

TULIP BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Official rule book is the National Federation of High School Associations, with the following noted or added:
2. **Games may move ahead of schedule. All teams should be ready to begin games at the completion of the previous game!**
3. The 4th, 5th & 6th Grade Boys and all Girls Divisions will use an intermediate size basketball (28.5"). The Boys 7th and 8th Grade Divisions will use a men's regulation size basketball (29.5").
4. Pressing and zones allowed unless ahead by twenty (20) points.
5. Two 15-minute halves are a regulation game. Clock stops on all dead balls.
6. Halftime will be four (4) minutes.
7. The first overtime is three (3) minutes or the first team to gain a 4-point lead. The second overtime is a "Sudden Victory" format, with the first team to score being declared the winner. Both overtime periods start with a jump ball.
8. Technical fouls are two points and possession of the ball. Two (2) technical fouls on the same player or coach in a game will result in an ejection from that game and the next scheduled game in the tournament. Three (3) technical fouls in the tournament will result in a player or coach's expulsion from the tournament.

NOTE: A Technical Foul on a player will count as a personal foul and count towards the team total. A Coach/Bench Technical Foul will also count as a team foul (NFHS Rules).
9. Fighting is an automatic expulsion from the game, the next game and possibly the tournament.
10. Substitutes must report into the official scorer/timer and be motioned in by an official before entering the game.
11. TIME OUTS - Teams are provided three (3) time outs per game. An additional time out will be granted for each overtime period. Time outs can be carried over from the game and overtime periods.
12. **Free Throws:** Teams will be in the bonus and shoot two (2) foul shots after the 7th team foul of each half. There will be no 1-and-1 foul shots. Technical fouls are counted as team fouls.
13. Free Throw Lane Administration – Marked lane spaces may be occupied by a maximum of four defensive and two offensive players. The fourth spaces (nearest the Base Line) shall not be occupied and are not considered marked lane spaces.
14. Note: No Shot Clock will be used for Boys & Girls Divisions. A 10 second backcourt count will be in effect.
15. NFHS rules utilize a closely guarded 5 second count in the frontcourt when holding or dribbling the ball for both Boys & Girls.
16. A player may play on more than one team, as long as it is in a separate grade level. Additionally, a player can only play up a grade level and not down (e.g. 5th to 6th, etc.)
17. Coaches are responsible for the actions and conduct of their players and spectators. Negative remarks and suggestions towards game officials will not be tolerated.
18. All players must have parental waiver forms signed prior to participating. All fees must be paid prior to participating. No refunds once schedule is drawn up.

Sportsmanship should be the dominant theme for this tournament. Coaches and fans that display unsportsmanlike behavior are setting a bad example for the kids participating and detract from the overall experience. Referees will miss calls...as will players miss shots. Please do your part to make the tournament an enjoyable experience for everyone involved.