

March Madness

Youth Basketball Tournament Rules

1. Each team must have a designated representative/coach to communicate with tournament personnel.
2. A player can only play on one team in the tournament.
3. A maximum of twelve (12) players will be allowed on team rosters, unless permission is granted by a Tournament Director. Please have completed rosters with names, ages, birth dates, and coaches information. Players may not exceed age requirements for each division as of September 1, 2011 (Boys 3rd & 4th; Boys 5th & 6th; Boys 7th & 8th; Boys 9th & 10th; Boys 11th & 12th. Girls 3rd & 4th; Girls 5th & 6th; Girls 7th & 8th; Girls 9th & 10th; Girls 11th & 12th. Coed Squirt teams -boys & girls- 1st & 2nd grade.) Exception— Players in grades 1st through 12th may exceed age requirement by one year if in proper grade level. You will need to provide a handwritten signature from the players school administrator verifying their grade level.
4. All teams will be required to verify ages if requested by MBCPRB or Tournament Director.
5. Roster changes may only be made prior to a team's first game in the tournament. *Only registered players and two adult coaches will be allowed to sit on team benches during games.*
6. Each player is required to have a parent or guardian sign a player release form prior to their first game, which would release MBCPRB from any responsibility for injuries or damages to any players during tournament play. (See attachments.)
7. Each member of a team is required to have identical colored jerseys with clearly labeled numbers (front & back).
8. A 5-minute grace period will be allowed for a team to appear for the start of the game; otherwise, the team will forfeit.
9. All divisions will play four 6-minute quarters with regulation time. Any overtime periods will be 3 minutes. Exception: High school divisions will play 7-minute quarters with 3 ½ minutes overtime.
10. All divisions will have a 5-minute half-time break.
11. ALL DIVISIONS: Two conduct technical fouls (verbal, physical, or unsportsmanlike conduct as interpreted by the referee) accumulated by any player during the tournament will result in immediate expulsion. Four (4) conduct technical fouls accumulated by any one team will result in that team's expulsion from the tournament.
12. MBCPRB will not tolerate verbal or physical abuse of any kind before, during, or after play. The Tournament Director has the authority to eject any player, coach, or team from the tournament.
13. MBCPRB has the authority to cancel any division that does not have a minimum of six (6) teams.
14. In case of inclement weather, tune to local radio stations (1340 WEPM AM or 740 WRNR AM) for tournament information.
15. Any special request by coaches for scheduling must be in writing and included with registration information.
16. A women's ball will be used in all girls divisions plus boys 3rd & 4th division. Coed Squirts will use a youth-size ball. (27.5)
17. GAME RULES: The National Federation of High School Rules will mandate play with the following special changes:
 - No Press Rule for Coed Squirts and Boys & Girls 3rd & 4th and 5th & 6th divisions except for the last two (2) minutes of each game plus any overtime period. Once team possession changes, defensive pressure or contact with the ball cannot take place until the ball enters the front court. Any loose ball or rolling ball in the back court area can be played by the defense.
 - Foul Shooting - Boys & Girls 3rd & 4th divisions will shoot a 12' shot and be allowed a momentum exception on the shot. Boys & Girls 11 & 5th & 6th division will shoot a 15' shot and be given the momentum exception as well.
 - Time-Outs (All Divisions) - Each team will receive two (2) full and two (2) 30-second timeouts per game, plus one additional full time-out for each overtime period.
 - Lane Violations - Coed Squirts and Boys & Girls 3rd & 4th divisions will have a 4-second lane violation.