

## BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT FORMAT

1. The tournament will consist of **8 teams that will be divided into 2 pools of 4 teams** .These pools will be grouped so we have as much balance in each pool as possible.
2. Within each pool **all teams will play each other one game**. Thus all teams will be **guaranteed 3 games**. The **top 2 teams** from each pool will advance to the playoff round.
3. In the playoffs ( **Semi Finals** ) **2<sup>nd</sup> of one pool will play 1<sup>st</sup> of the other pool**. The game will be played on the 1<sup>st</sup> place teams court. The two winners of the semi finals will meet for the championship on Championship Night. There will be no consolation game. .
4. Games will consist of **2 - 12 minute halves using stop time**.
5. **If a tie exists at the end of regulation time then a 3 minute ( stop time) will be played.**  
An extra time out ( full ) will be given in each extra period.
6. **There will be a 3 minute halftime break.**
7. **Man to man defense is to be played.** Referees will not call possible various ( zone, zone traps etc. ) violations. These are the responsibilities of the coaches involved as we do play the game on an honour system and for the benefit of teaching the players the proper skills and rules and not for winning hardware..
8. Each team will be allowed **1 full time** and one **30 second time out per half.Teams will not be allowed to carry time outs from one half to the next.**
9. **All other standard basketball rules will be in effect**
10. Although there will be no entry fee teams must be prepared to pay 12.50 per game for referees. The range will be from a minimum of 37.50 to a maximum of 50.00 for that day.  
**Referees must be paid in CASH.** Do not bring cheques or forget your fees. If your school needs to write a cheque for bookkeeping purposes have them write it to you and you can then cash it for payment purposes.
11. Tie breaking process:
  1. If two teams tie then the head to head result between those two teams will be used.
  2. If more than two teams tie then head to head results will be used only amongst the teams involved in the tie. ( If one of the teams involved in the tie has defeated the other teams involved in the tie they would get the higher placing. The process of head to head competition between those teams remaining will be used where possible to break any and all existing ties)
  3. Where more than two teams are tied and have identical records against each other in the head to head process then point differential will be used only for those games between the teams involved. If the point differential is to be used, it will be used throughout to decide all positions for those teams involved in the tie breaking process. After the totals for the schools involved have been obtained, the school with the highest positive differential will take the highest position, the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest positive differential would be second and so on. If for some reason the differential results in a negative number the lowest negative total would take the higher position.
  4. If a tie were to still exist, (point differential is identical) then the game result against the other common opponent would be used to break the tie.
  5. If a tie still exists based on record then point differential involving that common opponent would be used.
  6. If a tie still exists then the total point differential for all 3 games ( or the number of common games played) will be used.
  7. If a tie still exists then a foul shooting contest will be held between the teams involved. Five players will be selected from each team to shoot one foul shot each .Shots will be done on an alternate basis. If after the foul shots have been taken, there still is a tie then the whole process

will be repeated between those teams involved in the tie .The same players may be used if desired. The team with the least number of fouls in the tournament games involving the three teams will have the choice of when to shoot. If after the initial shootout one of the three teams has been more successful than the other two it will advance. If the other two teams are still involved in a tie then the shootout will continue to be used to break the tie.

12. The Champions and Finalists will both receive medals and plaques. The loser of the semi finals will receive pennants and crests.

**13. Each team is to bring warm up balls. Each team needs to bring a competent scorer / timer.** Each team will share these duties. **To make the tournament run properly and fairly all schools needs to have such a person on hand.** Score sheets will be provided.

14. Although the schools we will be encouraged to set up snack tables this can not be guaranteed. Teams should take the approach that food / drink will not be there and thus should bring lunches, snacks etc. They are welcome to bring money but will be solely responsible for it.

15. Like Volleyball we once again will be using a neutral school to run our tournament in. **Again it will be up to each participant and team to do their part to ensure that we represent ourselves and our schools properly.** If particular rules pertain to a individual school they will be explained in detail to those schools directly involved.

**16. Although the starting times for games have been indicated on the schedule these are naturally schedule to change. As the school we are using may have after school activities and because some of our teams do travel a substantial distance to get to the tournaments we will if possible move times forward.** Because of the tightness of the schedule it is important that all teams be present at all times .Warm ups will be kept to a bare minimum and at the conclusion of each game changeovers must be completed as quickly as possible.