



Hamilton Hoops, Ltd. Jr. Chargers “Hoopfest”

Welcome to the Hamilton Hoops “Hoopfest” Tournament!

The 3rd and 4th grades will play at Templeton Middle School

The 5th and 6th grades will play at Silver Spring Intermediate School.

The 7th and 8th grades will play at Hamilton High School.

TOURNAMENT RULES

Time/Clock

- There will be two 20-minute halves with running clock.
- At all levels, the clock will only stop for the last 2 minutes of each half.
- If the margin of score is 20 points or more in the last 2 minutes, there shall be a continuous clock. For the remainder of the game, the clock stops only for injuries and time-outs.

Timeouts

- You will have three 30-second timeouts per game. If a game goes into overtime, you will NOT be allowed to carry over any unused timeouts. You will receive one timeout for each overtime period.

Defense

- **3rd, 4th and 5th grade** must play Man-to-Man defense. No zones or disguised zones.
 - Defenders on the ball should be within 6 feet of their man if the offensive player is in a scoring position (from the 3-point line to the basket)
 - Help-side defenders should be within 6 feet of their man if they are one pass away from the ball and if their man is in a scoring position (from the 3-point line to the basket)
 - Proper weak-side defensive positioning is allowed, but referees will be given broad latitude to call a technical if the M2M is sagging and merely packing the lane.
 - A team will be allowed to send help (double team) to a low post player if he has the ball. It is not allowed before he receives the ball or after he passes the ball
 - A team will not be allowed to run a trap at the dribbler immediately upon crossing half court (exception is last two minutes of each half).
 - Out-of-bounds under your own basket: your defender should rightfully establish inside position, but must not lose “contact” with the man he is guarding. See both man and ball. No guarding an area. Referees will be instructed to issue a warning and then subsequent technical fouls for violations.
 - On pick-n-roll plays, a team is allowed to “switch”. However, extensive use of “switching” in an effort to just protect specific locations on the court is not within the spirit of the rule. In those instances, referees issue warnings to coaches before issuing subsequent technical fouls.
- **6th, 7th and 8th grade** – any style of defense is permissible.

Pressing

- **3rd - 5th grade** - There will be no pressing until the last 2 minutes of each half. A team will be allowed to “trap” the ball handler in the back court by a double-team, but cannot align itself in a zone formation nor have players guarding areas, not players.
- There will be a 15 point mercy rule implemented. If a team is ahead by 15 points or more, a team will no longer be allowed to press.

Free throws

- **3rd and 4th Grade only** -- must shoot from behind the free throw line but may land over it as long as it does NOT gain them a rebounding advantage. This will be left to the discretion of the officials. All other grades must start and end behind the line before the ball hits the rim.

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Warm-ups and Halftime

- There will be 5 minutes between games to warm up. If games are running behind schedule the warm-up will be adjusted as needed.
- Halftime will be 2 minutes

Overtime

- If a game is tied at the end of regulation, a 2-minute overtime period will be played. Clock will stop on all dead balls in the first overtime period.
- If the game is still tied at the end of the first overtime period the following will occur for a second overtime:
 - 3rd-5th grade will play "sudden death," first to score a basket.
 - 6th-8th grade will play first team to score 4 points.

Technical Fouls

- Technical and intentional fouls will result in 2 points and possession.
- If a Coach is Ejected from a game, he/she will not be allowed to coach in the remainder of the tournament and must remain outside of the gym until the completion of the tournament

Coaching Box

- Only the head coach may stand and walk the sideline. Assistants must stay seated. The WIAA varsity rule will be followed.

No protests are allowed -- Officials decisions are final

All other rules will be in compliance with the WIAA.