

MIDAMERICA TOTAL SPORTS

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MIDAMERICA TOTAL SPORTS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RULES

2023-2024 MidAmerica Total Sports Basketball Rules

The National High School Federation Rules and Regulations (NHSF) will apply to all MidAmerica Total Sports games with the following exceptions:

Grade Division Rules & Registration Requirements

I.

2nd Grade Division: An athlete must be in the second grade as of September 1, 2022 and cannot turn 10 prior to August 1, 2023.

3rd Grade Division: An athlete must be in the third grade as of September 1, 2022 and cannot turn 11 prior to August 1, 2023.

4th Grade Division: An athlete must be in the fourth grade as of September 1, 2022 and cannot turn 12 prior to August 1, 2023.

5th Grade Division: An athlete must be in the fifth grade as of September 1, 2022 and cannot turn 13 prior to August 1, 2023.

6th Grade Division: An athlete must be in the sixth grade as of September 1, 2022 and cannot turn 14 prior to August 1, 2023.

7th Grade Division: An athlete must be in the seventh grade as of September 1, 2022 and cannot turn 15 prior to August 1, 2023.

8th Grade Division: An athlete must be in the eighth grade as of September 1, 2022 and cannot turn 16 prior to August 1, 2023.

1. Proof of age is required and must be made available at any time, for every player. Players must possess an original or legible copy of their birth certificate for verification.
2. Proof of grade is required and must be made available at any time, for every player. Players must possess an original or legible copy of their report card that includes the player's name, school name, address, & phone number, current grade, and current school year.
3. Teams must submit roster with all required information before beginning tournament play complete with parent signature. Should for any reason a team participates without a roster signed by Parents/Guardians, the coach of that team agrees to accept total responsibility for injuries that may occur.
4. Rosters are allowed a maximum of fifteen (15) players, 2 coaches, and 1 scorekeeper/timekeeper.
5. A player is not allowed to participate on two different teams within the same grade level.
6. A player who meets all eligibility guidelines may only participate in up to two different grade levels within the same tournament provided both teams belong to the same organization and have an identical team name. However, a player may not participate in a semi-final or championship game

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unless he/she participated in at least one game with each team prior to the semi-final or championship game unless it is the player's first game of the tournament.

7. Coaches should have Birth Certificates and current Report Cards available should a protest occur concerning a player's eligibility.
8. Teams electing to protest the eligibility of a player must do so accompanied by a \$100 cash deposit. Team protesting must also produce documentation for players on their team before the eligibility protection process is started.. Protest deposits will be returned only if the player is found ineligible.
9. If a player is found to be ineligible, or if proper documentation cannot be produced, that player will be disqualified from further participation in the tournament and the player's team will forfeit all games in which the player was listed on the official score sheet. The player's team may continue in tournament play, if applicable, without the player. If a player is found to be ineligible once Tournament Bracket play begins, or if proper documentation cannot be produced, that player and the team will be disqualified and cannot advance in Bracket play.
10. Players may only play on teams of their gender. i.e. Girls cannot participate on Boy's Teams.

GAME LOGISTICS

II.

1. **Length of Games:** 2nd Grade - 6th Grade (12-minute Halves) 7th - 8th Grade (13-minute Halves) Clock stops on dead balls.
2. **Game Time:** Games will start early if both teams do agree, otherwise start time will be as schedule specifies
3. **Length of Overtime:** 3-minutes (all divisions) **Overtime Rules:** (1) full timeout awarded to each team. Unused timeouts from the second half may NOT be carried over to the overtime period. Unused timeouts granted for overtime periods may NOT be carried over to additional overtime periods. A second overtime will be Sudden Death (first team to score)
4. **Length of Halftime:** 3-minutes (all divisions)
5. **Length of Pre-Game Warm-Up:** Minimum of 5-minutes (all divisions)
6. **Boys Basketball Specifications:** 2nd Grade - 6th Grade (28.5") 7th Grade - 8th Grade (29.5")
7. **Basket Height Regulation:** 10-foot (all divisions)
8. **Mercy Rule:** Once a team is leading by 20 points anytime in a game, the clock will continue to run. The only time the clock will stop is for injuries or timeouts. If the lead falls below 10 points, the clock will again be stopped for all whistle stoppages
9. **Forfeits:** Teams will be given a grace period of ten (10) minutes after the start of the game to arrive. If a team does not have at least four players present at the end of the grace period, they will forfeit the game and the opposing team will be awarded a 20-point win

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10. **Timeouts:** Each team will be allowed two full 60-second timeouts per half. Timeouts cannot be carried over. Only the Head Coach and player(s) can call a timeout.
11. **Pool Play Tie Breaker**
 1. Head-to-Head
 2. Point Differential, Maximum 15 points per game
 3. Total Points Allowed
 4. Total Points Scored
 5. Coin Flip
12. **Uniforms:** All teams must have either reversible jerseys (one light color side and one dark color side) or two sets of jerseys (light set and dark set). The home team in each game will wear light-colored jerseys. The visitor team in each game will wear dark-colored jerseys.
13. **Participant Conduct:** The conduct of players and coaches should be above reproach both on and off the court. Any misbehavior or misconduct, on or off the court, will be subject to individual and/or team disqualification from an event as well as suspension or expulsion from participation in future MidAmerica Total Sports events.
14. **Ejection:** An ejection of any player, coach, parent, or spectator will result in a minimum of a one game suspension from the team's next scheduled game in the same tournament and up to dismissal from the event. During the suspension, the person is not allowed within sight or sound of the playing area as determined by the referee or tournament officials. A second ejection within the same event will result in suspension from the tournament. No refunds will be issued in the event of disqualification. During the suspension, the person is not allowed within sight or sound of the playing area as determined by the referee or tournament officials.