

Rules & Information

Minnesota State High School Rules will be used except as noted.

1. TOURNEY SITES: Games will be held at Willmar High School and Event Center. Each site will have a Site Manager on duty at all times.
2. OFFICIALS: We use certified officials for grades 6-7-8 as much as possible; non-certified but experienced officials will be used for grades 4 and 5. No protests allowed. Decisions of the officials during the game will be final.
3. GAME TIMES: Games will consist of two 16-minute running time halves, except for last 1 minute of first half and last 2 minutes of the game, during which clock will stop. However, running time will remain in effect whereupon a team reaches/maintains a 20-point (plus) lead.
4. TIME OUTS: Each team is allowed (3) time-outs of 1 minute each. Clock will stop during time-outs. One (1) additional time-out will be granted per overtime. No carryover of time outs from regulation.
5. HALF TIME BREAKS: Half time break will be **3 minutes**. (Five (5) minutes will be allowed between games. If court times get backed up, break times may be adjusted to get back on schedule).
6. OVERTIMES: Overtime will be 2 minute in length with clock stopping during the last minute. If game goes to a 2nd overtime, winner will be FIRST to score (free throws included). Teams will have 2 minutes to rest before an over-time starts.
7. FOULS: Bonus free throws on the seventh team foul in each half, two free throws on tenth team foul. Players will be fouled out of game with 5 fouls. TECHNICAL FOULS: For 4th, 5th and 6th grades, technical fouls will not be shot; two points and the ball will be awarded to the opponent of the team charged with a technical. For 7th and 8th grades, two free throws will be shot and possession will be awarded to the opponent of the team charged with a technical.
8. FULL COURT PRESSING: No full court pressing is allowed in grade 3&4. Full court man-to-man pressing (no zone pressing) is only allowed in grades 5 and 6 during the last 1 minute of the game (except by teams who lead by 12 or more points). Pressing is allowed for grades 7 and 8 anytime (except by teams who lead by 15 or more points).
9. DEFENSES: Zone defenses are not allowed for 3rd, 4TH, 5th and 6th grade teams.
10. 3rd&4TH GRADE FREE THROW LINE: 3rd &4th grade players will use the standard 15' free throw line but will be allowed to touch or cross over the line as long as they start behind the line.
11. THREE POINTERS: Three point shots will be counted if the facility has a 3-point line in place.
12. ROSTER SHEETS FOR SCORE TABLE: Coaches will fill out supplied roster sheets with names and numbers for each player at the score table immediately prior to each scheduled game.

13. SCOREBOOK: The host site will try to provide scorekeepers to keep the official scorebook and clock; if not, the lower bracketed or pool team will be asked to provide someone to keep the official scorebook and the high seed the clock.

14. BASKETBALLS: Teams supply their own warm-up balls. Third Grade recommend use 27.5" basketball, but if both teams agree can use 28.5" ball. All 4th, 5th and 6th grade boys will use the smaller 28.5" ball. Boys in 7th and 8th grade use regulation size ball.

15. NUMBER OF COACHES: Teams will be limited to two coaches on the bench.

16. TIE BREAKERS

We will use the following tie-breaker system:

- Head-to-head competition
- Point differential of those teams involved in the tie breaker, based on head-to-head competition (up to a maximum of 15 points per game)
- Defensive points allowed of those teams involved in the tie breaker, based on head-to-head competition.
- Point differential of those teams involved in the tie breaker, based on total competition (up to a maximum of 15 points per game)
- Defensive points allowed of those teams involved in the tie breaker, based on total competition.

17. SPORTSMANSHIP: Good sportsmanship is expected of all players, coaches, parents and spectators. Any unsportsmanlike conduct by anyone may be grounds for ejection from the game or gym. A second personal technical by a player or coach will mean ejection from the tournament, at the officials' or site manager's discretion. Any parent, spectator, or fan demonstrating unsportsmanlike conduct may be asked to leave the tournament. **Please treat everyone with respect ... all kids and adults are doing their best – win or lose, bad call, etc.** A lot of time and effort has gone into preparing for and setting up this tournament for the kids – please don't ruin it for others with poor conduct.

18. FIRST AID: All participating teams shall be responsible for safety considerations for their players and shall provide their own first-aid items. There may be trained personnel on-site to assist with injuries. As per team registration, participants agree to assume responsibility, including insurance, for this tournament and waive any and all claims against tournament sponsors and/or directors, and the Willmar School District, including, but not limited to, claims based on negligence.

19. WEATHER CANCELLATIONS: For weather related announcements, listen to KWLM 1340am, check our web site at www.willmarbasketball.com or call Steve Hoppe, Tournament Director, at 320-894-1256. In case of inclement weather, we will factor in the issued weather warnings, current and projected weather patterns before making our decision. We will cancel the tourney with at least 12-18 hours advance notice (or as soon as we are aware of a weather warning). Teams will be notified via email, phone or text.

Good Luck and Have Fun!

WILLMAR BASKETBALL BOOSTERS ASSOCIATION

Questions? Call Steve @ 320-894-1256.