**HOW TO RUN A HOOP SHOOT CONTEST**

**Where does it start?**

**Preparation:**

Where are the kids coming from? ISD/ Private Schools/ Boy-Girl Clubs/ Rec Centers

Is there going to be a preliminary contest?

If so, do they have to shoot 25 shots?

Nope, just be consistent.

Ensure you have a good line of communication

**Your Lodge/City Contest**

Location: School gym/ Private school gym/ Rec Center/ Outdoor Courts

Do you have to have 3 Scorekeepers/ 2 Ball Shaggers/ 1 Line Judge?

If you only have a few kids (2-4), you can get by with 1 each at the Lodge level.

The District level should fill all positions

**Volunteers….**

How do you get them? Lodge Newsletter, email blasts, Lodge flyers. Good Luck

Call them or tap on their shoulder at the Lodge

Depending on how big your contest is will determine your number of helpers needed.

For a small # of kids, 1 per position works. (2-4 kids)

The District level should fill all positions.

6 per court plus your Registration desk, 1-2 per gender plus a floater for questions or help.

Additional volunteers: Floor General, Official Verification process for Scorekeepers, Ghost scorekeepers

**SIGNAGE**… (Signs are in your Hoop Shoot Director packets that can be used)

**Print All Documents in Advance**—Numbers for Shooters shirts, Participation Awards

Scoresheets that come in your Hoop Shoot packet (extra copies will possibly be needed)

District Information letter (registration desk)

Registration forms that come in your Hoop Shoot Packet (registration desk)

**SAFETY INFO/Youth Protection Guidelines. Review this form to protect your lodge and the program. This is online in the Directors Dashboard.**

[Hoop Shoot - Directors' Drills - Contest Materials (elks.org)](https://www.elks.org/hoopshoot/dashboard/contest.cfm)

There is also a **Hoop Shoot Volunteer Training Video** that may be helpful in the same location.

**DAY of SHOOT**

Mark Courts for 8-9 age group (4 ft closer, use Painters tape)

Set up chairs for scorekeepers and Shooters (optional on Shooters)

Meet with all volunteers to review duties

**Welcome Contestants and Parents/Family**

Speak about Hoop Shoot program, Drug Awareness, Gritty kids

Point Out Helpers/Volunteers. They are here for your kids!

Thank Coaches and Teachers

Have all Contestants stand up for Recognition

Have them Thank their Parent or Guardian for bringing them to the contest.

Review Rules and Regulations. **Must use the Hoop Shoot Directors Official Contest Manual. In the current year of 2025/2026, these appear on pages 6-10, Official Contest Rules.**

Have the 1st group report to their appropriate court.

10-minute warm-up

Line Judge reviews with contestants the court rules.

Round 1

0-5 warm up shots, then 10 for score

Round 2

15 for score

Shoot-off for ties (5 each)

Scorekeepers should **not** compare score sheets

Director/Floor General retrieves score sheets

Director/Verification desk checks for 1st/2nd/3rd place finishes

Present Awards

Refer 1st and 2nd place winners to the Registration Area so parent/guardian can fill out Registration Form. **Then check for legibility!** Also provide them with the information for the District competition and advise the 2nd place winner that you will be in contact if the first-place winner is unable to compete.

**On the Court Questions**

Line Judge bounces ball to contestant? (No, Hand the contestant the ball)

Line Judge gives ball to contestant w/o looking at head scorekeeper? (No, always look at the head scorekeeper)

Line judge asks how many practice shots, then gives ball to Contestant w/o 1st making eye contact w/all scorekeepers? (No, signal to all scorekeepers)

Line Judge not making hand signals? (Always make hand signals, the scorekeepers will rely on proper hand signals)

Scorekeepers should watch Line Judge before marking scoresheet? (Yes, because there may have been a foul committed for a technical.)

Line Judge not watching Line? (Watching the line is a must, parents will be watching the line)

Ball Shagger bouncing ball to shooter? (No, the ball must always go to the line judge)

Ball Shagger standing behind basket? (No, just as in a basketball game, the rebounders must be behind the rebound lines)

Contestant bounces ball 5-6 times before shooting? (That’s not a problem, there is no maximum ball bounce count. There is now a 10 second silent count from the time the shooter is offered the ball from the line judge, until the ball is released from their hand)

Scorekeeper studying score sheet during shoot? (Mark the score sheet then eyes up, otherwise this will delay the contest)

Head Scorekeeper signaling shots remaining, high in the air? (No, signaling shots is not for spectators, it should be discreetly signaled to the line judge)

Scorekeeper stating number of shots remaining? (No, neither scorekeepers nor line judge should offer the shot count)

Line Judge stating number of shots remaining? (Same as above)

Contestant asking how many shots remaining? (The line judge can tell the contestant if asked)

Scorekeeper getting up to compare score w/other Scorekeepers? (No, consider the optics, let the Director or Floor General collect the score sheets for evaluation)

**Please, do not forget.**

**We are looking for 100% participation in the Hoop Shoot Program.**

**If any Lodge is not going to hold a contest, go online and fill out the online form.**

**This gives your** **Lodge, District and State credit for participation!**

Guys,

This is a Grand Lodge Program that is required.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you!