

Tournament Rules

Rules for 2016 Tournament

1. All teams may have up to 12 maximum on their roster (extra players must be approved by the Tournament Director). All MUST reside in the same township/parish. No AAU teams permitted. No players in high school allowed.

2. Tournament rules will be high school rules as per N. J. S. I. A. A. The exceptions are identified in these rules.

3. Each team gets a minimum of 3 games.

4. "28.5" Ball will be used by 4th Grade Girls, 4th Grade Boys, 5th Grade Boys, 6th Grade Boys, 5th Grade Girls, 6th Girls, 7th Girls and 8th Girls. All other brackets use the bigger ball. Games balls will be sued from team ball bags this year. Referees will decide which team has a better ball to play with.

5. Each team is requested (not a requirement) to play each of their players at least 8 minutes in a game.

6. Division winners are determined in order by factors below with teams involved in the tie breaker only

- win/loss record during round robin
- head to head
- point differential in games

A maximum scoring difference of 15 points per game will be allowed in calculation of the point differential in games tie breaker. Any team that wins by more than 15 points will be credited with a 15 point win.

- coin flip if all other tie breakers do not result in a division champion

For single divisions top two teams advance to the championship game.

7. Each game will be allotted a 5 minute warm-up period prior to start. Games will be 4 quarters of 8 minutes each. Clock halts on stoppage of play. There will be a 4 minute half time intermission break.

8. Full court pressing rules

- Permitted if lead is 19 points or less. If a team has a 20-point lead they can not press,
- 4th Grade Boys/Girls can only press the last 2 minutes of the 4th Quarter , 5th Grade Girls (Both Brackets), 6th Grade Girls (Bracket B) and 5th Grade Boys (Bracket B) can only press in the 4th Quarter. If the game goes into OT pressing can continue throughout the OT periods. The above conditions must be met to be allowed to press.
- OT periods will be played when necessary. The first OT will be normal per high school rules. If a second OT is necessary the time will be cut to 3 minutes. The 3rd OT will be a sudden death OT (only in the round robin play). A jump ball will be held and the first team to score is declared the winner. If it is a championship final all OT after the first one will be 3 minutes. No sudden death will be held in Championship Games.

9. Coaches and fans that are ejected must leave the Gym area and return when the game is over. Head Coach is responsible for controlling his or her fans. Unruly fans will be ejected and asked to leave the building

10. 4th Grade Boys/Girls and 5th Grade Girls **can** go over the foul line when shooting free throws but **cannot** go to rebound the ball until the ball hits the rim. The referee can call a violation if they cross the line and go to rebound before the ball hits the rim

11. Regular high school basketball rules otherwise.

12. Players must be rostered to be eligible for play. If a player is not rostered prior to Dec 19, 2015 they are not eligible for the tournament. Players can be on more than one roster in multiple age groups if they qualify age wise. Copies of Birth Certificates must be produced prior to the end of the tournament if a challenge is issued. All challenges are issued through the Tournament Director on duty at time of game. The Tournament Director must be contacted and approve any rostered player that does not meet the birth date requirements prior to the tournament.

13. No Protests – decision of the game Referee is final.