



2026 NIKE Tournament of Champions Tournament Rules

1. Games will consist of two (2) fifteen minute (15:00) stop-time halves.
2. Warmup time between games will be not less than five minutes (5:00).
3. Games may not start until the scheduled time.
4. Halftime will be three minutes (3:00) in length.
5. Each team will have four (4) thirty second (0:30) timeouts per game. Three (3) of these carry over to the second half.
6. There will be a ten second (0:10) backcourt count. The count resets if a timeout is called.
7. Five seconds (0:05) closely guarded violations will be called.
8. Two (2) foul shots will be awarded on a team's tenth (10th) personal foul.
9. There will be no "one plus one."
10. A player will be disqualified on her sixth (6th) personal foul.
11. A coach will be disqualified on his or her second (2nd) technical foul.
Should a coach be disqualified from a game, he/she may be disqualified for the next game or all remaining games of the event based on the severity of the disqualification, at the sole discretion of the tournament operator.
12. Players may enter the lane on the release of the free throw, and the lowest block position shall not be used.
13. Running clock will begin if the point differential is twenty (20) points or more in the last five minutes (5:00) of the second half. Stop time will resume if the point differential falls below fifteen points (i.e. 14 points or less) during this time.
14. The first two (2) overtimes (OT and 2OT), if necessary, shall be two minutes (2:00) in length, with stop time in effect. Each team will have one thirty second (0:30) time out per overtime period.
15. Should a third overtime (3OT) be necessary, the result will be determined by "sudden death," in which case the team must win by two (2) points.
16. The designated home team is listed first on the schedule, shall wear white or light colored jerseys and sit to the right of the scorer's table when facing the court.
17. The designated visiting team is listed second on the schedule, shall wear dark colored jerseys and sit to the left of the scorer's table when facing the court.
18. Players may compete on ONE team and for ONE organization only. Any players and teams found in violation of this rule will be denied participation in future Tournament of Champions Events.
19. The designated home team is responsible for providing one volunteer to keep the official book and will supply the game ball.
20. The designated visiting team is responsible for providing one volunteer to operate the scoreboard.

TIE BREAKER DETERMINATION FOR POOLS

1. Direct result (head-to-head)
2. Point differential +/- 13 with all games counting to determine places. Remaining teams refer back to direct head-to-head results.

Please note that due to the maximum 13-point differential considered, there is no advantage to "running up the score." In fact, it is just poor sportsmanship.