

Men's & Women's Basketball Rules

1. Each game will consist of two eight (8) minute halves. There will be a three-minute halftime for each game.
2. Each game will begin with a coin flip. The team losing the first half flip will receive possession to start the second half.
3. TSSAA rules will apply to games.
4. There will be a five (5) minute grace period before a game is forfeited. The grace period begins at the scheduled start time of the game whether the previous game is completed or not.
5. In the event a game ends in a tie there will be a two-minute overtime period with the same rules applied as in the last two (2) minutes of the game. Possession will be decided by a coin flip. Each consecutive OT period will alternate possessions after the first coin flip.
6. Men's teams may have a maximum of four (4) players on the court. Women's teams may have a maximum of three (3) players on the court. A team may play with less than four (4) (women 3) as long as they begin the game with four (4) (women 3).
7. **A player receiving four (4) personal fouls will be disqualified from the game.**
8. **Any team or player receiving two (2) technical fouls in one game (or through the course of the tournament) will be disqualified from further competition.**
9. Every change of possession will require the ball to clear out past the three-point line before a shot may be attempted. Both feet must be clearly behind the line. Violation of this rule will result in change of possession.
10. Each team will have two (2) time-outs per half. They will not carry over from one half to the other. Each team will receive one (1) time-out per OT period. These also will not carry over in the event of further OT's.
11. The game clock will run continuously until the last two (2) minutes of each half. The clock will stop as normal during the last two (2) minutes of each half and each OT period.
12. FOUL SHOTS – Foul shots will not be taken until the last two (2) minutes of the game and OT periods. Foul shots will be taken under the following conditions:
 - A. The player was fouled in the act of shooting.
 - B. Team fouls for the half total six (6) - shoots one and one.
 - C. Team fouls for the half total eight (8) - two (2) foul shots

NOTE: *Technical fouls will give one (1) free throw and possession of the ball at anytime during the game. The clock will always stop for technical fouls.*