

Mid America Youth Basketball

National Tournament Regulations and Guidelines

1. All teams are guaranteed a minimum of 4 scheduled games for the National Tournament. Some teams will play 7 or 8.
2. Regulation High School Activities Association rules will be followed with the following exceptions:
 - For 1st – 6th Grade Divisions - 20 minute running clock except for last 2 minutes of each half, unless one team is ahead by 15 points. If lead falls below 15 points, clock will again stop. In addition, clock will stop on all technical fouls, injuries or timeouts (including officials TO). Clock does not restart until it would in a normal dead ball situation.
 - For 7th – 12th Grade Divisions – **16 minute stopped clock for each half**, unless one team is ahead by 15 points. If the lead falls below 15 points, clock will again stop. **Mercy Rule in 7th – 12th Grade Divisions** – If one team is ahead by 20 points with 2 minutes or less left in the game, the game will be called.
 - 1st/2nd Grade division will play on 8.5 ft goals and use the girls' size ball (28.5). Free throw line is at 12 feet.
 - **2nd Grade (Only) BOYS division** will play on 10 ft goals and use the girls' size ball (28.5) Free throw line is at 12 feet.
 - 2nd/3rd grade **GIRLS** division will play on 8.5 ft goals and use the girls' size ball (28.5). Free throw line is at 12 feet.
 - 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th boys will use girls' size ball. (28.5)
 - 7th – 12th grade boys will use the men's size ball. (29.5)
 - 3-minute halftime and 5 minute pre-game warm-up.
 - Game time is forfeit time. (Site director will make the final decision on a forfeit)
 - We recommend jerseys with numbers on front and back. No number restrictions exist.
 - 4 timeouts per game, no 30-second timeouts.
3. No locker rooms, balls, etc...will be provided by schools.
4. Home team is designated by the first team listed in pool play and the top team in bracket play.
5. Brackets for the following age groups:
 - 1st/2nd boys and girls**
 - 2nd boys**
 - 2nd/3rd girls**
 - 3rd boys and girls**
 - 4th boys and girls**
 - 5th boys and girls**
 - 6th boys and girls**
 - 7th boys and girls**
 - 8th boys and girls**
 - 9th-10th boys and girls**
 - 11th-12th boys and girls**

We must have at least 4 teams in a division to provide a tournament at the National level.

If we do not have these, age groups may be cancelled. MAYB reserves the right to combine age groups without notification.

6. Players may play on only one team within a tournament grade division. Player's eligibility will be checked by a current grade card, if requested before the game is played. Players may play "up" in an older age group. This could mean a player plays in the 8th grade tournament and the 9th-10th grade division. But they can't play on 2 teams in the same 8th grade tournament.
7. Each team is required to provide a scorekeeper or clock operator for each game. We have had great success with this. It is harder to yell at your own person, but please do not put kids in this situation. It is unfair to them if adults are yelling at them!
8. All games will be officiated by High School Certified Officials.
9. Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated!!! A referee may remove players from the game or tournament for inappropriate behavior. We are here for the kids and do not allow or condone poor sportsmanship. This includes coaches and parents!
10. Referee may stop clock with reason. Intentionally wasting time to shorten the game can be punished with a technical foul. This does not mean a team can't use a delay offense at any time they choose. They simply can't tell players to not line up for free throws or sub 1 player at a time to run the clock.
11. Each tournament site will have a director. Please direct questions to this individual during the weekend.
12. If you need lodging please visit www.mayb.com/lodging
13. Schedules and brackets will be emailed and on our website at least 4-6 days in advance of the tournament.
14. No food or drinks allowed in tournament facilities unless otherwise noted.
15. Tiebreaker procedure is as follows: 1st criteria is head to head competition. If a 3-way tie exists we will use a point differential of +/- 15pts for all teams in that pool. The team with the highest point differential will get the highest seed. Point differential will be used for the remaining seeds as well. If a 2-way tie still exists after the point differential we will look at head to head competition. If there is still a 3-way tie after the point differential we will use a coin flip and the odd man out is the high seed and then head to head.
16. Each Overtime will be 2 minutes in length with regular clock operation. The clock stops on all dead balls.
17. The National tournament will provide two coaches passes per team.
18. In case of foul weather, we will attempt to reschedule games if at all possible. This may mean games are shortened or we play late. Refunds and scheduling at later dates are not possible.
19. All roster changes made after the entry deadline should be given to the tournament director before playing a game at a specific tournament. Grade cards will still be used to determine eligibility. You should have these with you at all times in case of protest. Final eligibility rulings will be made by the area director if weekend conflicts occur. There is no way for the National Office to make these decisions. If you know players will be gone, plan ahead! We want everyone to be able to play, but we do not want teams bringing in players on Sunday because they feel it is the only way to win the tournament.
20. Our first and primary goal remains to give all players maximum court time to improve their game in a competitive setting.

See Up to date Results and Schedules at www.mayb.com.