

Mid America Youth Basketball Tournament Regulations and Guidelines

1. All teams are guaranteed a minimum of 3 scheduled games.

2. Regulation High School Activities Association rules will be followed with the following exceptions:

- 18 minute running clock except for last 1 minutes of each half, unless one team is ahead by 15 points. If lead falls below 15 points, clock will again stop. 2 Free throws will be shot at 7 fouls each half. In addition, clock will stop on all technical fouls, injuries or timeouts (including officials TO). Clock does not restart until it would in a normal dead ball situation. Mercy Rule– If one team is ahead by 20 points with 2 minutes or less left in the game, the game will be called.

- 1st – 5th grade boys and all girls' divisions will use the 28.5 sized ball. 6th – 12th Grade boys divisions will use the men's – 29.5 size ball.

- 2 minute halftime and 3-5 minute pre-game warm-up.

- Game time is forfeit time.

- We recommend jerseys with numbers on front and back. No number restrictions exist.

- 3 thirty-second timeouts per game. One additional timeout per overtime, timeouts carry over from regulation. The 2nd Overtime will be sudden death (first team to score wins)

- 5 personal fouls per game, on the 5th personal foul the player will be disqualified from playing.

3. No locker rooms, balls, Ice or medical supplies will be provided by schools and/or facilities.

4. MAYB reserves the right to combine grade divisions without notification.

5. Players may play on only one team within a tournament age group. Player's eligibility will be checked by a current grade card, if requested. Players may play "up" in an older age group.

6. Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated!!! A referee may remove players from the game or tournament for inappropriate behavior. We are here for the kids. Do not allow or condone poor sportsmanship. This includes coaches and parents!

7. Referee may stop clock with reason. Intentionally wasting time to shorten the game can be punished with a technical foul. This does not mean a team can't use a delay offense at

any time they choose. They simply can't tell players to not line up for free throws or sub 1 player at a time to run the clock.

8. Each tournament site will have a director. Please direct questions to this individual during the weekend.

9. All roster changes made after the entry deadline should be given to the tournament director before playing a game at a specific tournament. Grade cards will still be used to determine eligibility. You should have these with you at all times in case of protest. Final eligibility rulings will be made by the area director if weekend conflicts occur. There is no way for the National Office to make these decisions. If you know players will be gone, plan ahead! We want everyone to be able to play, but we do not want teams bringing in players on Sunday because they feel it is the only way to win the tournament.

10. Our first and primary goal remains to give all players maximum court time to improve their game in a competitive setting.