

St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church
St. Katherine GOYA Basketball Tournament

Rules and Regulations: These rules apply to any Basketball Tournament being held in the Metropolis of New Jersey and the District of Columbia.

1. All players must be Orthodox Christians in good standing with their parish.
2. All players must be eighteen years of age or younger on September 1st and still be in high school. Players who are still in high school and turn nineteen years of age after September 1st are eligible to participate. Players must be in at least 7th grade and twelve years old to participate.
3. Rosters must be signed by the Proistamenos of each team, attesting to each player's eligibility and good standing in the parish which they will represent.
4. The complete and signed roster must be submitted at the time of registration.
5. Players may play for only one church team-the team representing the church from which they and their parent(s)/guardian(s) are members in good standing as verified by the Proistamenos underwriting the church team's roster.
6. Head coaches must be at least 21 years of age and approved by their Proistamenos. The head coach or designee must be on the bench with his/her players for the duration of the games.
7. Only officials and players are permitted on the team bench, except for the Parish's respective priest.
8. Players on other teams from a parish are not allowed on the team bench.
9. Any player or coach who is ejected from a game due to any unsportsmanlike conduct will be ineligible to participate in the remainder of the tournament.
10. Inappropriate language and gestures will not be tolerated. Such use during the game will result in a technical foul, and that player or individual will be ejected from the game.
11. "B" team players may be no more than 15 years of age.
12. A player may play on only one team during a tournament. No player may play, be on the roster, be on the bench or be listed in the official scorebook for both the "A" and the "B" team.

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13. A violation of this rule will result in both the "A" and the "B" teams having to forfeit their games.
14. Referees will be briefed by tournament officials regarding the tournament rules and regulations before they referee their first game.
15. At the beginning of each tournament players, coaches, and fans shall gather and be lead in prayer by the hosting priest.
16. At the end of each game, all players will line up and shake hands in a gesture of goodwill and as a sign of good sportsmanship among fellow Orthodox Christians.
17. Every team must start with at least five eligible players. Any team that does not have five eligible players will have to forfeit the game.
18. Any team playing with any ineligible players will forfeit.
19. Any fighting threats or assaults, be they verbal or physical, will not be tolerated. If any such behavior occurs the attending priest(s) and tournament director(s) will decide which course of action to take. The guilty party(ies) may be expelled from the game, ordered removed from the premises, and will not be allowed to attend or participate in the remainder of the tournament activities.
- 20. Possessions, distribution and/or consumption of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs as well as any illicit activities will not be tolerated. Violation of this code will result in immediate expulsion from the tournament.**
21. Proper, respectful attire and conduct is required from Saturday Evening activities and Sunday Liturgy. Team uniforms shall not be worn to Liturgy.

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GOYA RULES AND REGULATIONS

GAME RULES:

1. All participating players must be at least twelve (12) through eighteen {18} years of age and in the seventh (7th) through twelfth {12th} grades.
2. Players not on the team roster presented at registration will be declared ineligible to play.
3. The coaches and team captains must fully understand the schedule of games and these regulations.
4. The coach must report to the scorer's table 5 minutes before each scheduled game.
5. Each team must provide one spotter at the scorer's table, if requested for each of their games.
6. The coaches and advisors are fully responsible for the behavior of all players, both on and off the court. **There will be no cursing, use of foul language, fighting, or abusive behavior tolerated during this tournament. Sportsmanship is a primary goal at all times throughout the tournament!!**
7. Each team may have multiple coaches but only one designated coach can stand per game.
8. All Saturday and Semi-final games will be two sixteen {16} minute halves, running time. The last two (2) minutes of the second half will be stop time. There will be a three (3) minute intermission between halves. Each team will be allowed three (3) timeouts per game {30 seconds each) to be used during the regulation time of the game
9. Sunday Finals will be two twenty (20) minute halves. The last two (2) minutes of the second half will be stop time. Each team will be allowed four (4) timeouts per game {30 seconds each) to be used during the regulation time of the game.
10. Overtime for both Saturday and Sunday games will consist of two (2) minutes, each team will receive an extra timeout, any unused timeouts will carry over.
11. Penalty is in effect on the seventh (7th) team foul and will be a 1 and 1 free throw. The penalty is in effect on the tenth (10th) team foul double bonus with 2 free throws. **ALL FREE THROWS WILL BE PLAYED ON THE RELEASE!**
12. Each player is allowed five (5) team fouls.

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