

## Small School Athletic Federation (SSAF)

### Technical Guidelines

### *Under 12 Coed Basketball*

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#### ***General Rules***

- (1) All games will consist of two 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.(clock will stop for injuries and time outs)
- (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) Team must play "Person-to- Person" Defence on its back-court at all time.
- (8) Team is not allowed to play "Zone Defence" at any time during a game
- (9) Team is allowed to play "Full Court Press Defence" during the last two minutes of a game. "Trapping and Double-Teaming" are allowed during last two minutes of a game and are not considered as unsportsmanlike violations.
- (10) All basketball leagues; U12, Elem, U16 and U20 boys and girls must have a maximum plus or minus of +15 for scoring purposes

#### ***Roster Rules***

1. An official SSAF eligibility sheet must be filled out, signed and submitted at least 1 week prior to the start of the tournament.
2. Teams are allowed to dress 15 players only.
3. U-12 co-ed basketball teams must have at least two girls on the court at all times.
4. Students that have participated at a higher age level of basketball during the current school year (i.e. Elementary Basketball Tournament) may not participate.
5. No roster additions will be permitted after the team has begun play of its first tournament game.
6. Team Players should be eleven (11) years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year or younger.

7. 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.

<b><i>Pool Pair and Playoff Pairings</i></b>
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- (1) Tournament schedule is dictated by number of teams participating (please try to have a minimum of 3 games to play for each team).
- (2) The following criteria will be used to determine playoff placing.
  - A. Win-loss record.
  - B. Ties are broken by who won head-to-head competitions (2 teams tied).
  - C. If the tied teams have not played against each other, the team that has allowed the least amount of points on the day will be the second tie breaker (prevents running up of score).
  - D. A coin toss will be used in the case of a tie breaker.