



**Byron Center Christian School Foundation
3 on 3 Basketball Tournament Rules for Play**

1. **Double Elimination Tournament.** Each team is guaranteed to play 2 games. There will be posted brackets in the MAIN GYM for you to see what time and court your team plays.
2. Games will be played with a 15-minute running clock or 15 points for all grades, whichever comes first. The clock will only be stopped if there is an injury in the last 1 minute of play or if a team elects to use their 20 second time-out. The team ahead at the 15-minute mark wins.
3. Teams must win by 2 unless the 15-minute time clock runs out. At the end of the time limit, whoever is ahead, wins.
4. The 3-point arc will be implemented. All baskets will be awarded 1 point and a shot behind the 3-point arc will be worth 2 points. As noted in rule #9 the ball MUST be PASSED in before a shot is taken after it is checked. If a court does NOT have a 3-point arc, then all baskets on that court will be worth 1 point.
5. In the case of a tie, it will be sudden death overtime. Possession will be determined by a coin flip. See #20 for 3rd and 4th grade OT's.
6. Games will be played using a regulation height basket.
7. Each team will be allowed one 20 second time-out per contest. If either team elects to use their time-out with under 1 minute left in the contest, the clock will stop and then start upon the inbounds pass after the check.
8. A coin flip will determine who will have the first possession. The alternate possession rule will then take effect for any jump balls.
9. A substitution may be made during any dead ball.
10. The ball must be passed to begin play. The defense must allow a free inbound pass if the inbound pass is outside of the 3-point arc. All defensive players must stay below the 3-point arc at the time of the inbounds pass. All attack passes inside of the 3-point arc may be defended.
11. The ball shall be "cleared" or "taken back" ON ANY CHANGE OF POSSESSION anywhere behind the three-point line. "Cleared" or "Taken back" means ONE FOOT must be on the ground behind the 3 point line with possession of the ball. There are FREE take backs. (The ball may not be stolen while being taken back.) Players will "check" the ball after every dead-ball (ex. made basket, out of bounds, foul, travel).
12. Parental advisers/coaches are encouraged to assist and encourage the players. Referees, not parents, will call fouls and turnovers. Remind your parents to encourage the players and not critique the referees - THEY ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS.

13. Any player fouled in the act of shooting that makes the basket gets 1 point for the basket and 1 live ball free throw for a chance at an additional point. If the player fouled in the act of shooting misses the shot, they will still be awarded 1 live ball free throw attempt for 1 point. Play continues on a miss. (If the defensive team gets the rebound, they must take the FREE take back and the ball is live after the ball has been cleared.)
14. A 3 second lane violation can be enforced.
15. To prevent unnecessary fouls, a player may be removed from the game upon excessive fouls. Only the referee will make such a call.
16. Any foul (including offensive and rebounding fouls) committed in the last two minutes is considered in the bonus and the team that is fouled is awarded 1 live ball free throw.
17. Tournament brackets will be set up as a double elimination format. As a result, each team is guaranteed to play 2 games.
18. Tournament directors will declare the winning team in each bracket. Trophies are awarded to the championship team. Awards will only be presented to players who physically participate in the tournament.
19. Game time is the scheduled time. Please be at your court at the assigned time.
20. In the 3rd and 4th grade boys and girls divisions, if there is a tie at the end of regulation a free-throw shoot-off will determine the winner. Each team will have the opportunity to shoot until a winner emerges. The team that has the ball at the end of regulation will shoot first.
Example: Team A's selected player 1 shoots free-throw and he/she makes it. Team B player 1 gets the opportunity to shoot. If Team A makes and Team B misses, Team A is the winner. If team A misses and Team B makes, Team B is the winner. If both teams make/miss, player 2 on each team gets the opportunity to shoot, and the progression continues for each player on the team until a winner is decided.
21. Girls will play with 28.5 size regulation basketball. Boys 7th & 8th grade will play with a regulation size basketball. 3rd-6th grade boys will use a women's ball (28.5).
22. Please check and follow the bracket as teams might play immediately after the game they just finished. Be on time as officials may start the clock when the game that is scheduled is to begin.
23. Persons unable to abide by the rules stated above will be asked to leave the gym. No refunds will be given if a team is removed from the tournament for any reason.
24. Swearing or harsh language will not be tolerated. A warning will be given at the discretion of the official. Failure to comply may result in removal from the tournament or cost your team a point for each infraction during game play.
25. Tournament director has the right to shorten games, due to time constraints, if necessary.
26. BCCS and South Christian are not responsible for any injuries or loss of personal goods.