

# T O U R N A M E N T   R U L E S

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- RULES OF PLAY:** The tournament follows High School Federation rules.
- LENGTH OF PLAYING TIME:** ALL games will consist of four (4) eight-minute STOP TIME periods.
- HALFTIME:** Two minutes in duration.
- OVERTIME PERIODS:** All overtime periods will be two (2) minutes in duration. Additional over time periods shall be one (1) minute in duration. Regulation clock during overtime.
- TIME-OUTS:** Each team will be allowed three (3) full timeouts in each game. One time-out will be granted to each team for each overtime period (no carry-over in time outs).
- FREE-THROW BONUS RULE:** Teams will shoot one-and-one-bonus on the 10th team foul in each half. NO double bonus will be awarded.
- EJECTIONS:** If a Team Coach, Assistant Coach, Athlete or Spectator is ejected from a game, they will be suspended for the full tournament and will not be allowed in the gymnasium. If this rule is violated, please bring it to the attention of the gym supervisor. It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to insure the ejected adult or athlete does not enter the property of the gymnasium. If this rule is violated, additional sanctions may be applied by the NJB Disciplinary Committee.
- MERCY RULE:** If a team has a 20-point lead during the 4th period, the mercy rule will go into effect. The scorekeepers should notify the game referees of the 20-point lead. The team will not be allowed to employ a full-court press and may defend at half-court. The clock will become a running clock, except for time-outs, until the point difference is 10 points or less. The clock will become a regular clock if the point difference reaches 10 points or less.
- PROTEST:** All player protests MUST be registered BEFORE the start of the game.
- BALL SIZE:** Boys 6th and ALL Girls divisions will use the 28.5" NJB Composite ball. Boys 8th will use the 29.5" NJB Composite ball.
- PLAYER PARTICIPATION:** **Free substitution will occur during the entire game.**