



RULES & REGULATIONS 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U and 16U

National Basketball Rules (Effective August 1, 2017)

The National High School Federation Rules and Regulations (NHSF) will apply to all WBF World Basketball Foundation tournament games. Please note that WBF World Basketball Foundation Administrative Office may choose to adjust a National game rule for their tournaments.

1. All games will be played as follows:
 - 12U, 14U, and 16U will consist of two sixteen minute halves and will use a regulation size basketball (intermediate size ball for Women).
 - 8U and 10U will consist of two fourteen minute halves and will use the 28.5 intermediate size ball.
2. No game will start before the scheduled time unless both coaches agree. There will be a minimum of a 5 minute warm-up period. Halftime will be 5 minutes unless both coaches agree to start earlier.
3. Timeouts will be awarded under NHSF rules (3 Full / 2 Thirty Second)
4. Overtime:
 - 3 minutes for 8U and 10U
 - 4 minutes for 12U, 14U, and 16U
5. The clock will stop for all whistle stoppages
6. Two (2) direct technical fouls during a game on a player, coach, or team representative will result in their ejection from that game and the next game of the tournament. Fighting and gross unsportsmanlike behavior can be more than one game and is at the discretion of the Tournament Director and / or State Director.
7. Suspensions from WBF World Basketball Foundation sanctioned activities shall be governed by the WBF World Basketball Foundation Discipline Committee
8. Each team is responsible for their warm-up and game balls and or any other items brought into the game. WBF World Basketball Foundation is not responsible for lost items.
9. If a team forfeits two games by not participating; the team will be disqualified from the event and cannot participate in bracket / tournament play.

Roster Rules:

1. Rosters are allowed a maximum of fifteen (15) players.
2. Proof of age is required for all players on roster. Acceptable proofs of age are; clean photocopies of birth certificates, adoption papers, or immigration papers. Teams are required to have proof of age upon check-in and throughout the tournament. It must be presented to WBF World Basketball Foundation representative / tournament director upon request.
3. No roster additions will be permitted after the team has begun play of its first tournament game within any tournament.

Age Divisions:

WBF World Basketball Foundation tournament game is age based, determined by birth date, that allow players in each division to compete against other players currently at the same age level. The following guide determines all eligible ages.



AGE BASED COMPETITION RULES

08U – Player born in 2010 - 2011

10U – Player born in 2008 - 2009

12U – Player born in 2006 - 2007

14U – Player born in 2004 - 2005

16U – Player born in 2002 - 2003

Protest

All roster protest must be filed in writing accompanied by a \$100.00 protest fee (refundable if the protest is valid) with the Tournament Director within one (1) hour of the conclusion of the protested game. If the protest is valid, the protested team forfeits all previous games. Upon protest, teams must provide proof of eligibility. (See roster rules for acceptable proofs of age).

- All non-roster protest must be filed in writing within one (1) hour of the conclusion of the contest and must be accompanied by a \$100.00 protest fee (refundable if protest is upheld). Official's calls are not grounds for a protest.
- Tournament Directors rulings on protest are final.

Mercy Rule:

Once a team is leading by 30 points anytime in a game, the clock will continue to run. The only time the clock will stop is for injuries or timeouts. If the lead falls below 20 points, the clock will again be stopped for all whistle stoppages.

Tie- Breakers:

- Two Teams Tied: Head-to-head result.
- Three or more teams: Point Differential System will be used. Teams will receive a point differential per game up to a maximum of plus 15 points for a win and a maximum of minus 15 points for loss. The team not involved in the tiebreaker will have its games eliminated. The team with the highest point total will win the tiebreaker and the second highest number will be seeded second, etc. If two teams are tied with points, then revert back to head-to-head. If there are still three teams tied, the team with the fewest points allowed in ALL games played in pool play wins. A forfeit is scored as a 15-0 game.

Concussions:

Upon becoming aware that a participant of a team has received a suspected concussion (or has been struck in the head area with any significant force), the Coach will not allow that person to participate in any WBF World Basketball Foundation sanctioned event and if occurring during a WBF World Basketball Foundation sanctioned event, shall have that person removed from play of that event.

Upon becoming aware that a participant has received a suspected concussion (or has been struck in the head area with any significant force), a referee or tournament director will have that person removed from the court of any WBF World Basketball Foundation sanctioned event.

Without a written medical clearance from a licensed medical doctor to return to play, such persons will not be allowed to play in a WBF World Basketball Foundation sanctioned event. The medical written consent must be presented to the Director and retained permanently by the WBF World Basketball Foundation Director. Any coach, who allows a participant back in a WBF World Basketball Foundation sanctioned event without first obtaining the required written consent, may be suspended by the Director for up to one year and upon request of the Director, may be suspended for a longer duration by the WBF World Basketball Foundation disbarment committee.



Notes:

WBF World Basketball Foundation has the authority to modify game rules to accommodate circumstances. All teams participating in the Tournament must adhere to National Rules outlined above.

- Coaches are given credentials at check-in. Any coach allowing unauthorized use of these credentials will be disqualified from the event and subject to further disqualifications by WBF World Basketball Foundation.

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