

3 on 3 BASKETBALL RULES: NLBA Grade 4

All games will be played using the current FIBA (International) basketball rules with the following modifications...

1.0 GAME PLAY: All games are played 3 on 3 in a half court setting on one basket with a small ball (size 5) at an 8 foot net.

2.0 PARTICIPANTS:

2.1 Teams must have a minimum of nine (9) players dressed and ready to play at the start of the tournament.

2.2 Maximum number of players is 18 per team.

3.0 FORMAT: Teams will play two, 3 X 3 games at one time. You will have two team of 3 playing, one at one net, one at the other. Six of your team will be participating at one time. **Each coach will be responsible for an end or net.** Just to make sure everything flow smoothly and give guidance where necessary.

4.0 START OF GAME: Rock/paper/scissors or a coin flip will determine which team gets the first possession. The team that wins will get the ball and have possession to start the game. Possession begins behind the three point line, foul line extended.

5.0 TIME: We will play two 20 minute half's running time. 5 minute half time.

6.0 CLOCK: The clock shall be set to 20 minutes and games will be straight running time.

7.0 All rebounds or changes in possessions must be 'cleared' with the ball being taken back to the three point line, foul line extended

8.0 SCORES: No scores or standings will be kept.

9.0 EQUIPMENT: A 'size 5' (27.5) basketball and 8 foot high baskets will be used.

10.0 PLAYING TIME: All players are to receive equal court time and will be regularly substituted.

11.0 SUBSTITUTIONS: Substitutions for each team will take place at will. Substitutions can be made during stoppage in play, clock won't stop for substitutions. Substitutions can enter the game after his/her teammate steps off the court and high fives his teammate.

12.0 HOW THE BALL IS PLAYED:

Following each successful field goal:

A player from the non-scoring team will resume the game by dribbling or passing the ball to a place on the court behind the 3 point line-foul line extended.

The defensive team is not allowed to play defense until the ball is cleared

Following each unsuccessful field goal:

If the offensive team gains possession of the ball, that team may continue to attempt to score without returning the ball behind clear line (3 pt. line foul line extended).

If the defensive team gains possession of the ball, they must return the ball, by passing or dribbling to the clear line behind the three point line, foul line extended.

13.0 VIOLATIONS: All fouls, violations (travelling, Double Dribble, etc.) or out of bounds calls will result in the ball being given to the opposing team at the top of the key. **No free throws will be taken at any time.**

14.0 JUMP BALL SITUATION: A jump ball situation shall be awarded to the defensive team, they clear the ball behind the three point line foul line extended.

15.0 DEFENSE: Teams are to play 'man to man' defense only (no zone defenses allowed)

17.0 TIMEOUTS: NO timeouts.

18.0 COACH: There is a no coach role during the game. Coaches are expected to work with their players in a practice setting, outside of competition. During the 3 on 3 tournament, "let the players play, have fun and play ugly (it's through making mistakes that we learn)"!!

19.0 A coach from each team will be the on-court presence at one end of the court (Court Marshall for lack of a better word) This is not meant for coaching purposes, this person will help with flow of the game, substitutions, calling obvious violations and fouls but otherwise we want to let the athletes play.

There will be no score, no referees, and no minor officials!