

# **3RD-8TH GRADE SCHOOL-AFFILIATED TOURNAMENT RULES & INFORMATION**

**GAME LENGTH:** Two 18-minute halves

**GAME CLOCK:** Running clock. The clock stops in the last 30 seconds of the first half and the last 2 minutes of the second half.

**TIMEOUTS:** Each team receives 3 timeouts per game that are all 1-minute in length. If the game reaches overtime, each team is allowed 1 timeout for ALL overtime periods.

**HALFTIME:** 1-minute halftime period.

**OVERTIME:** 1-minute period with stopping clock. Each team is allowed 1 timeout for overtime. If the game is still tied after overtime, a sudden-death second overtime will decide the winner—first score wins.

**BONUS:** Bonus free throws awarded on 7th team foul. Double bonus free throws awarded on 10th team foul.

## **DEFENSE:**

3rd-6th grade: Man-to-man defense ONLY. Man-to-man pressing allowed in the last 2 minutes of the game. No pressing when the lead has reached 15 points or more.

7th-8th grade: Any defense is allowed. No pressing when the lead has reached 15 points or more.

**TECHNICAL & INTENTIONAL FOULS:** 2 points for the opposing team, and loss of possession. Players and coaches will be ejected from the tournament if they receive 2 technical fouls.

**GAME BALL:** 3rd-6th grade boys use size 28.5 basketball. 7th-8th grade boys use size 29.5 basketball. All girls use size 28.5 basketball.

**No protests allowed. Referee decisions are final. All other WIAA rules apply.**

## More Tournament Information:

- Only the Head Coach may stand while the game is in progress.
- 2 Coaches and 1 Scorekeeper per team are allowed free admission into the tournament.
- Tie-Breakers: For two-team ties, the first tie-breaker is head-to-head results. If the tied teams did not play each other, the second tie-breaker is point differential (maximum +15 per game), and the third tie-breaker is points allowed. For three-team (or more) ties, head-to-head results are not considered - The first tie-breaker is point differential (maximum +15 per game), and the second tie-breaker is points allowed.
- Players on multiple teams: If a single program enters 2 teams in the same age level of the tournament, a player may play on both teams, as long as the teams are not in the same pool. If a program has multiple teams at *different* age levels, a player is allowed to 'play up' at a higher age level, as long as the teams are not in the same pool.
- 3rd-5th grade players are allowed to jump over the free throw line when attempting a free throw.

**Coaches are responsible for their team's sportsmanship and fan behavior. Any coach, player, or fan using derogatory language, hate speech, racial slurs, or fighting will be immediately removed from the tournament. Remember, it's Justagame.**