



## **INSIDER EXPOSURE OFFICIAL RULES & POLICIES**

### **General Enforcement**

Participants, spectators, coaches, and media are responsible for reviewing and complying with all rules and policies. Failure to do so does not exempt any individual or team from enforcement. Violations may result in immediate removal from the event without warning and without refund or credit.

**Insider Exposure reserves the right to interpret, enforce, and amend these rules as necessary to ensure the integrity, safety, and proper operation of the event. All decisions by event staff are considered final.**

### **Grassroots Game Rules**

All high school games will be governed by the current National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) rules unless otherwise specified. All other game structure rules listed below apply to travel ball tournaments.

### **Game Authority & Rule Enforcement**

All game officials and Insider Exposure staff have full authority over all aspects of tournament operations, including but not limited to scheduling, timing, eligibility determinations, rule enforcement, and final rulings.

All decisions made by Insider Exposure staff and assigned game officials are final.

All games will be governed by the current NFHS rules unless otherwise specified. Find rules and resources at <https://www.nfhs.org/>.

All in-game rule enforcement, interpretations, and judgments are at the sole discretion of the assigned game officials.

All rule clarifications must be addressed with the Event Director prior to the start of the game.

Failure to comply with tournament rules, staff instructions, or event policies may result in penalties, including, but not limited to, removal from the facility, forfeiture of games, or disqualification from the tournament.

All participants, coaches, and spectators must adhere to Insider Exposure Fighting, Conduct, and Safety Policies at all times.

### **Arrival, Coaches & Team Responsibilities**

The venue will open to all participants and spectators 30 minutes prior to the first scheduled game time each day. **DO NOT ARRIVE MORE THAN 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE FIRST GAME TIME.**

Each team is required to arrive a minimum of one (1) hour prior to their scheduled game time, unless participating in the first game of the day.

Teams must be present, checked in, and prepared to play at their scheduled game time. Failure to do so may result in a forfeit at the discretion of tournament staff.

The designated home team is responsible for providing the official scorebook.

Each team is permitted a maximum of two (2) coaches. All coaches must:

- Check in prior to their first game at their designated site
- Present valid identification to receive credentials

Coaches are required to wear their issued credentials at all times while on-site. Wristbands (if issued) must be worn securely on the wrist, may not be removed, transferred, or altered in any way, and must remain intact for the duration of the event. Any individual without a valid, properly worn wristband or credential may be denied entry or removed from the facility at the discretion of Insider Exposure staff.

Coaches are responsible for their players' and spectators' behavior and must address all sportsmanship issues appropriately.

### **Game Structure & Timing**

Games will consist of two (2) stopped-time halves:

- 7th–12th Grade: Two (2) 16-minute halves
- 6th Grade & Younger: Two (2) 14-minute halves

Each game will include:

- 2-minute warm-up period
- 1-minute halftime

Each team is allotted three (3) timeouts per game, each lasting 45 seconds.

The following rules apply to all games:

- 5-second closely guarded rule
- 10-second backcourt violation
- No shot clock

### **Fouls, Scoring & Violations**

A player will be disqualified upon committing six (6) personal fouls.

Team fouls will be administered as follows:

- On the 10th team foul of each half, the opposing team will be awarded two (2) free throws.

Technical fouls will result in:

- One (1) free throw, and
- Possession will resume at the point of interruption.

All other rules will be governed by the current NFHS rules, unless otherwise specified.

### **Overtime, Tie Breakers & End-of-Game Procedures**

Overtime will consist of a 2-minute stopped-time period.

If a second overtime is required, the game will proceed to a sudden-death format, where the first team to score two (2) points by any legal means will be declared the winner.

#### **Tie Breakers:**

- Head-to-head results will be used first
- In the event of a three-way tie, point differential will be used, capped at +/- 20 points

#### **End-of-Game Procedure:**

- Under one (1) minute remaining, a team in possession of the ball in the backcourt may advance the ball to half court by using a timeout.

The Elam Ending may be implemented for select games at the discretion of the Event Director and both participating coaches.

#### **Mercy Rule:**

The following mercy rule conditions may be applied:

- A 30-point lead at any time during the game, or
- A 20-point lead with under 10 minutes remaining in the second half

If either condition is met, a running clock may be implemented at the discretion of Insider Exposure staff.

The clock will return to standard stopped-time operation once the point differential is reduced to fewer than 10 points.

## **Zero-Tolerance Fighting Policy**

Fighting of any kind is strictly prohibited at Insider Exposure events.

If a fight occurs, the following actions will be enforced immediately:

- Law enforcement may be contacted and charges may be pursued against involved individuals
- All individuals involved will be ejected from the facility and will not be permitted to return
- The teams involved will forfeit the game, which will be recorded as a double loss, and the game will be ended immediately at the time of the incident
- A second altercation involving the same team may result in removal from the tournament
- No refunds or credits will be issued under any circumstances

All incidents are subject to review by the tournament director.

## **Admission & Event Policies**

All admission and refund determinations are final. Insider Exposure reserves the right to interpret, enforce, and apply all admission and refund policies at its sole discretion to ensure the safety, integrity, and proper operation of the event.

## **Ticketing, Pricing & Entry**

Tickets are sold in person only and pricing may vary by event.

Accepted forms of payment include cash, credit/debit card, Apple Pay, and Bitcoin.

Tickets are valid only for the specific event and date purchased and must be presented upon entry or upon request.

Tickets are non-transferable and may not be resold, shared, or reassigned in any manner.

Event schedules, matchups, and formats are subject to change without notice and do not qualify for refunds or credits.

## **Refunds, Transfers & Event Changes**

All ticket sales are final. No refunds or credits will be issued under any circumstances, including but not limited to forfeits, schedule changes, missed games, or unused admission.

All spectator admission, college coach packets, hotel reservations, and any additional purchases or services are strictly non-refundable.

Team entry fees are refundable only if a written refund request is submitted more than thirty (30) days prior to the event date. No refunds will be issued within thirty (30) days of the event under any circumstances.

Any individual removed from the event for misconduct will not receive a refund or credit and may be denied re-entry.

## **Wristband Policy**

Wristbands must be applied by Insider Exposure staff at the time of entry and worn securely on the wrist at all times for entry and re-entry.

Wristbands are non-transferable and void if removed or tampered with.

Any wristband that is removed, lost, damaged, transferred, or altered in any way will be considered void and will require the purchase of a new wristband.

All determinations regarding wristband validity will result in denial of entry or re-entry.

No refunds or replacements will be issued under any circumstances.

## **Spectator Conduct Policy**

### **Conduct Standards**

All spectators are expected to behave in a respectful and sportsmanlike manner toward players, coaches, officials, staff, and other attendees at all times.

Prohibited behavior includes verbal abuse, harassment, threats, intimidation, profanity directed at others, or any disruptive or unsportsmanlike conduct.

Spectators must follow all instructions issued by event staff and security.

Any spectator engaging in prohibited behavior may be removed from the event immediately and without warning. Individuals removed for misconduct will not receive a refund and may be denied re-entry for the remainder of the event and/or future events.

### **Prohibited Items & Venue Rules**

The following items are not permitted:

- Weapons of any kind
- Illegal or controlled substances
- Alcohol or tobacco products (where prohibited)
- Fireworks or hazardous materials
- Any item deemed unsafe by staff or security

**Insider Exposure and event staff reserve the right to determine, at their sole discretion, whether any item poses a safety, security, or operational concern and may prohibit or remove any item not explicitly listed above.**

Pets are not permitted except certified service animals.

Food and non-alcoholic beverages are permitted unless restricted by venue policy and must be disposed of properly. Event staff may restrict or revoke these privileges if necessary due to safety, cleanliness, or facility requirements.

Staff and security reserve the right to inspect bags and remove prohibited or unattended items.

### **Health & Safety Policies**

#### **Assumption of Risk**

All participants and spectators acknowledge that attendance and participation in live sporting events involve inherent risks, including but not limited to injury, illness, or accidents.

By attending or participating, all individuals voluntarily assume all risks associated with the event.

Insider Exposure, its staff, partners, and affiliated facilities shall not be held liable for any injury, loss, damage, or incident occurring in connection with the event.

#### **Medical Support Services**

Certified athletic trainers will be on-site when available to provide basic medical support, first aid, and injury evaluation for athletes. These services are not guaranteed.

Medical staff are present for immediate care and injury response only and are not responsible for diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, or long-term care. These services do not replace emergency medical care when required.

Medical support services are provided to athletes only. Spectators will not receive medical services beyond emergency response.

Athletic trainers may provide taping; however, athletes must supply their own tape and pre-wrap. If supplies are not provided, materials may be provided at staff discretion and may incur a fee.

### **Emergency Response & Medical Costs**

Emergency medical services may be contacted without prior consent in the event of a serious injury or medical emergency.

All medical costs, including emergency transport or hospital care, are the responsibility of the individual receiving care or their parent/guardian.

Insider Exposure staff and medical personnel reserve the right to remove an athlete from participation if continued play is determined to present a risk to their health or safety.

### **Facility Safety & Participant Responsibilities**

All participants and spectators must remain in designated areas and follow all venue rules and staff instructions at all times.

Athletes and teams are responsible for being medically prepared, including bringing necessary supplies, equipment, and any required medications such as inhalers or EpiPens.

Failure to follow safety guidelines or staff direction may result in removal from participation or the facility.

### **Media Policy**

#### **Credential Approval & Access**

All media personnel must be approved in advance.

A [Media Credential Request Form](#) must be submitted prior to the event. Submission of a request does not guarantee approval.

Media includes photographers, videographers, content creators, scouts, and any individual or organization that captures or distributes event content.

Only approved media personnel will be granted credentials and access to designated media areas. Credentials must be visible at all times while on-site.

Individuals without approved media credentials may not operate as media and must purchase a standard spectator ticket to attend.

### **On-Site Access & Conduct**

Media access is limited to approved areas only and must comply with all event, venue, and staff guidelines.

Access may be restricted or revoked at any time based on operational, safety, or compliance needs.

All media personnel are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner and follow all instructions issued by event staff.

Failure to comply with access restrictions or staff direction may result in removal from the event and revocation of media credentials.

### **Content Usage & Rights**

Live streaming, broadcasting, or real-time transmission of games or event content by any individual, including spectators, is prohibited without prior written approval.

Commercial use of footage, imagery, or content requires written approval from Insider Exposure.

All media content must be used in a manner consistent with Insider Exposure standards. Insider Exposure reserves the right to request removal of any content deemed inappropriate or unauthorized.

Insider Exposure retains all rights to event content and may designate exclusive media partners.

Failure to comply with content usage guidelines may result in removal from the event, revocation of credentials, and/or denial of future media access.