

## 2017 RULES

The **State Basketball Championship** will use **NFHS** Rules (National Federation of State High School Associations), except for the following exceptions:

1) 2-16 minute stop-clock halves (*except for during timeouts, when a team is leading by more than 20 points in the second half, the clock will run continuously until the lead is below 20 points at which time normal stop-clock timing rules apply*)

2) 5-minute warm-up time

3) 3-minute halftime

4) 3 Timeouts per game

5) 5 Fouls per player

6) All Overtimes are 2 minutes; 1 additional timeout per overtime.

7) No pressing or trapping with a 25-point lead

**Ball Size:** 5th & 6th Boys (28.5, girls ball). If by mutual agreement between coaches, 5th & 6th grade boys may choose to play with the regulation (29.5) ball

**Uniform Colors:** Teams listed on left of schedule (or listed on top of bracket) are Visitors and will wear dark. Teams listed on right of schedule (or listed on bottom of bracket) are Home and will wear light.

**4-Game Guarantee:** All tournament teams will play 4 games.

### Forfeits

#### No-Show Forfeits

- As per NFHS rules, teams must start play with 5 players.
- If a team does not have 5 players on the floor within 5 minutes of the scheduled start time. The final score will be recorded as 15-0.

#### In-game Forfeits

- As per NFHS rules, if a forfeit is ruled by officials during a game, then the final score shall be the score at the time of the forfeit (if the teams that wins by forfeit was is in the

lead at the time of the forfeit), or the final score will be recorded as 2-0 if the teams that wins by forfeit was tied or trailing at the time of the forfeit.

### **Pool Standing Tiebreakers**

3-Team Pools Tiebreaker to determine place of finish:

1. Number of Wins
2. Head to Head result
3. Point Differential (up to 15 points max)
4. Points Allowed
5. Points Scored
6. Coin Flip

4-Team Pools\* A 4-team pool can have no pool play ties as first game winners play each other and first game losers play each other. So the place of finish is determined by:

Winner of both games is 1st place

Winner of first game and loser of second game is 2nd place

Loser of first game and winner of second game is 3rd place

Loser of both games is 4th place.

\* Note: 4-team pools within an 8 team division are different and use Round Robin play to determine pool finish. In the event of a tie in one of these pools then the 3-Team Pool Tiebreakers listed above are used.

**Participant Conduct:** The State Basketball Championship committee reserves the right to eject any player, coach, official or spectator from a facility for objectionable behavior.

**Scorekeepers:** State Basketball will provide staffing for the book and the clock. You're strongly encouraged to have your own scorebook person sit at the scorer's table to help prevent mistakes. If a problem occurs, ask the clock operator to buzz referees.

**Referee Complaints: Coaches:** Please address any officiating disputes in a professional manner with your game's designated Court Supervisor and be a great role models for your players. **Parents:** If you have an issue with a referee, you must direct it through your coach.