

**3RD and 4TH GRADE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
TOURNAMENT RULES**



2024-2025 National Federation of State High School Athletic Association Basketball Rules are in effect with certain rules emphasized, modified or addressed below.

1. The tournament will be single elimination plus a consolation game unless a team receives a first round bye. Participation is open to all Recreation Department, YMCA or similarly organized team or program. Each team can carry **ONLY THIRD and FOURTH GRADERS or in younger grades** on its roster. Any violation of eligibility will result in forfeiture of all games.
2. Team rosters will be limited to a minimum of 8 players. No names may be added or changed once they have been turned in. If, for any reason there is a question on the eligibility of any player, they will not be allowed to dress and play in any game until proven eligible. Games will not be delayed to prove eligibility and will continue as scheduled. Any player found to be ineligible and playing in any game will cause forfeiture of all games played.
3. All team players must have identical color shirts, and shirts must be numbered.
4. Games will consist of four periods at 6 minutes each, stopped time. Overtime periods will be 3 minutes.
5. Four full timeouts during game – 1 for each additional overtime.
6. Half-times will be 5 minutes.
7. **Free throw line is 13ft, basket height is 10ft, full length court.**
8. Women's (28.5) regulation size ball will be used.
9. Man-to-man and zone defense are allowed.
10. If a team is ahead by 10 or more points at any time during the game, they will not be allowed to press or play defense across half court. (First offense is a warning any further offenses will be a team technical foul.)
11. Each team is responsible for its own valuables. A team representative may collect all valuables upon arriving at the Recreation Center. He may then present all valuables to one of our Tournament personnel, who will lock up all items for safe keeping until the team is ready to depart for home.
12. Teams should arrive at least a half hour before the start of their game. Report directly, **as a team**, to the admissions table for locker room assignment. Only team coaches, players and managers will be allowed in without admission fee. **Coaches must remain with the teams in the locker rooms at all times.**
13. Admission fee **per day** will be \$3.00 Youth (K-12) and Seniors (65 and over); \$5.00 Adults.
14. Teams must be on the court, ready to play at game time or suffer a forfeit. In the event the previous game runs over the specified time limit, teams participating in the next game must be ready to play 10 minutes after the preceding game ends.
15. Refreshments (drinks, snacks and pizza) will be available to purchase at the concession stand located in the Recreation Center.
16. Awards presentation: Team trophies will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place.
17. The coach of each team is responsible for the proper conduct of their players, other coaches, team members and fans associated with the team, as well as their own behavior while participating in the tournament. If proper behavior is not exhibited by those people associated with said team, it could result in forfeiture of all games and expulsion from the Tournament at the time and in future years.
18. Any protest will be handled by the Tournament Committee and any decision made will be rendered as final.

**** Note: 3 point field goals are allowed**