



Eden Prairie Tip Off Girls Basketball Tournament Rules

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Minnesota State High School League rules will be in force with the following modifications:

All teams must be sponsored by an organization that is community-based.

- All-star or renegade teams as defined by the MYAS will not be accepted.
- Athletes must compete with the travel association within the community where they reside or attend school.
- If there is not a travel association within the community where the athlete resides or attends school, or if the athlete has been cut or restricted from the association, they may participate with a bordering association.
- The sponsoring organization must be of perpetual nature.
- The sponsoring organization must have a democratic posture.
- The sponsoring organization should promote and implement programs for multiple age/grade levels.

Team Rules

- Coaches must check team in prior to first game, at Main Entrance to EPHS Activity Center. One head coach and one assistant coach are provided free admission. Coaches will provide Tournament Director with their cell phone number.
- Teams should be present and ready to play 15 minutes before scheduled game time. Each team is responsible for writing their lineups on the official score sheet five minutes prior to game time. Games will START ON TIME. Teams not on the floor at a scheduled start time will forfeit with a 20-0 score. No grace period.
- Games will not start any earlier than 10 minutes prior to the original start time and MUST be agreed to by BOTH head coaches.
- A warm-up period of 5 minutes will be allowed before each game and a minimum of 3 minutes at half-time (5 minutes is preferred). Officials may shorten warm-ups or half-time breaks to keep tournament on schedule.
- The lineup entered for your first game is the official tournament roster (12 players max).
- Teams must have five players to begin a game but may finish a game with less than five. If team does not have 5 players to start game, game will be forfeited and winning team awarded a 20-0 score.
- In all grades, a coach may use a younger player, but that player may not play on another team in the tournament. This needs to be declared to Tournament Director at time of team Check-In prior to first game.

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- No jewelry shall be worn during the game. This includes all pierced jewelry. Taping over jewelry is NOT allowed. Any exceptions need to be approved by Tournament Director prior to first game.
- The home team will be the team in the top of bracket (or designated as the Home team in pool play), and will sit to the right of the score table (determined when facing the table from floor). **Home teams will be responsible for providing a parent volunteer to keep the official scorebook.** For Grades 5 to 8, Home teams will also provide the game ball and it must be a quality Women's 28.5" ball. Grade 4 Home team will provide the game ball and it must be a quality Youth 27.5" ball. Home team will have choice of jersey color.

Game Time – 4th Grade Only

- Two, 20-minute running time halves, with a 2-minute stop time at end of **second** half. Half time will be 5 minutes.

Game Time - 5th thru 8th Grades

- Two, 14-minute stop-time halves. Half time will be 5 minutes.
- Clock will run in the 2nd half if a team is ahead by 20 points. Stop time will resume if the lead is cut to 10 points or less.

Time Outs

- Three, 1-minute time outs per game are provided. No carry over of unused time outs.
- One, 1-minute time out for the first overtime period. No timeouts for the sudden death period.

Overtime

- The first overtime period is 2-minutes stop time. The second overtime period is sudden death – the first team that scores a point, wins. Each overtime period will start with a jump ball.

Fouls

- Bonus free throw (1-and-1) will be shot on the 7th team foul and double bonus (2 shots) on the 10th team foul per half.
- Players are disqualified on their 5th personal foul.
- Technical fouls will not be shot. Team will be awarded 2 points and possession of the ball. Technical fouls are also counted as team fouls and player fouls. Two technical fouls on a player and they are ejected from the game; two technical fouls on a coach during a game or in total for the tournament, the coach will be ejected for the rest of that game and asked to leave the court/gym/premises for the remainder of the tournament.

Defenses/Pressing

- 4th Grade All Levels and 5th Grade C Teams – no zone defense and no full-court press. This includes half-court trapping and help defense is only allowed in the lane area. Officials should enforce this rule by giving a warning for the first offense and by awarding a 2-point technical foul for any subsequent violations.
- 5th Grade A and B – no zone defense. Full court pressing is allowed during entire game.
- All 6th Grade thru 8th Grade Teams – all defenses and presses are allowed.
- Full-court pressing defenses will not be allowed by teams having a 20 point or greater lead at any time during the game. This includes both zone and person-to-person defenses.

Free Throw Rule for 4th Grade Only

- All 4th Grade teams will shoot from the 12' line vs. the regular free throw line. The shooter will not be allowed to have contact with this line at anytime while shooting. Tournament staff will mark the 12' line with tape on only those courts that 4th Grade teams will play on.

Tie Breakers

- In pool brackets the top teams will be determined as follows:
 - a. Most wins.
 - b. Head to head record, in the event of a 3+ multiple way tie, go to (c.)
 - c. Lowest total points allowed against all teams.
 - d. Coin toss.

Other General Rules

- The 3-point shot will be counted for all grade levels.
- Officials will call substitutes into the game.
- No protests allowed. All decisions by officials and scorekeepers/timers are final. The officials and/or Tournament Director will settle all disputes as needed.
- Players, coaches, and fans must follow good sportsmanship rules. Coaches are responsible for their actions and the actions of their players and fans. Inappropriate behavior and unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.
- Please clean up all bottles and garbage left on the benches after your games.
- Please respect the EPHS gymnasiums and property.