

NTBL TOURNAMENT RULES:

● GENERAL:

- Team listed first is Home Team. They wear white.
- Home Team responsible for game ball. Each team must have its own warm-up balls.
- If your team is late to a game the clock will start at game time.
- If you can make it before half time the game will start when you show and play at the time that is left. If you don't make it before half time it is a forfeit.
- Concession Stand Available

● RULES:

- Regular NHSF Rules. You foul out after 5 fouls.
- 10 fouls equals one for two free throws.

● CLOCK:

- Must have someone over the age of 18 to work the clock or the book during the game.
- Running 18 minute clock with clock stopping the final 1 minute of each half. 3rd and below-16.
- Clock will run if a 25 point lead has occurred. Must drop below 15 to stop again.
- Timeouts stop the clock.
- Warm-up 3 minutes. 2 minute half time.
- If a team is late to a game the clock starts at game time. You play whatever time is left in your game.

● TIMEOUTS

- Each team gets 4 time outs per game. These stop the clock. 30 secs. Only.
- If no timeouts left, clock does not stop except last minute of each half.

● FOULS

- If the shooter is fouled while making the basket, it is an automatic and 1 and we keep playing.
- If the shooter is fouled while shooting but doesn't make the basket, they get 1 FT worth the value of the shot they were taking (2 or 3)
- Teams get in the bonus after 10 fouls. During the bonus, 1 shot is worth 2 points.
- You foul out after 5 fouls.

● OVERTIME

- Sudden death for the over time. No clock. One timeout granted for each team.

● DEFENSE / MERCY RULE:

- Pressing is allowed or whatever defense you want to use, after 25 point lead, mercy rule is put in place, no pressing. If lead drops below 15 you can press again.

● COACHES:

- No more than 2 coaches allowed on the bench during a game. Only two allowed in free to games.
- Coaches will sign in at the gate on their way into games.
- Coaches must sign code of conduct. Players and coaches will be held to the highest standard.
- Failure to follow the agreement will mean disciplinary action taken against you and your players.
- If each Coach should email Coach Eddy their cell phone in case of an emergency! Coach Eddy's cell is 214-316-4963.

● 3RD GRADE AND UNDER RULES:

- 16 Minute Halves, running clock, last minute of each half clock stops. If combine division teams play by 3rd grade rules, for example, 3rd and 4th grade would play by 3rd grade rules.
- Four timeouts per game. These stop clock, but only 30 seconds long.
- If team gets up by more than 15 points, they have to make three passes before scoring. If margin goes under 15, they do not have to make three passes again until margin goes up over 15 again.
- Must get back to half-court to play defense. Can press full court the last minute of each half.

Continued-3RD GRADE AND UNDER RULES:

- Can press last minute of each half.
- Free throw shooters get 1 step in front of the free throw line. Must start at free throw line to begin but may go over.

● ROSTERS:

- Rosters are set. No additions to the rosters. From now on once your games start no additions to your team.
- If an emergency situation arises we will make the decision at the point on whether you can add a player or not.
- We don't want teams just picking up players just to win games.
- A player can only play on one team in a division, 3rd through varsity. If this rule is not followed a forfeit of that game will result.
- You can have a player on your team that is playing up a grade level but not down.
- For example, a player can play up in the 7th grade if they are a 6th grader but not down in the 5th grade.
- The league may make exceptions to what division a team plays in if they are not at the skill level needed as long as it is in the best interest of all the teams.

● BALL SIZE:

- 6th Grade Boys and Up Use Regulation Ball.
- 3rd Grade and Under uses 27.5" ball, if all coaches agree a 28.5" ball can be used.
- All Other Divisions Use 28.5" ball.

● AWARDS:

- Only one team will be the Champion in the end. Every year there is only one eventual champion. This is a good life lesson. Thus, we only give out one award to the winner in each division.
- During tournaments, winners are decided by win, loss record first, head to head next, and point differential last.

● PRE-GAME CONFERENCE AND PRAYER:

- Before each game referees will gather all coaches and players around half-court circle and read, ultimately the home team is responsible for this happening as well as wearing white and having a game ball:

"As you play today, honor the game by how you play, coaches how you coach, players think how you interact with your opponents, coaches, parents, referees, and teammates. With your actions and attitudes, may we be a positive example for the fans.

Prayer: Dear God, join us at work today in this hour, transform us to be better in all we do, to you be the glory!"

NTBL Motto: "Changing one player, one coach, one team, and one organization at a time through Him!"