



# 2023 Ohio Youth Basketball Game Rules

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

## 1. Length of Games

A. 2nd - 6th Divisions will be played in 12 minute halves. 7th - 10/11th Divisions play 14 minute halves.

## 2. Overtime Periods

A. First overtime will be 3 minutes long.

B. Each overtime after the first will be one minute long.

## 3. Clock

A. The clock will stop on every whistle and stay stopped until the ball is back in play.

B. 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 time outs. If the team behind cuts the lead to under 15 points the clock will go back to being stopped on every whistle.

## 4. Defense

A. Teams may play any kind of defense. Full court pressing is allowed except in the 2nd-3rd Grade Boys Division. In those divisions a full court press is allowed in the last 30 seconds of game.

B. Full Court press will be allowed in ALL OTHER Divisions. In 4th-6th Divisions press **must be pulled off after reaching a 15 point lead**. If lead is cut below 15 points, the full court press can be put back on.

## 5. Goal Height

A. Goals will be at 10' for all games. **Foul Line will be moved up for 2nd/3rd grade boys.**

## 6. Game Balls

A. All 2nd - 7th Grade Games will use the womens size basketball. Other Divisions use Mens size ball.

## 7. Grace Period

A. 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.

B. **A team may start and finish a game with less than 5 players.**

C. If a site is running ahead of schedule, both coaches can agree to start the game early. If both do not agree, game will start at scheduled time.

## 8. Scorekeepers

Home team is responsible for Official Scorebook. The first team listed is the home team. You can use your scorebook, but the **Official OYB Score Sheet Must Be Filled In With the Winning Team Clearly Marked With The Official Score.**

**AWAY Team is responsible for keeping clock if clock operator is not provided by host site.**

## 9. Reporting Scores

Coaches from both teams need to **download the OYB APP** to follow the tournament on Exposure Events. If any scores are posted wrong on the APP, please contact Anthony immediately at 740-243-5042

## 10. Time Outs

A. **Each team will receive three 30 second time outs. No timeouts will be added for overtime games.**

## 11. Teams with the same record,

A. Please see the tie breaking procedure hanging by brackets and ON OYB WEBSITE

If you are involved in a three way tie, call or text Anthony at 740-243-5042

Anyone besides Anthony tells you the tie breaker results it is not Official

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

For Spring Competition Age/Grade Eligibility  
Please See Spring Age/Grade Eligibility



## 2023 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 2022 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.



## 2023 Ohio Youth Basketball 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 call OYB at 740-808-0380

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