall be automatically ejected from the game and for the remainder of the current tournament. Additional suspension for such acts will be determined by event organizers on a case by case basis. The basketball official may also assess a technical foul if he/she determines the team is stalling in the interest of preserving a winning margin. A technical foul results in one point for the offended team and possession of the ball.

C. Flagrant Fouls

A flagrant foul may be of a violent or aggressive nature, or an act which displays unacceptable conduct. It may or may not be intentional. It may involve violent or aggressive contact such as striking, kicking, kneeling, moving under an opponent who is in the air, and crouching or hiping in a manner which could cause severe injury to the opponent. It may also involve dead ball contact or dialogue which is extreme or persistent, aggressive or abusive. A flagrant foul results in one point for the offended team and possession of the ball. The player committing the foul will be suspended from play for the remainder of that game and possibly for the rest of the season.

12. Stalling

Stalling is prohibited at all times. Stalling involves a style of play in which a team does not actively attempt to advance the basketball toward the basket and shoot the ball at the basket. It is a method used in an attempt to run out the game clock to preserve a win. Stalling is considered an unsportsmanlike act and will result in a technical foul against the offending team (See Rule 10.B).

13. Which Team Receives the Ball First?

A coin toss prior to each game and to start overtime determines which team first gets the ball.

14. Scoring

Baskets made from inside the two point arc count for one point. Baskets made from outside the two point arc count for two points. The first team to 16 points or 20 minutes, whichever comes first. **There is NO win by 2 rule.** If

neither team reaches 16 points in a timed game, see Rule 15 for further proceedings. All games go to the targeted score of 16 points without a time limitation and without declaring an overtime session.

15. Length of Play / Overtime

This rule does not apply to regular season games (See Rule 14). The first team to reach 16 points within 20 minutes of play is declared the winner. The team that reaches 16 points does not need to have a winning margin of 2 points or greater. The 20 minute clock is stopped during team timeouts and if the court monitor stops play for a player injury or other unusual circumstance. In all situations, the court monitor shall declare a technical foul if it is determined that a team is intentionally stalling to run out the clock. If neither team has reached a score of 16 points, the court monitor shall stop the game after 20 minutes of play. At this point, if a team has a lead of 2 or more points, that team is the winner. If neither team has at least a 2 point advantage, the overtime rule must be activated. In overtime, the first team to score a total of 2 points more than the leading team's score at the beginning of the overtime session, or reach 16 points, is the winner. Examples: SCORES AT BEGINNING OF THE OVERTIME SESSION Score of 13 to 14: The first team to 16 wins. Score of 15 to 15: The first team to 17 wins. Score of 8 to 7: The first team to 10 wins. Score of 14 to 12: No overtime is needed since the leading team has at least a 2 point lead.

16. Change of Possession

The ball must change possession after scored baskets and after all free throw attempts with the exception of a Technical, Intentional or Flagrant foul (See Rule 10). There is no "make it, take it" rule.

17. Checked Ball

The ball must be "checked" by an opposing player before it is put into play. The check-in must occur behind the dashed take back line and not the out of bounds or end line. The ball must be passed to begin play. The pass may occur anywhere on the court, but the on-ball defender must remain behind the two point arc.

18. Taking It Back

The ball will be "taken back" on each change of possession, regardless of whether or not a shot was attempted. Failure to "take it back" results in loss of possession and any points just scored. When taking the ball back, the player must bring his/her whole body and the ball behind two point arc.

19. Ball Out-of-Bounds

A ball out-of-bounds will be taken out from the back court line.

20. Boundaries

The basket structure, padding and structural supports will be played as out-of-bounds. The actual backboard, including its face, top, bottom and sides shall be considered in-bounds.

21. Jump Ball

In a jump ball situation, the ball will first go to the team which lost the opening coin toss, with alternating possessions thereafter.

22. Dunking

Dunking is allowed in Elite Division games where breakaway rims are used, except during warm-ups. Dunking is not allowed at any time, including during warm-ups, in all other divisions. Unauthorized dunking is an unsportsmanlike act and will result in a technical foul (See Rule 10).

23. Substitutions

Substitutions may only be made during a timeout or a “dead ball” situation.

24. Timeout

Each team is allowed a single one minute timeout per game. The clock will stop during a timeout.

26. Player Injury

A court monitor has the discretion to suspend play for the protection of an injured player. If a player is bleeding or has an open wound, that player will be directed to leave the game and properly bandage the wound. A player with any bloodstained clothing or bandage must remove the stained or saturated material prior to re-entering the game. If it is believed that a player has lost consciousness during a game, or is severely injured, event organizers may require a written note from a medical doctor who has examined the player subsequent to the game injury and specifically authorizes that player to continue participation in the tournament.

27. Game Times

All printed schedules are effective through only the first game for all teams, subject to unusual circumstances

outside the control of event organizers. Following the league’s first game, each team is required to check the Master Scoreboard for all official schedules, times, courts, revisions and general game information. Teams must be ready to begin play at their scheduled start time. Teams not at their court for their scheduled game are given a 5 minute grace period before a forfeit is enforced. Teams are encouraged to remain in contact with their court to observe the effects of scheduling changes that could occur mainly due to inclement weather or other unexpected delays. Inclement weather and non-playable situations may result in the modification or cancellation of the event. Under these unlikely circumstances team entry fees will not be refunded.

28. Use of Illegal Players

The players listed on the roster submitted in the team registration process, accepted by event organizers, are the only players eligible for play on that team. Player changes submitted on an authorized Player Change Form, and accepted by the event organizers, must be completed and approved by 8:00am on the first day of the game. Under no circumstances will roster substitutions be allowed after the game begins. If a team uses a player not properly registered, that team will be disqualified from the game. Before the beginning of each game, every player must sign the Official Scoresheet, which contains a Voluntary Waiver and Release Agreement and Sportsmanship Pledge.

29. False Information

Information provided during team registration or on an accepted Player Change Form is the basis for placement in divisions and brackets. It is expected to be both accurate and complete. Players and teams providing false, misleading or inaccurate information may be disqualified from the tournament.

THE FINE PRINT

Event organizers and designated tournament officials shall have the power to make all decisions on any points not specifically covered in the Rules & Regulations and shall have the sole authority to interpret the intent and purpose of these Rules & Regulations. Event organizers and designated tournament officials reserve the right to disqualify any player and/or team for infractions of league rules and policies.