



2021 ARMSTRONG CLASSIC TRAVELING BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RULES

THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL RULE BOOK WILL BE FOLLOWED EXCEPT AS NOTED BELOW:

REPORTING / WARM UP: Players and coaches will be instructed when they can enter the facility and have access to courts. Each team will be given at least 5 minutes to warm up, and more will be provided where time allows. Lineups must be in the official scorebook at the scorer's table before the start of the game. A team must have 5 players to start a game. A team will forfeit its game if 5 players are not on the court, ready to play, 5 minutes past the scheduled start time. All players, coaches, spectators and referees, must wear masks inside the facilities.

TIMING: Games will consist of two 20-minute running time halves, with stop-time in the last 2 minutes of the second half only. ***A mandatory time out will occur at the first made basket or dead ball opportunity after the 10-minute mark of each half.*** Halftime will be three (3) minutes (tournament officials may shorten half times if needed). If one team is winning by 20 points, running time will continue during the final two minutes of the game. In the event the games fall too far behind schedule, we reserve the right to eliminate the stop-time rule in the last two minutes. Teams will be notified of such a decision before the start of the game.

OVERTIME: In all games, the first overtime will be two (2) minutes stop-time. If necessary, a second overtime will be an untimed, "sudden death" period. The first team to score in "sudden death" will be the winner, including scoring by free throw.

TIMEOUTS: Each team will be allowed three (3) one-minute timeouts in regulation. ***In addition, a mandatory time out will occur at the first made basket or dead ball opportunity after the 10-minute mark of each half.*** Each team is allowed one timeout in the first overtime, regardless of whether all three timeouts were used during regulation or not. No timeouts allowed in sudden death.

HOME TEAMS: If the Home team is not specifically indicated on the schedules, the **HOME TEAM** will be determined by the team listed on the left side of the pool game match ups. HOME TEAMS will wear dark colored jerseys. **HOME TEAM is responsible for providing the official score keeper.** Score sheet provided.

TEAM FOULS / FREE THROWS: In each half, bonus free throws will begin being awarded on the 7th team foul and double bonus free throws will begin being awarded on the 10th foul. 4TH grade boys and girls may shoot free throws from 12 feet. A player with 5 fouls will be disqualified from the game. A team cannot use a player with 5 fouls for participation in the game under any circumstance.

INTENTIONAL/TECHNICAL FOULS: Free throws will be shot for intentional fouls. If a technical foul is called for any reason, free throws will not be shot. Instead, 2 points and possession of the ball will automatically be awarded to the opposing team. Any coach or player assessed two technical fouls in one game will be ejected from that game and will not be allowed to participate in the remainder of the tournament.

DEFENSE: There will be no restrictions as to the type of team defense used during the tournament, including presses, except as follows:

- 4th Grade: No zone defense, no full-court press and no half-court trapping. Switching on screens is allowed. Help defense is allowed in the lane area.
- 5th Grade: No half-court zone defense or trapping. Switching on screens is allowed. Help defense is allowed in the lane area. Full court, man-to-man defense is allowed.
- 6th-7th-8th Grade: Teams leading by 20 or more points are not allowed to use full court defense of any kind. Once the lead has dropped to 10 points, full-court defense will be allowed again.

Officials should enforce this rule by giving a warning for the first offense and by awarding a bench technical foul for any subsequent violations.

SCORING: The 3-point rule will be in effect only where a 3-point line exists.

BASKETBALL SIZE: 27.5in basketballs in 4th grade; 28.5in basketballs in 5th & 6th grade boys; 29.5in basketballs in 7th & 8th grade boys.

SPORTSMANSHIP: Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their fans. Spectators exhibiting poor sportsmanship (rude conduct) will be asked to leave the building. If a spectator refuses, the game will be forfeited. Law enforcement will be called and asked to intervene, if necessary.

AWARDS: (Specific to 2021): We will issue awards to 1st place teams in each pool only. Due to planning purposes, we will issue only ten individual awards per team, regardless of the number of players on the winning teams. Team photos will not be allowed inside the facilities.

MEDICS: Emergency medical staff will be available at all locations. See site signage and information at each court's scorer's table for exact locations.

ALL DECISIONS OF THE GAME REFEREE WILL BE FINAL. NO PROTESTS WILL BE ALLOWED.

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