



Tournament Rules

Uniforms	Teams listed as home will wear light colored jerseys. Teams listed as visitors will wear dark colored jerseys. Players must have a numbered jersey.
Ball Size	5th grade division and under: 28.5 (Size 6) 6th grade division and older: 29.5 (Size 7)
Rim Height	10 feet: Grades 3rd and up 9 feet: Grades 1st and 2nd
Game Length	18 min halves. Running clock. The clock stops during the last minute of each half. If the margin of victory is 30 pts or more - game automatically ends under 1 min.
Timeouts	Three (3) :30 second timeouts for the entirety of regulation. 1 timeout per team in overtime. Timeouts do not carry over to overtime.
Number of players	If a team doesn't have 5 players within 10 minutes of scheduled start time - game will be a forfeit. The game can still be played (4 on 4), but will count as a forfeit for the team without enough players. If a player fouls out, the team can play with 4 or fewer as long as the game starts with 5.
Fouls	6 personal fouls. 2 shot bonus at 10 team fouls per half. Both teams are automatically in the bonus during the final minute of regulation and all of overtime.
Defense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any defense allowed • 25 point margin - no press <p>1st and 2nd violation: Warning. 3rd offense: Technical foul at referee's discretion. Repeated offenses: Referee's discretion. Speak with the Tournament Director and possible removal from tournament play.</p>
Technical Fouls	<p>Automatic 2 points plus the ball. Any player receiving 2 techs is disqualified for the game. Any coach that receives 2 technicals is disqualified and must leave the gym area. An assistant coach or parent will need to step in.</p> <p>Coaches that receive a technical foul must remain seated for remainder of game (seatbelt rule)</p> <p>Refusal to leave will result in forfeit and possible disqualification from the tournament and any future Iron Courts events.</p>
Coaches	2 coaches per team are allowed on the bench. Only 1 coach can stand on the sidelines and address the referees. 2 wristbands will be given per team for coaches, coaches must wear those wristbands to remain on the bench.
Overtime	<p>1st overtime: 2 minutes - stop clock during last minute 2nd overtime: Sudden victory - First point/score wins</p> <p>1 timeout per team in 1st overtime. No timeouts for 2nd overtime. Timeouts do not carry over from regulation.</p>



Age verification	In the event of an age verification challenge, a challenge must be brought forth by a coach or program director. The team in question and the challenging team both must provide age verifications (Birth Certificate and Report Card). The team in violation is subject to forfeiting games and/or disqualification determined by the Tournament Director.
Player requirements	<p>Note:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Players can only play on 1 team per division level and it must be for the same program. No exceptions. 2. Age verification applies to ALL athletes. (Boys and Girls) 3. Players must play in a previous pool game in order to be eligible for tournament bracket play or the Championship Game. Any exception must be cleared by the Tournament Director. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd Grade: Grade & Age Policy: An athlete who is in the 2nd grade as of October 1, 2023 AND who is no older than 9 on or before August 31, 2024, is eligible to compete in the 2nd Grade division. 3rd Grade: Grade & Age Policy: An athlete who is in the 3rd grade as of October 1, 2023 AND who is no older than 10 on or before August 31, 2024, is eligible to compete in the 3rd Grade division. 4th Grade: Grade & Age Policy: An athlete who is in the 4th grade as of October 1, 2023 AND who is no older than 11 on or before August 31, 2024, is eligible to compete in the 4th Grade division. 5th Grade: Grade & Age Policy: An athlete who is in the 5th grade as of October 1, 2023 AND who is no older than 12 on or before August 31, 2024, is eligible to compete in the 5th Grade division. 6th Grade: Grade & Age Policy: An athlete who is in the 6th grade as of October 1, 2023 AND who is no older than 13 on or before August 31, 2024, is eligible to compete in the 6th Grade division. 7th Grade: Grade & Age Policy: An athlete who is in the 7th grade as of October 1, 2023 AND who is no older than 14 on or before August 31, 2024, is eligible to compete in the 7th Grade division. 8th Grade Boys: Grade & Age Policy: An athlete who is in the 8th grade as of October 1, 2023 AND who is no older than 15 on or before August 31, 2024, is eligible to compete in the 8th Grade division
Championship Bracket Seeding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Record 2. Head-to-Head Record 3. Point Differential (capped at 20 per game) 4. Points Scored Against
Coaches Conduct	<p>Profanity and/or any unsportsmanlike behaviors could result in removal from the tournament. No refunds given.</p> <p>Any coach that receives 2 technicals is disqualified and must leave the gym area. An assistant coach or parent will need to step in.</p> <p>Refusal to leave will result in forfeit and possible disqualification from the tournament and any future Iron Courts events.</p>
Spectator/Parent Conduct	A spectator that is engaging in unsportsmanlike behavior and/or communication to officials or opposing teams will be removed from the court. Refusal to leave will result in a forfeit for that team