

YOUTH TOURNAMENT RULES

ALL NFHS rules govern play with the following exceptions:

In mixed grade divisions, ALL GAMES are played by rules of LOWER grade!

- TIMING:** Warm-ups 3-minutes, halftime 2-minutes. First OT is 1-minute, after that sudden death.
6th and up – Two 16-minute halves, 5th – Two 15-minute halves, 4th – Two 14-minute halves
- FOULS:** Players out after 5th foul. Bonus on 10th foul; NO double bonus. Last minute of game, both teams in bonus (if single-digit margin). Flagrant, intentional & technicals are 2 pts & ball, NO SHOTS
Last minute of run-time game, NO FT's taken. Bonus is 1pt. & ball, shooting fouls are just points.
- TIME-OUTS:** 1 FULL each half, 1 FULL any time in regulation. 1st OT has one FUL. Sudden death has none.
- BALL:** All girls and boys 6th and younger will use women's ball
- PRESS:** Full court press IS allowed at ALL levels at times below (NEVER with lead of 15 or more)
4th- Last minute of game. 5th- Last 2 minutes of each half. 6th – Last 4 minutes of each half.
7th/8th – Can press entire game. A team down by 10 or more points can press at ANY time.
- DEFENSE:** Man or zone allowed. Transition defense allowed, NOT same as press! If a team holds ball defense must get back, but if offense advances either by dribble or pass it can be defended in backcourt.
- MERCY:** 20 pts in 2nd half the clock runs (until lead is under 15), 30 pts last 2 minutes the game is called.
- PLAY TIME:** There is no playing time requirement; that is between each coach and his players/parents.
- TIE-BREAK:** 1) Head-to-Head 2) Point Differential (15 pts. max) 3) Least Allowed
- FORMAT:** Teams must be at their court 30-minutes prior to game as games **WILL** start up to *15-minutes* early! This excludes the first game of the day at a site, as doors open 15-minutes prior to the game. Each team must provide a scorer for every game, they sign-in and do not pay admission.

POOR SPORTSMANSHIP

We will NOT tolerate poor sportsmanship by coaches, players or fans. Everyone has a very specific role, coaches coach, players play and fans cheer. To that end, ONLY the head coach is to address the officials and should only do so from the confines of the coaching box. It is the responsibility of the head coach to ensure his assistants do not address the officials. Spectators are not to harass officials; they should only cheer on their players. Negative comments towards players, coaches or officials will not be tolerated and will result in removal from the facility.