

TOURNAMENT RULES

2019 HOLIDAY TIP-OFF

Note: These rules are posted on the website prior to the tournament. While we do not anticipate any changes, rules are subject to change until the tournament begins. Official rules will be distributed at check-in.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

1. Player eligibility (i.e., division guidelines) are consistent with AAU Age eligibility rules for the 2018/19 season. If you have any doubts about the eligibility of a player, consult with Tournament Officials BEFORE inserting the player into a game.
2. Only players on official rosters may play. No changes may be made to the roster after beginning of first game.
3. Teams will forfeit any game in which an ineligible player is used.
4. Any player that cannot provide proof of age to the satisfaction of tournament officials may be considered ineligible.
5. Birth certificate or school document will be accepted as proof of eligibility. Other forms of documentation may be accepted at the discretion of tournament officials. Coaches should have proof of age for players with them at all times. Protests regarding player eligibility must be made by the coach of the opposing team prior to the completion of the game. If challenged, teams must provide proof of eligibility. Failure to do so may result in the game being forfeited and/or the team and/or offending player(s) being removed from the tournament. Sporting Chance tournament director's decision is final in this matter.
6. In the absence of appropriate girls divisions, tournament officials have the discretion to allow individual girls or girls teams to play down one grade/age level in the Boys/Open division.

POOL PLAY:

1. Teams will be placed in divisions determined by eligibility rules described above. Depending upon the number of teams in each division, pools may be established. Seeding and pairings are at the discretion of tournament officials.

BRACKET PLAY:

1. After pool play, qualifying teams will advance to bracket play, either in a Championship Bracket or Consolation Bracket, depending upon the results of pool play. Precise formulas and methodology will depend upon the number of teams competing in each division and will be determined by tournament officials. Coaches will be notified of methodology not later than the release of official schedules. All teams are guaranteed 4 games in the tournament.

GAME RULES:

1. National High School rules will apply except as described below.
2. Games are two running 18-minute halves. Clock stops last minute of the first half and the last 2 minutes of 2nd half, unless a team is winning by 15 points or more, then the clock will run. Referees

- at their discretion may direct the clock to be stopped in case of unforeseen disruptions in play.
3. **Zero Tolerance Policy.** In the case of a technical foul, no free throws will be shot. Two points will be automatically awarded to the team not receiving the technical foul.
 4. If any game is tied after regulation play, one overtime period of 2 minutes will be played (clock runs the first minute, and is stopped the second). If game is still tied, additional overtime periods will be one-minute clock stopped until winner is determined. Each team is permitted two time-outs per half, and one time out per overtime period. There is no carryover of un-used time-outs.
 5. Players foul out on their fifth foul. On the seventh team foul in a half, the opposing team will be awarded a one and one free throw opportunity. On the tenth team foul in a half, the opposing team will be awarded a two shot opportunity.
 6. Teams will be permitted to press full court, unless, the pressing team is ahead by 20 or more points. Penalty: After a team receives a warning, a technical foul will be assessed against the coach of the pressing team and two points will be awarded to the non-offending team for each subsequent violation.
 7. Basketballs: Boys 9u, 10, & 11u and the all Girls divisions will use the smaller ball (28.5). All other divisions will use the men's size ball (29.5).
 8. **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP IS THE EXPECTATION OF OUR TOURNAMENT.** Unsportsmanlike conduct from players, coaches or fans will not be tolerated. Game and tournament officials have complete discretion over issues of unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - a. **Coaches** - If a coach receives 2 technical fouls in a game, he/she will be ejected from the gym and will be ejected from any subsequent game on the first technical.
 - b. **Players** - If a player receives 2 technical fouls in a game, he/she will be ejected from the game and will be ejected from any subsequent game on the first technical.
 - c. **Fans** - Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their team's fans. Officials have discretion to (1) assess technical fouls against a team for the unsportsmanlike conduct of its fans, (2) eject fans from the facility or the tournament for any unsportsmanlike conduct, and/or (3) take any other action they deem appropriate. Police assistance will be used if and when necessary.
 9. Forfeits greatly disrupt tournament play, and spoil the experience for the other teams. This must be avoided at all costs. In the event any team forfeits a game, Sporting Chance tournament officials reserve the right to take any action they deem necessary or appropriate to maximize the experience for the teams, which have not forfeited. This includes, but is not limited to, expelling teams that forfeit any game from all or part of the remainder of the tournament; rescheduling games; admitting replacement teams; or reassigning teams to different brackets/divisions.

TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Teams will risk forfeit if they are late for any game. See Forfeits above.
2. Teams are responsible for supplying their own warm-up basketballs. Officials will use a game ball supplied by one of the teams.