Mid America Youth Basketball

Winter Appreciation Regulations & Guidelines – 3 Game Guarantee

- 1. All teams are guaranteed a minimum of 3 scheduled games. When possible, teams will be ability-grouped into divisions prior to pool play.
- 2. Regulation High School Activities Association rules will be followed with the following exceptions:
 - a. 20 minute running clock except for the last 2 minutes of each half, unless one team is ahead by 15 points or more. In addition, the clock will stop on all technical fouls. Clock does not restart until it would in a normal dead ball situation.
 - b. 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.
 - c. 1st 7th grade boys divisions will play with the 28.5" basketball. All Girls divisions will use 28.5".
 - d. 3-5-minute half time and 5 minute pre-game warm-up.
 - e. Game time is forfeit time at the discretion of the site director.
 - f. Jerseys need only have a number on the back with no number restrictions.
 - g. 4 time-outs per game, no 20-second time-outs. One additional timeout per overtime.
 - h. 1st 3rd Grade divisions will play on 8 ½ foot goals. Free Throw lines will be moved up to 12 feet on those divisions. Divisions labeled 2nd/3rd combined played on 8 ½ foot goals, will also use the 12' Free Throw line. All divisions played on 10 foot goals will shoot from the standard 15 foot free throw line.
- 3. No locker rooms, balls & etc...will be provided by the facilities.
- 4. Individual awards for 1st and 2nd place in each age group.
- 5. Players may play on only 1 team within a tournament grade division. Players' 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 tournament.
- 6. All games will be officiated by high school certified officials.
- 7. 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!!!
- 8. 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 anytime they choose.
- 9. Each tournament site will have a supervisor. Please direct all questions, comments, or concerns to this individual.
- 10. No food or drinks are allowed in tournament facilities, unless noted otherwise.
- 11. No Speakers are allowed in tournament facilities, there will be no music played in between games or during timeouts.
- 12. Tiebreaker procedure is as follows. 1st criteria is head to head competition. If a 3 way tie exists and there is no head to head winner, a point differential system that has a maximum of 15 points from each game will be used (+/- 15 points) including all pool games.
- 13. Overtimes will be 2 minutes in length with regular clock operation. The clock stops on all dead balls. 1 additional time-out for each overtime.
- 14. All roster changes should be made to the National Office 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 official 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.
- 15. Each team needs to provide a clock operator or score keeper for each game.
- 16. If you need hotel lists and playing sites, call 888-723-2064.
- 17. Our first and primary goal remains to give all players maximum court time to improve their game in a competitive setting.

If you have any further questions, comments, or concerns please contact us at the following:

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