2026-2027
Ohio Youth Basketball
Winter Game Rules

Any rules not covered here fall under the guidelines of the NFHS

1. *Length of Games* - All Games will be played in FOUR 6 Minute Quarters.
   - ALL GRADES WILL HAVE CLOCK STOPPAGE FOR ENTIRETY OF GAME unless Rule #3 comes into play.

2. *Overtime Periods* - First overtime will be 3 minutes long.
   Each overtime after the first will be one minute long.

3. *Clock* - If a team is **behind by more than 15 points or more in the 2nd half**, the clock will continue to run except on shooting fouls and timeouts. IF lead is cut below 15 points, clock operation will revert back to normal game play.

4. *Defense* - Teams may play any kind of defense. Full court pressing is allowed except in the 2nd-3rd Grade BOYS & 3rd-4th Grade GIRLS Divisions. In those divisions, a full court press IS allowed in FINAL 2 MINUTES of Game.
   - Full Court Press will be allowed in ALL OTHER DIVISIONS, BUT MUST BE PULLED OFF AFTER REACHING A 15 POINT LEAD. IF LEAD IS CUT BELOW 15 POINTS, FULL COURT PRESS CAN BE PUT BACK ON.

5. *Fouls* - Teams enter the bonus (2 foul shots) when the opposing team commits the fifth (5th) foul in the quarter. Fouls reset each quarter.

6. *Goal Height* - Goals will be at 10' for all games. Foul Line moved up to 12 feet for:
   - 2nd-3rd Grade Boys
   - 3rd-4th Grade Girls

7. *Game Balls* - All Divisions will use 28.5 Sized Ball

8. *Grace Period* - Game time is game time. If your team is not ready to play by that time, the game will be forfeited by a score of 16-0. THERE IS NO GRACE PERIOD UNLESS APPROVED BY OYB.
   - A team may start and finish a game with less than 5 players.
   - If a site is running ahead of schedule, both coaches can agree to start game early.
     - If both do not agree, game will start at scheduled time.

9. *Scorekeepers* - Home team is responsible for Official Scorebook The top team listed in each match up is the home team. You may use your scorebook, but OFFICIAL OYB SCORE SHEET MUST BE FILLED IN with winning team clearly marked with the OFFICIAL SCORE. AWAY Team Provides Clock Operator if one is not provided by host site.

10. *Reporting Scores* - Coaches from both teams need to download the Ohio Youth Basketball APP to follow the tournament.
    - **IF ANY SCORES ARE POSTED WRONG ON THE APP, PLEASE CONTACT ANTHONY IMMEDIATELY AT 740-243-5042.**

11. *Time Outs* - Each team will receive **three 30 second time outs**. No timeouts will be added for overtime games.

12. *Teams W/ Same Record* - Please see the tie breaking procedure available **ON OYB WEBSITE.**
IF INVOLVED IN A THREE WAY TIE, CALL OR TEXT ANTHONY AT 740-243-5042. OFFICIAL RULING MUST COME FROM ANTHONY.

Any rule interpretations please see site director or TEXT OYB at 740-243-5042

For Spring Competition Rules

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Ohio Youth Basketball
Issues that Arise During the Season

Coaches
Please Read Carefully

Proof of Grade/Age

Make sure you have proper documents with you to prove your players are in the proper grade. **If a protest is made on one of your players and you do not have a copy of his grade card/ birth certificate with you, your team will have to forfeit the game in question.** Every Coach should have those with them. We can't let you travel home to get them or have a parent bring them later. They need to be in your possession.

To protest a player a written protest is required along with a $100.00 cash deposit.
If protest is proven the $100.00 will be returned to person protesting
If protest is denied, the $100.00 will be donated to the school where game was played.

Ohio Youth Basketball does not keep any protest money. The protest must be brought to the attention of tournament director before the end of pool play for results to be changed. The tournament director's name and number is on the bottom of the tie breaker form posted on the web site with the schedule.

Please read the Age/Grade eligibility to make sure your players are in the proper grade.

Players Playing Down A Grade Based On Age

Any player that is eligible to play down a grade based on his age must be approved by OYB office before the start of that players first OYB 2026-27 tournament. If player is not approved, team risks forfeiting all games that player has participated in.

Players can only play on one team within the same grade division

A player may only play on one team within the same grade division. If a player is found to be playing on two or more teams in the same grade division, the first team he played with in this tournament is the team that he is assigned to. Any other team that he plays on will have to forfeit their games. This must be brought to the attention of tournament director before the end of pool play for results to be changed. The tournament director's name will be listed on the OYB APP.

A player may play on more than one team if it is in a different grade division.

Spectator Responsibilities

If a fan is asked to leave the facility due to his/her actions or words, and that fan refuses to leave, the team which the fan is associated with will forfeit game. All Spectators Must Follow Rules Set Forth By the Local Health Department.

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TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES

Three Team Pools

To determine the seeding when all three teams have the same record after completion of pool play, we must use a plus/minus formula. There is a 15 point cap on margin of victory.

Lowest plus / minus is eliminated from tie and they finish 3rd

We then have two teams left and we go back to their head to head result

Four Team Pools

Where Each Team Plays Two Games

All Teams Play 2 games. After 1st game, the winners play each other and the losing teams play each other.

After the 2nd game there will be one 2-0 team and one 0-2 team and the other two teams will be tied and possibly have not played each other.

If they have played each other we go by their head to head results to determine the higher seed if they have not played each other we use the best overall plus and minus.

If still tied after the best overall plus and minus vs the best plus and minus vs the Pool Winner is the 2nd seed.

If still tied, the team that lost in the Pool Championship Game is the 2nd seed.

Four Team Pools

Where Each Team Plays Each Other

If there is a three way tie after Pool Play See The Three Team Pool Tie Breaker

Five Team Pool

See Special Five Team Pool Tie Breaker

The Official Seeding Will Be Posted On OYB APP

Any questions on Tie Breaking Procedures Call Anthony at 740-243-5042

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TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES CONTINUED

Tie Breaking Procedure For 5 Team Pools

1. When two teams are tied and they played each other, we determine the higher seed by their head to head result.
2. When two teams are tied and they have not played each other, we use the following to decide the higher seed.

A. The best record of the opponents.
Example
Team 2 and 3 are tied at with a record of 1 - 1
Team 2 opponents have a combined record of 3 - 1
Team 3 opponents have a combined record of 1 - 3
Team 2 is the higher seed based on their opponents having a better record. If teams are still tied then go to B

B. The highest + - score
Example
Team 2 won by 3 and lost by 6 which = -3
Team 3 won by 12 and lost 10 which = +2
Team 3 is the higher seed. If teams are still tied then go to C

C. The highest + - score of the opponents
Example
Team 2's opponents were a combined +8
Team 3's opponents were a combined + 6
Team 2 is the higher seed. If teams are still tied flip a coin.

3. When three teams are tied use the same procedure as in No. 2 even if two of the teams have played each other. Any questions text 740-243-5042.

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