

**IRON COURTS**

Club League/Tournament Rules

Uniforms	Teams listed as Home will wear light colored jerseys. Teams listed as Visitor 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	1st and 2nd Grade: 9 feet 3rd and up: 10 feet
Game Length	18 min halves. Running clock. The clock stops during the last minute of each half. If the margin of victory is 20 pts or more, the 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	There is a 5-minute grace period if you have 3 players or less. If a team has 4 players, the game will start at regular game time, and will be played 4 on 5. However, if a player fouls out or cannot play for any reason, then the game will result in an immediate forfeit.
Fouls	5 personal fouls. 2 shot bonus at 10 team fouls per half.
Defense	- Any defense allowed 25 point margin - no press 1st and 2nd violation: Warning 3rd offense: Warning or technical foul at referee's discretion Repeated offenses: Referee's discretion. Speak with the Site Supervisor or the Director.
Technical Fouls	The opposing team can choose any player in the game to shoot 2 free throws and will receive the ball out of bounds. 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. Coaches that receive a technical foul must remain seated for the remainder of the game (seatbelt rule). Refusal to leave will result in forfeit and possible disqualification from the tournament and any future Iron Courts events. The Director will determine the path forward.
Coaches	2 coaches per team are allowed on the bench. Only 1 coach can stand on the sidelines and address the referees. Only 1 coach may leave the bench to attend to injury. 2 wristbands will be given per team for coaches, coaches must wear those wristbands to remain on the bench. Any additional coaches and coaches without 'coaches wristbands' will be asked to sit with spectators.

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Overtime	Both Regulation and Overtime games will start with a jump ball at center court. 1st overtime: 2 minutes 2nd overtime: Sudden victory 1 timeout per team in 1st overtime. Timeouts do not carry over from regulation.
Age Verification & Player Requirements	Notes: <i>1. Players can only play on 1 team per division level and it must be for the same program. No exceptions. Players can play up in divisions but they cannot play down.</i> <i>2. Age verification applies to ALL athletes. (Boys and Girls)</i> <i>3. For tournaments, players must play in a previous pool game in order to be eligible for bracket play or the Championship Game. Any exception must be cleared by the Director.</i> <i>4. A player must participate in at least 3 regular season games or 50% of regular season games to be eligible for the playoffs.</i> ● 2nd Grade: Grade & Age Policy: An athlete who is in the 2nd grade as of October 1, 2026 AND who is no older than 9 on or before August 31, 2027, 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, 2026 AND who is no older than 10 on or before August 31, 2027, 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, 2026 AND who is no older than 11 on or before August 31, 2027, 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, 2026 AND who is no older than 12 on or before August 31, 2027, 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, 2026 AND who is no older than 13 on or before August 31, 2027, 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, 2026 AND who is no older than 14 on or before August 31, 2027, 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, 2026 AND who is no older than 15 on or before August 31, 2027, is eligible to compete in the 8th Grade division.
Coaches Challenge	In the event of an age verification challenge, a challenge must be brought forth by a head coach or program director prior to the start of the game. The team in question and the challenging team both must provide age verifications (Birth



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	Certificate and Report Card). The team in violation is subject to forfeiting games and/or disqualification determined by the Tournament Director. The team in question is required to pay a <u>\$50.00</u> challenge fee to Iron Courts and or the Tournament Director.
Championship Bracket Seeding	1. Record 2. Head-to-Head Record 3. Point Differential (capped at 20 per game) 4. Points Scored Against
Coaches Conduct	Profanity and/or any unsportsmanlike behaviors could result in removal from the tournament. No refunds given. Any coach that receives 2 technicals is disqualified and must leave the gym area. An assistant coach or parent will need to step in. Refusal to leave will result in forfeit and possible disqualification from the tournament and any future Iron Courts events.
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.