

Under 10 Open Basketball

Technical Guidelines

General Rules

- (1) All games will consist of two twelve-minute halves and will use the 28.5 intermediate basketballs.
- (2) Halftime shall be no longer than 5 minutes. At least a five-minute pre-game warm-up will be given if games are running behind schedule. No games will start before their scheduled time unless agreed to by both coaches.
- (3) A total of two (2) 30-second time-outs per half will be allowed to each team. One (1) additional time out of 30 seconds per team will be awarded for each overtime period.
- (4) There will be no carry over of timeouts to the three-minute overtime periods.
- (5) The clock will **not** be stopped for all whistle stoppages. As it is a younger children's event, games will be in running time.
- (6) Two (2) direct technical fouls during a same game on any player, coach, or team representative will result in their disqualification for the rest of the tournament. Coaches are cautioned to keep in mind the spirit of this introductory tournament and abide by all rules of sportsmanship.
- (7) There is no zone defenses or pressing at any time.

Roster Rules

- (1) An official SSAF eligibility sheet must be filled out, signed and submitted at least 48 hours prior to the start of the tournament.
- (2) Students that have participated at a higher age level of basketball during the current school year (i.e. U12 Open Basketball Tournament) may not participate.
- (3) No roster additions will be permitted after the team has begun play of its first tournament game.
- (4) Team Players should be nine (9) years old by September 1st of the current school year or younger.
- (5) Please understand that this tournament is much like an exhibition or "friendly" event. We encourage all teams to play with the highest level of respect for their competitors, coaches, and referees. It is imperative that a harsh competitive atmosphere not contaminates the fun spirit of basketball and a desire to win at all cost.

Pool Pair and Playoff Pairings

- (1) The Top 4 teams will advance to the double elimination championship tourney based on their pool placing.

- (2) The following criteria will be used to determine pool placing.
- A. Pool win-loss record.
 - B. Ties are broken by who won head-to-head competitions (2 teams tied).
 - C. A coin toss will be used in the case of a tie breaker.