



# OSA / Elkhorn Elite Girls Battle of the Borders in the Bluffs Tournament Rules



## Rules:

1. All teams are guaranteed a minimum of 3 scheduled games. Some teams will possibly play 4.
2. Regulation High School Activities Association rules will be followed with the following exceptions:
  - I. 20-minute running clock except for the last minute of each half, unless one team is ahead by 15 points or more. In addition, the clock will stop on all technical fouls, injuries, or timeouts (including officials TO). Clock does not restart until it would be in a normal dead ball situation.
  - II. Teams are not allowed to press over half court with a 20 point or more lead. The first violation will be a warning, if it continues a technical foul may be assessed to the bench if the officials deem it intentional.
    - a. No full court pressing at 3rd or 4th grade divisions except for the last minute of each half.
  - III. 3rd grade girls will play with a 27.5 (junior) ball; 4th thru 8th grade girls will use an intermediate size (28.5) basketball.
  - IV. 3-minute half time and 5-minute pre-game warm-up (warm up may be shortened if running behind)
  - V. Game time is forfeit time. A team can start the game with only 4 players, but must have 5 players by the 10 minute mark of the 1st half.
  - VI. Jerseys must have numbers on the front and back with no number restrictions.
  - VII. Timeouts – One full and one -30 second timeout per half with no carryover to the second half or overtime.
  - VIII. All divisions will play on 10-foot goals. 3rd and 4th grade girls will utilize a 12' free throw line.
3. Individual awards for 1st and 2nd place in each age group.
4. Players may play on only one team within a tournament pool. Should a team have players on multiple teams within a grade level, it is the responsibility of the coach to let us know in advance of scheduling to place the two teams in separate pools. Player eligibility will be checked by a current grade card, if requested. Players may play "up" in an older age group. This could mean a player plays in the 5th grade tournament and in the 6th grade tournament. But they cannot play on 2 teams in the same 6th grade division/pool.
5. All games will be officiated by high school certified officials.
6. 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. Do not allow or condone poor sportsmanship. This includes coaches and parents!!!
7. Referee may stop clock within reason. Intentionally wasting time to shorten the game can be punished by a technical foul. This does not mean a team cannot use a delay offense at any time they choose.
8. Each tournament site will have a supervisor. Please direct all questions, comments, or concerns to this individual.
9. No food or drinks are allowed in tournament facilities, unless noted otherwise.
10. Tiebreaker procedure is as follows: 1) Head to Head 2) Point Differential 3) Points Allowed, with a margin of victory up to a 20-point max per game.
11. The first overtime will be 2 minutes in length with regular clock operation. The clock stops on all dead balls. Each team will have 1 timeout available to use in each OT. Additional OT periods, after the first OT period, will be sudden death.
12. All roster changes should be made to the OSA or Elkhorn Elite, in writing, at least 48 hours before the start of the tournament. The roster you list in your scorebook for the first game of each tournament is your roster for the weekend. Make sure to include on this list any player who for any reason is not playing the first game, but intends to play following games.
13. Each team needs to provide a clock operator or score keeper for each game.
14. Rule for Coaches' Bench Behavior.
  - I. Only three coaches per team will be allowed on the team bench. No exceptions! If a scorekeeper is on the bench, that person will be considered a coach.
  - II. Only the Head Coach can make comments to the referees or workers at the score table. If the assistant doesn't comply, the referee is instructed to call a technical foul on the bench.
  - III. Only the Head Coach will be allowed to stand.
15. Coach/Fan Attitudes:
  - I. It is understood that these games get quite competitive. It is important that all maintain a proper etiquette and display of sportsmanship.
  - II. The referees will be given full licensing to eject fans and coaches from the gym.
    - a. Note: We have multiple cameras within our gym, and virtually everything is recorded. Any incident will be thoroughly reviewed!

## Fan Decorum:

- I. Fans that cross the line and verbally abuse or berate the officials will be removed from OSA and OSA Facilities. If a spectator is removed from OSA or an OSA facility, they will not be allowed to re-enter until first meeting with Bob Franzese, OSA General Manager. Repeat offenders will be banned permanently from OSA. Like players and coaches, officials will from time to time miss calls, and as a spectator, you do not have a right to admonish or berate officials. We encourage you to simply show up and cheer on your loved one and their teammates. If you do not address the referees, you will have nothing to worry about.

## Coaches Decorum:

- I. Only the head coach is allowed to address the official. The assistant coach may not address the officials. If a coach or assistant coach receives a technical foul, the seat belt rule will apply and both coaches will need to sit for the remainder of the game. If a coach receives two technical fouls, they will be ejected and will need to leave the gym area for the remainder of the game. Coach may return to coaching, but will need to leave all tournament venues for 2nd ejection within the tournament.
- II. We set aside officials areas in the corners of each court. This area is for officials and officials only. Coaches may not address the officials while they are in these areas before, at halftime or after games. In high school and college games, officials retreat to their locker rooms at halftime and after games and coaches are not allowed to enter into those areas -the same philosophy applies here...although it's not a locker room, it is their area and they should not be approached.

## Additional Notes:

- I. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to the start of the first game.
- II. Teams will need to provide their own warm up basketballs.
- III. Home team provides the game ball.