

Flora Academic Foundation

3-on-3 Tournament Rules

- 1) A team consists of three or four players, three of which compete at one time. Teams will forfeit a game if at least three players are not ready to play at the scheduled time, unless the team is still playing a game scheduled in the previous time slot. All players on the team must meet the age restriction for their division.
- 2) All jewelry must be removed before a player may compete in the tournament.
- 3) A half-court game will be played - the ball must be cleared past the three-point line on any change of possession. Both feet of the player clearing the ball must go past the three-point line. Any field goal results in a change of possession (no make-it take-it).
- 4) Substitutions may be made after a field goal or any other dead ball situation.
- 5) After any dead ball situation, the offensive team MUST check the ball with the defensive team. The defensive team must then return the ball under control to the offensive team. Once the ball is checked it is considered in play, so the offensive player may shoot the ball, dribble, or pass to a teammate.
- 6) The referee will call all fouls and rule infractions (i.e., traveling, double dribbling, etc.) **His decisions are final!** Players are expected at all times to treat the referee and their opponents with respect. Any fighting will result in immediate disqualification from the tournament of the players and/or teams involved. The referee also has the right to disqualify from the tournament any player who commits a flagrant or intentional foul. He also has the right to disqualify from the tournament any player who has been called repeatedly for a technical foul. The referee and/or tournament officials may also eject any spectator from the tournament. **Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated from anyone.**
- 7) The first team to score at least thirty (30) points wins the game. Each field goal is worth two (2) points; if BOTH of the shooter's feet are behind the three-point line, a field goal will be worth three (3) points. If neither team scores thirty points within eighteen (18) minutes (**fifteen (15) minutes for 8U divisions**), the scorekeeper will announce that the game is over and the team with the higher score at that point will be declared the winner. If the game is tied at the end of the eighteen (18) minutes (**fifteen (15) minutes for 8U divisions**), play will continue until either team scores and that team will be declared the winner. The game clock does not stop for any reason except for a serious injury or for a late time-out as noted in Rule (8) below.
- 8) Each team is allowed one (1) time-out per game. A time-out may be called at any time during the game, but a time-out does not stop the 18-minute (**15-minute 8U**) game clock unless the game is in the final three (3) minutes.
- 9) The three-point field goal rule described in (7) above **DOES NOT APPLY** to games played using the 8-foot side courts in the main gymnasium on Courts 1 and 2. There is no three-point line on these courts.
- 10) Stalling is not permitted. The referee reserves the right to award possession of the ball to the defensive team if, in his opinion, the offensive team does not attempt a shot within a reasonable amount of time.
- 11) After each foul, the team fouled will be awarded the ball. Each team will be allowed five fouls per game before their opponent enters the bonus situation. Beginning with the sixth (6th) team foul, the team fouled will be awarded one (1) point and possession of the ball. Beginning with the tenth (10th) team foul, the team fouled will be awarded two (2) points and possession of the ball.
- 12) Coaches will need to sign off on the score sheets after each game is played.
- 13) Including the championship round – if any – every team will play at least three (3) games. The tournament format is mixed – each team will play a partial or full round-robin schedule, and then in divisions with four (4) or more teams all teams with at least two (2) wins will advance to a single elimination championship round. Net points (points scored less points allowed) will be used to rank teams having identical records to determine tournament positions. Trophies will be awarded to the championship team in each division.

Note: Divisions with two (2) teams have no championship round, and in divisions with three (3) teams every team qualifies for the championship round. The division schedule will indicate how the winner is determined.