



2021 MYAS GRADE STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

PLAYING RULES & POINTS OF EMPHASIS



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National Federation of State High School Associations rules will apply to the MYAS Grade Basketball State Championships, with the following modifications.

Each team must provide a scorekeeper. One person is responsible for operating the score clock while fill out the official MYAS score sheet.

Home Team- Listed on the top of the bracket, will wear light jerseys, and their scorekeeper is responsible for operating the score clock.

Visiting Team- Listed on the bottom of the bracket, will wear dark jerseys, and scorekeeper is responsible for filling out the official MYAS scoresheet.

1. TIMING FACTORS

- For 2021 all grades will play 20-minute, running time halves with stop-time the last two-minutes of second half.
- Halftime will be three minutes. **NOTE:** The Tournament Director has the authority to adjust the length of the halftime if necessary.
- Time outs are limited to three 60-second time outs per game.
- Overtime periods will be 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 with no carryover of unused timeouts. There will be a 60-second intermission between overtime periods.
- 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 is start time.
- A game should not begin earlier than the posted game time AND both teams must agree on an earlier start time if opportunity exists.** Be respectful of the limited fans planning to arrive to games as well as the posted game time. Teams & Spectators are allowed into the facility no earlier than 10 minutes prior to game time.

2. EQUIPMENT

- Free throws and ball size.
Free throw shooters may not cross the free throw line until the ball hits the rim.

Grades	Free Throws	Ball Size - Boys	Ball Size - Girls
3-4	12 Feet	27.5	27.5
5-6	15 Feet	28.5	28.5
7-8	15 Feet	29.5	28.5

- UNIFORMS:** Jersey tops must be of identical color and it is recommended they be numbered on the front and back. The following numbers are recommended: 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.
- Teams are responsible for providing their own first-aid and sanitizing supplies.
- 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

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(Playing Rules continued...)

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- c. **Defense/Pressing:**

Grades	Half-Court Defense	Full-Court Defense
3-4	Person-to-Person Only	Not Allowed
5	Person-to-Person Only	Person-to-Person Only
6-9	No Restrictions	No Restrictions

Penalty: After the first warning, the penalty for each violation of this rule will be a technical foul.

Exception: NO teams may use a full-court press if they are ahead of their opponent by 20+ points.

- d. If a team is ahead by 15+ points with two minutes or less remaining in the second half, the remainder of the game will be played under running time. After a time out, the clock will start when the ball is touched by any player inbounds.
- e. **FORFEIT POLICY:** Please make every effort to get to your games. If you need to forfeit a game for COVID-19 related reasons, please send an email to eric@myas.org as soon as possible to notify him of the forfeit. We will then notify the opposing team. Be sure to list your complete team name and grade of the team.
- f. **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. Any player, coach or spectator ejected for **flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct** will be ejected for the remainder of the entire 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 a 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**.

NFHS MISUNDERSTOOD RULES

RULE 3. PLAYERS, SUBSTITUTES and EQUIPMENT

SECTION 5 TEAM MEMBER'S EQUIPMENT, APPAREL (NFHS Basketball Rules Book page 25-26)

ART. 1...The referee shall not permit any team member to wear equipment or apparel which, in his/her judgment, is dangerous or confusing to other players or is not appropriate.

Note: Each state association may, in keeping with applicable laws, authorize exceptions to NFHS playing rules to provide reasonable accommodations to individual participants with disabilities and/or special needs, as well as those individuals with unique and extending circumstances. The accommodations should not fundamentally alter the sport, heighten risk to the athlete/others or place opponents at a disadvantage.

ART. 2...Guards, casts and braces must meet the following guidelines:

- a. A guard cast or brace of a hard and unyielding substance, such as, but not limited to, leather, plaster, plastic or metal shall not be worn on the elbow, hand, finger/thumb, wrist or forearm; even though covered with soft padding.
- b. Hard and unyielding items (guards, casts, braces, etc.) on the upper arm or shoulder must be padded with a closed-cell, slow-recovery foam padding no less than ½" thick.
- c. Knee and ankle braces which are unaltered from manufacturer's original design/production are permitted and do not require any additional padding/covering nor do braces need to meet the color restrictions.

NOTE: A brace is defined as anything worn for a medical purpose to increase stability. In general, it is made of neoprene or elastic knit with an insert embedded to support the joint. It may or may not have a hinge and/or straps or an opening over the kneecap.

- d. A protective face mask may be worn and made of hard material but must be worn molded to the face with no protrusions.
- e. Must be worn for medical reasons.

ART. 7... Jewelry is prohibited. Religious and medical-alert medals are not considered jewelry. A religious medal must be taped and worn under the uniform. A medical-alert medal must be taped and may be visible (NFHS Basketball Rules Book page 27).

SECTION 5 BASKET, CHOICE (NFHS Basketball Rules Book page 28-29)

ART. 4...If by mistake the officials permit a team to go the wrong direction, when discovered all points scored, fouls committed, and time consumed shall count as if each team had gone the proper direction. Play shall resume with each team going the proper direction based on bench location.

The MSHSL Restricted Arc Rule will not be used in any MYAS Grade State Tournaments. Not all courts have the arc installed and we will not be using the rule at any age group.

MASK/FACE COVERING ENFORCEMENT REQUIREMENTS

The State of Minnesota, through Executive Order 20-81 and the Minnesota Department of Health COVID-19 Sports Practice and Games Guidance for Youth and Adults, requires masks/face coverings be worn by all persons, including during competition in basketball, and other indoor sports and activities. The Minnesota Youth Athletic Services/MYBA has adopted the [Minnesota State High School League Mask/Face Covering Enforcement Requirements](#) for their member schools and participants. These requirements have been modified to fit youth basketball.

Verified non-compliance may result in a loss of eligibility to play, coach or officiate.

Requirements:

Players:

- Must wear a mask as required by the state's executive orders.
- Must have a mask that fits appropriately for the contest.
- Should adjust and properly secure mask during breaks in the competition.

Coaches & Scorekeeper:

- Must wear a mask as required by the state's executive orders.
- Must continuously address those players, whose masks have come down or been pulled down, to secure their masks properly.
- Should direct players in the contest to properly wear their masks.

Officials:

- Must wear a mask as required by the state's executive orders and the mask must not be lowered to blow the whistle.
- Should address players in the contest to properly secure their masks.
- Should give reminders to the group or individual players to "mask up."
- Should request that coaches enforce the mask rule with their players.
- May wait until all players are properly masked to allow the contest to continue.
- May request a sub for any player who is not/will not mask(ed) properly.

MYAS Tournament Directors/Host Tournament Personnel:

- Must wear a mask as required by the state's executive orders.
- Must ensure coaches are enforcing mask use with participants.
- May stop a game to address improper masking.
- May end a game if proper masking protocols are not followed or cannot be accomplished.

For Further Assistance:

- Coaches, players and others should work through their Association Director.
- Association Leader/Head Coach should complete the Contest Incident Report found on back of Scoresheet or at Tournament HQ's.
- Officials may complete an Officials' Incident Report, found on back of Scoresheet or at Tournament HQ's.

CONDUCT 1ST (SPORTSMANSHIP & COVID COMPLIANCE) ENVIRONMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Process: WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please help us create a Conduct 1st Environment during the MYAS Grade State Basketball Championships by working with the MYAS Tournament Director and implementing these simple steps:

1. Referees will receive two Pocket Reminder business cards from the score keeper for each of the first two rounds of games of the tournament.
2. **The referee will hand one Pocket Reminder card to the head coach from each team during the pre-game meeting, reminding them of the emphasis on Conduct, Sportsmanship & COVID Compliance and to share the card with other coaches and team parents.**
3. After EVERY GAME, the referees designate their vote on the official MYAS score sheet (found at the score table) for the team or teams that display COVID compliance, positive conduct, good sportsmanship.
4. The referees may select one, both, or none for each game played. **OFFICIALS ARE EXPECTED TO VOTE AFTER EVERY GAME DURING THE ENTIRE TOURNAMENT.**
5. **Teams receiving a "Yes" vote after each game, will be recognized as Youth 1st Team Award winners, following the tournament.**
6. Thank you for participating in the MYAS Grade State Basketball Championships! We greatly appreciate you staying involved with sports and providing an invaluable service to youth basketball!