

MYAS GRADE BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

RULES & REGULATIONS

GENERAL INFORMATION

These rules and regulations governing the MYAS Grade Basketball State Championships are intended to cover most situations that may arise. However, please be advised that the MYAS **does** have a Protest Committee which will rule on any situation not specifically covered by these written rules and regulations. The Protest Committee is comprised of the Supervisor of Officials, the Tournament Director and a representative of the Host Organization. **All decisions of the Protest Committee are final.**

ELIGIBILITY REGULATIONS

Players must be residents of Minnesota and **must participate on the team nearest to their residence, or with the school team or community travel association where they are enrolled.** **Exception:** If a player fails to make the roster of the team nearest their residence or school, they may participate with the next nearest team. **Girls may only play on girls' teams and boys may only play on boys' teams. No independent/renege or all-star teams are knowingly allowed to participate.**

Players must play in the grade division in which they are currently enrolled and must meet the appropriate age limitation specified below:

4th Grade	Born on or after September 1, 1998
5th Grade	Born on or after September 1, 1997
6th Grade	Born on or after September 1, 1996
7th Grade	Born on or after September 1, 1995
8th Grade	Born on or after September 1, 1994
9th Grade	Born on or after September 1, 1993*

***A high school athlete may join the non-school (community travel association) team once their team has been eliminated from MSHSL tournaments or if they are a member of either the B-squad or junior varsity team and have completed their schedule of contests and will not participate with the varsity team. Note: MSHSL rules prohibit using high school uniforms without permission from the high school.**

It is permissible for a player to play up from their designated grade division, but they may not play down. For example, an 8th grader may play on a 9th grade team, but a 9th grader may not play on an 8th grade team. **EXCEPTION:** Any player who has been accelerated in school may participate in the grade level that would be their "natural" grade.

ATHLETE DOCUMENTATION

Any team participating in the 2010 MYAS Grade Basketball State Championships that has players rostered who have not been grade verified by the MYAS (based on past MYAS events) must turn in proof of grade with their entry application, online roster, code of conduct and entry fee. Coaches do **NOT** need to send age verification for their players. However, they **MUST** have the age verification with them at all times during the tournament. Failure to produce age verification (birth certificates, student I.D. with birth date, or letter from school verifying birth date) upon request may result in suspension of play and/or disqualification. You must still send in your grade verification for players that have not been verified by the MYAS (letter from school stating grade, copy of student I.D. with grade level or copy of current report card with grade level) for your team along with your entry in order for your team to be accepted into the tournament. If a team requests to see another team's birth documentation at the tournament, they must first supply their own team's birth documentation and a \$50 protest fee, which will be returned if the protest is upheld.

TEAM COMPOSITION

1. Team rosters must be comprised of players who reside or attend school within the jurisdiction of the team's drawing area.
2. No "all-star" teams are allowed. An all-star team is defined as a team composed of players who reside or attend school outside the reasonable drawing area of the sponsoring team.
3. No "renegade/independent" teams are allowed. A renegade/independent team is defined as a team that breaks away from their association to form their own team.

SCOREKEEPERS

RULE: Each team must supply a scorekeeper who will sit at the official scorer's table. The home team, as determined by a coin flip, will be responsible for filling out the official score sheet.

FORFEIT POLICY

Any team forfeiting a game will incur a \$100 fine for each forfeited game. Forfeiting a game will also place a team on probation. Forfeiting an additional game during the remainder of the tournament will result in a \$100 fine and immediate suspension from further MYAS participation for all coaches and players associated with that team. Please show up for your games!

PLAYING RULES

National Federation of High School Associations rules will apply to this event, with the following modifications. **Home team will be determined with a flip of a coin prior to the start of each game. Both coaches must be present for the coin flip.**

1. Timing Factors

- a. Two 14-minute, stop-time halves.
- b. Halftime will be four minutes. **Note:** The Tournament Director has the authority to adjust the length of the halftime if necessary.
- c. Time outs are limited to three 60-second time outs per game.
- d. **All games will play a continuous series of complete two-minute, stop-time overtime periods until the tie is broken.** Each team will be awarded one time out for each overtime period. There will be a 60-second intermission between periods.
- e. GRACE PERIOD: Each team will be given a 10-minute grace period for their **first** game of the tournament. **After a team's first game, game time will be forfeit time.**

2. Equipment

- a. Game balls for 5th and 6th grade boys' tournaments and all girls' tournaments will be the women's size (28.5) basketball. Game balls for boys' 7th, 8th and 9th grade tournaments will be the men's size basketball.
- b. UNIFORM RULES: Jersey tops must be of identical color and must be numbered on the front **and** back. The following numbers are legal: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 00, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, and 55. A team may **NOT** have both numbers 0 and 00. Teams are encouraged to bring two sets of jerseys, if available. **The home team (as determined by a coin flip) is awarded their choice of which color uniforms they will wear. The penalty for illegal numbers is one technical foul if the infraction is discovered before the initial jump ball.**
- c. Teams are responsible for providing their own first aid supplies.
- d. The MYAS has adopted the rules and regulations of the NFHS that pertain to legal and illegal equipment. Please refer to the National Federation of High Schools Basketball rule book for clarification. If you have any specific equipment issues, please contact our office **PRIOR** to your participation. **NOTE:** All jewelry must be removed **prior** to stepping onto the court. Players are **not** allowed to tape over any kind of jewelry (earrings, bracelets, necklaces, etc.).

3. Playing Rules

- a. Bonus shots will be awarded on the seventh team foul; double bonus on the tenth team foul each half.
- b. Teams may **NOT** use a full-court press if they are ahead of their opponent by 20 or more points. The penalty for each violation of this rule will be a technical foul.
- c. With seven minutes remaining in the second half, if a team is ahead by 20 points or more, the remainder of the game will be played under running time. After a timeout, the clock will start when the ball is touched by any player inbounds. SHOULD THE DEFICIT BE CUT TO 10 POINTS OR LESS, THE GAME WILL RESUME TO STOP-TIME.
- d. **EJECTION POLICY:** Any player, coach or spectator who has been ejected from a contest is declared to be ineligible for the remainder of that contest **AND** the next scheduled contest. **Note:** if the ejection happens in the last game of the tournament, the penalty carries over to the next MYAS event. Any player, coach or spectator ejected for **Flagrant Unsportsmanlike Conduct** will be ejected for the remainder of the competition and may be subject to additional disciplinary action(s). Some examples of "flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct" include, but are not limited to fighting, repeated verbal abuse, intentional actions that inflict or intend to inflict bodily harm, cheating (such as use of a declared ineligible player or coach), repeated use of profane language, etc. The Protest Committee may review the disqualification only if the situation merits further consideration. Any ruling by the Protest Committee is final.

Furthermore, any person ejected from a contest must leave the vicinity (**out of sight and sound**) of the playing area immediately and is prohibited from any further contact (direct or indirect) with the team until such time that the suspension has been lifted. Failure to comply with the rules of ejection may result in **game forfeiture**.

- e. The three-point shot is in effect for all levels of play.
 - f. Issuance of technical fouls are per NFHS rules (shoot all technical fouls).
4. **Inclement Weather Policy:** In the event that we experience any major inclement weather during the tournament, please be advised that we will complete the tournament with those teams that can be in attendance. We do not have the luxury of rescheduling this event.