

OSA TOURNAMENT RULES – 2021-2022

PLEASE NOTE:

ONLY COACHES are allowed to bring basketballs into any OSA facility. No off-court dribbling is allowed.

NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK MAY BE BROUGHT INTO ANY OSA GAME VENUES

PLAYER, COACH AND SPECTATOR DECORUM – All participants entering OSA facilities are expected to always show good sportsmanship. OSA HAS A **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY** and has the right to remove any participant who does not comply with OSA policies and procedures or who is seen as a threat to the safety and integrity of our league. **Anyone ejected from a game (player, coach, spectator) will be required to leave the facility and may not enter ANY OSA game facility for the remainder of the day, even for another team. If this happens in the team's last game of the day, the ejected party will be required to sit for the next game the following day.**

- **Coaches:** 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. We set aside officials' areas on 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 games, at halftime or after games.
- **Spectator Decorum:** Fans who cross the line and verbally abuse or berate the officials or OSA Staff will be removed from OSA and OSA facilities immediately. Repeat offenders will be banned permanently from OSA. Spectators do not have the right to admonish or berate officials or OSA Staff, and those who do not comply will be removed.

WEATHER CLOSINGS - In the event of inclement weather, check the homepage of our website two hours prior to your game time for the status of your game. OSA will also send out notifications to all coaches through Tourney Machine. We understand that there are teams that travel from a distance to the OSA, and in the event of inclement weather in surrounding areas, we reserve the right to cancel games as needed.

Additional Notes:

- **SCOREKEEPERS** - Each team will need to provide a parent volunteer scorekeeper for each game; One volunteer will run book; One volunteer will run clock. All scorekeepers must be at least 16 years old.
- **PARKING** - Please do not park in the designated "no parking" areas.
- **VENUES** - Doors will open 30 minutes prior to the start of the first game. All teams will have a 5-minute warm-up period unless we are running behind.

1st – 2nd Grade Boys 1st/2nd Grade Girls Tournament Rules

1. Rim Height:
 - a. 1ST BOYS AND 1ST/2ND GIRLS – Rim Height - 8 feet; Ball Size = 27.5 (junior ball)
 - b. 2ND BOYS - Rim Height - 9 feet; Ball Size = 27.5 (junior ball)
2. Game will be played 5 on 5 on half court.
3. Games will consist of four ten-minute periods. Substitutions will be allowed at the five-minute mark of each period only unless there is an injury. These five-minute mark substitutions are not time-outs. Players are to be subbed in/out, lined up accordingly and play resumes immediately.
4. Free throws will not be shot during play. If a player is fouled on a shooting attempt, the offensive team will be awarded one point and possession of the ball on their baseline provided the shot did not go in. If the player is fouled and the shot went in, the offensive team will be awarded three points, and the opposing team will receive possession.
5. At the end of the second period, each player will shoot a free throw from 12 feet. That total (makes) will be added to their score. Each team will shoot an equal number of shots.
6. Teams must play man-to-man defense and may pick up at half court. Players may steal passes but may not steal the dribble. If player is holding the ball while being guarded for 10 continuous seconds the result will end in a turnover giving the possession to the opposing team where the ball will be inbounded from the sideline. The player will be given a warning from the official at the 5 second mark to avoid a 10 second turnover call.
7. Games will be played on the short courts, which are designed specifically for this age group. Coaches stay within their team's bench. The assistant coach should remain on the bench, talking players through the course of the game and helping with substitutions.
8. Actual score will be kept on the scoresheet, but the scoreboard and online scores should never reflect above a 20-point margin.
9. If the game is tied at the end of regulation, a one-minute overtime period will be played. First possession will be based on who had the possession arrow for the next jump ball. If the game is tied at the end of overtime, the game will be decided on a team free-throw contest. Each team shoots an equal number of shots. If the game is tied after the free-throw contest, the game will officially end in a tie. 1
10. A player from each team will play rock/scissor/paper to determine first possession. Possession changes will occur as normal from thereon at jump balls or end of each 5-minute period.
11. The two teams will change ends of play at the end of the second quarter (halftime).
12. Teams will have a 1-minute time-out at the end of each 10-minute quarter and/or at the end of the game if the game goes into overtime, then must immediately resume the court to line up.
13. There are no team time-outs.

3rd – 8th Grade Tournament Rules

ALL COMBINED GRADE LEVEL DIVISIONS/POOLS WILL PLAY BY THE RULES OF THE OLDEST GRADE LEVEL
*****GAMES WITH ASTERISKS BY THEM ARE EXHIBITION GAMES AND WILL NOT COUNT TOWARD POOL RECORD*****

Generally, all rules pertaining to basketball for grades 3rd through 8th as defined by the Nebraska State Athletic Association will be used for the Predator League. Some specific rules designed at the coaches meeting, which will be utilized or emphasized are as follows:

1. Rim heights - all 3rd – 8th grade teams will play on 10-foot rims. Ball size are as follows:
 - 3rd Grade Boys and 3rd Girls Divisions: **27.5 (junior ball)**
 - 4th – 7th Grade Boys: **28.5 (women's ball)**
 - 3rd/4th Girls Combined divisions and 4th – 8th grade Girls: **28.5 (women's ball)**
 - 8TH Grade Boys: **29.5 (men's ball)**
2. Home Team Provides Game Ball; Home Team Wears White/Light Jersey (Home team is listed FIRST on the schedule)
3. All Grades game clock:
 - Two 20-minute halves per game.
 - Clock stops on all whistles during last minute of each half only.
 - One 30-second time-out per overtime period (cannot carry over unused time-outs)
 - 2-minute half time
4. Time Outs: Three 60 second timeouts per game; do not carry over into Overtime Periods.
5. Overtime period limited to 2 minutes with stopped clock during final minute only. One 30-second time-out per overtime period
6. Free Throw Shots: 3rd Grade Boys, 3rd Grade Girls, and 4th Grade Girls will shoot free throws at 12 feet. We will have tape on each of the courts at the 12-foot mark.
 - On 7th team foul - 1 and 1.
 - On 10th team foul - 2 shots.
7. Technical Fouls:
 - Two technical fouls on the bench (coach) - ejection from current game and **remainder of the day (may not coach ANY teams for the rest of the day)**
 - Two technical fouls on player - ejection from current and **remainder of the day (may not play ANY games for the rest of the day)**
 - Two coach ejections - **elimination of coach from tournament (all teams).**
8. Full-court press policy:
 - 3rd Grade Boys and Girls and 4th Grade Girls divisions - Teams will not be allowed to press or play defense in the back court at any point in the game. If a team is behind 9 or fewer points in the last 30 seconds of the game, the clock will not start until the team with the lead crosses half court, thus eliminating the need to press.
 - 4th – 8th Boys and 5th thru 8th Girls - Any team may press full court unless they have a twenty-point (20) lead or greater. This includes swiping at or stealing the ball after a rebound in transition. If the referee determines that possession was lost in transition before half court, then the team will be rewarded the ball out of bounds in their back court.
9. Teams are allowed to play with 4 players if needed.
10. Eligibility- Players can play up a grade, but CANNOT, under any circumstance, play down. There are no exceptions to this rule! Participants may play on more than one team, provided that both teams are not in the same division/pool.
11. Rule for Coaches' Bench Behavior:
 - Only two 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.
 - Only the Head Coach can make comments to the referees or workers at the score table. ***If the assistant coach doesn't comply, the referee is instructed to call a technical foul on the bench.***
12. Only the Head Coach will be allowed to stand.
13. Coaches'/Fan Attitudes: It is understood that games get quite exciting. It is important that all maintain a proper etiquette and display of sportsmanship. The referees will be given full licensing to eject fans and coaches from the gym.