



2024 St. Peter Youth Basketball Tournament Rules and Information

RULES

1. Games will consist of:
 - a. Two (2) **20-minute** running periods for **7th-8th grade** divisions.
 - b. Two (2) **18-minute** running time periods for **5th/6th grade** divisions
 - c. Two (2) **16-minute** running time periods for **4th grade** divisions
 - d. Two (2) **16-minute** running time periods for **3rd grade** divisions
 - e. Stop time the last 1 minute of each half for **ALL grades**.
2. "Mercy Rule" - all games will stay "RUNNING TIME" if a team leads by 20 or more points. Time only stops for timeouts.
3. Start of the game will have five (5) minutes for warmups, Halftime will be three (3) minutes. Be prepared to start immediately after if we are running behind.
4. If necessary, there will be a 2-minute overtime. If the game remains tied, the second overtime will be "Sudden Death". The first team to score will be the winner.
5. Two (2) time-outs per team, per half. Teams will be granted one (1) time out for overtime periods. No carryover for timeouts.
6. The top team in the bracket will be the home team and bottom will be the visitor. (Home team dark uniform, visiting team will be in white) (All St Peter teams will be in Navy unless they are playing another St. Peter team)

DEFENSIVE RULES:

- a. **6th, 7th and 8th grade** may play ANY type of defense. There will be no pressing if a team leads by 15 or more points.
 - b. **3rd, 4th and 5th graders** may play only "man to man" defense. Double-teaming between mid-court and the 3-point arc area is not allowed. No zones or zone presses are allowed. This will be the referee's interpretation. 1st violation will be a warning, 2nd will be a technical foul. (2 pts and the ball)
 - c. **4th and 5th grade** teams may play man to man press the last two minutes of each period. No double teaming/trapping. However, if a team leads by 15 points or more, no press will be allowed. 1st violation will be a warning, 2nd will be a technical foul. (2 pts and the ball)
 - d. **3rd grade** - No pressing at any time of the game.
7. All decisions by game/tournament officials are FINAL.
 8. Technical fouls will be assessed 2 points to the opponent, and possession of the ball. Any player/coach receiving MORE THAN ONE technical foul will be immediately disqualified from further tournament participation, and may be required to leave tournament facilities. (Officials discretion).



9. Technical fouls can and will be assessed to spectators for unsportsmanlike behavior towards officials and/or participants. If assessed, the individual(s) will be requested to leave facilities immediately.
10. Coaching will be done only by designated coaches from the bench area. There is NO COACHING allowed by anyone from the baseline or areas behind benches/along sidelines. Encouragement by parents/spectators is welcomed.
11. No protests will be allowed.
12. 3-point shots – will be counted as such providing the floor contains a 3-point arch. Official's decisions are final.
13. "Double Bonus" – following the 10th team foul, all fouls will award fouled player 2 foul shots.
14. After the 7th team foul, a 1 and 1 will be shot.



1. Weather Announcements: should weather interfere with scheduled tournament, all announcements will be made via our website: www.saintpeteryouthbasketball.org.
2. Ball: For 3rd grade a (27.5") ball will be provided for each court. An intermediate (28.5") sized ball will be used for all divisions other than 7th and 8th grade boys. 7th/8th boys will use a full size (29.5") ball.
3. Teams will supply their own warm up basketballs, and should have one game ball per team other than 3rd grade. Officials will choose a game ball. Home teams may be responsible for scorebooks and visiting team's scoreboard operations if we are short of volunteers.
4. Tournament Headquarters will be the St. Peter High School.
5. Awards/Medals: For all team brackets, up to 12 individual Dri-Fit T-Shirts will be awarded for 1st place.
6. Please check with tournament headquarters for any changes, announcements, or if you need any information. Tournament officials will be located at each facility and will be identifiable by their **ORANGE** Gym Captain pin.
7. Please keep all possessions with you. We are not responsible for lost/stolen items. There will be lost/found areas at the registration desk at each facility. If something is lost, please check with an official to see if anything has been turned in.
8. There are no locker rooms available but restrooms are available at each site.
9. Only participating players will be allowed on game floor areas. No one other than the teams currently playing will be allowed on courts during time-outs, between periods or between games. This will be enforced by game officials, tournament officials, or assigned gym captains.
10. Please have your teams ready to play/warm up 15 minutes before your scheduled game time. Games are scheduled on the hour (7th/8th grade), 50 min (5th/6th grade) and 40 min (3rd/4th grade). We may begin the next game with limited warm-up time if we get behind schedule. Be ready to play after the game before you.
11. We will not provide athletic trainers for our game sites.
12. Concessions will be provided at the High School, Middle School, Community Center and Sunrise. We please ask that you not bring your own food and your own beverages as our money is made in the concession's areas. Thank you for understanding.

The St. Peter Youth Basketball Association would like to thank you, your players, parents and spectators for attending our tournament. We hope you enjoy your day in St. Peter.