

# 5 v 5 Basketball - Rules

Each player must present a valid Mason G Card before each contest to be eligible to participate.

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Any rule not mentioned in the following will be governed by National Federation of State High School Association rules. Dunking will be permitted; however, anyone found hanging on the rim for purposes other than safety will be issued an automatic technical foul and may be possibly ejected from the game.

## **I. General Provisions and Equipment**

### **1.1 Team Requirements**

**1.1.1** A team consists of five players, but may start with four players. A team must have four players on the court at all times. Exception: Three players are allowed if an individual cannot continue due to an injury or he/she has fouled out of the game.

**1.1.2** When a team has forfeited, the opposing team must have at least four players checked in with the supervisor to receive a win.

**1.1.3** Substitutions must be reported to the scorer before entering the game. Substitutes may enter the game only when the official acknowledges them. Penalty: Technical foul.

**1.1.4** Spectators are not permitted in a team's bench area. Each team will be allowed to have two coaches in the bench area.

### **1.2 Equipment**

**1.2.1** Teams must wear shirts with the same shade of color, and each shirt must have a different number (numbers greater than 2-digits are not allowed). The size of each number must be at least three inches. Numbers must be written or painted. Numbers MAY NOT be taped onto the shirt.

**1.2.2** All players must wear non-marking rubber-soled athletic shoes.

**1.2.3** The official shall not permit any player to wear equipment that, in his or her judgment, is dangerous to other players. Jewelry, including rings, bracelets, necklaces, watches and earrings,

is illegal. Also, hats and bandanas are not permitted. Taping of earrings or other jewelry is not permitted regardless of the reason. Medical emergency bracelets/necklaces may be worn but must be taped to the person. Penalty: Technical foul.

**1.2.4** Casts (plaster, metal or other hard substances in their final form) or any other item judged to be dangerous by the supervisor, official or athletic trainer may not be worn during the game. Knee braces made of hard, unyielding substances covered on both sides with all edges overlapped and any other hard substances covered with at least 1/2 inch of slow recovery rubber or similar material will be allowed.

## II. The Game, Overtime, Time-outs,

### 2.1 Game Structure

**2.1.1.** There will be two twenty-minute halves of continuous running time. Clock stops for time outs or official time outs (e.g. for injuries or retrieving a ball). Clock is not stopped for violations. The clock will stop during the final 2 minutes of the second half for all dead ball situations. The clock will continue to run following made baskets inside 2 minutes.

**2.1.2.** When a team is shooting free throws and a time out is called, the clock will start when the ball is touched after a throw-in on a made basket or when the ball is touched in bounds on a missed basket. The clock continues to run on technical fouls unless a time out has been called.

**2.1.3.** There will be a three-minute intermission between halves.

**2.1.4.** If a team is leading by 20 points or more in the final two minutes of the game, the mercy rule will be put into effect and the game will be over. Also, **if a team is leading by 40 at halftime or any point thereafter the game will be ended by the mercy rule.**

### 2.2 Overtime

**2.2.1.** Overtime will only be played during the playoffs if necessary. In the event of over-time, a 3-minute period shall be played to determine a winner. The clock will not stop during the overtime period. Team fouls will carry over to the over-time period.

### 2.3 Time-outs

**2.3.1.** Each team will have two (one-minute) time outs per game (no limit per half). After each time out, the official should record the number of the player who called the time-out and the time it was called.

**2.3.2.** Time-outs may only be called by the team with possession of the ball or during a dead ball situation. Only players that are in the game may call a time-out. Bench personnel and coaches may not call time-out. After a time-out the ball will be in-bounded closest to the spot where the ball was when the timeout was called.

**2.3.3.** Time-outs in excess of the allotted number may be requested and shall be granted during regulation playing time or during any overtime period at the expense of a technical foul. The technical foul must be given even if the official was unaware that the time-out was excessive.

**2.3.4.** One (30-second) time-out per overtime period is allowed. Time outs from regulation play do not carry over into the overtime.

## III. Violations

### 3.1 On-Court Violations

**3.1.2 Back-court:** Teams may not be in continuous control of a ball in their backcourt for 10 seconds. Once the ball has been established across the half-court line (both feet and the ball), it is a violation to cross back over into the back-court. Penalty: Turnover.

**3.1.2 Three Seconds:** An offensive player cannot be inside of or in contact with the free throw lane (known as the key) for more than three seconds while the ball is in his/her team's front-court. Penalty: Turnover.

**3.1.2 Five Seconds:** If a player is closely guarded (within six feet) in the front-court and holds the ball for more than five seconds, or dribbles the ball for more than five seconds then a violation will be called. Penalty: Turnover.

**3.1.2 Kicking:** It is a violation to intentionally strike the ball with any part of the leg or foot; accidentally striking the ball with the foot or leg is not a violation.

**3.1.2 Elbowing:** Swinging of the elbows while in possession of the ball without pivoting either foot will result in an offensive foul.

### **3.2 Throw-In Violations**

**3.2.1.** The thrower shall not leave the designated throw-in spot until the ball has crossed the plane of the boundary. Penalty: Turnover.

**3.2.2.** The thrower must pass the ball into the court within five seconds of the start of a throw-in. Penalty: Turnover.

**3.2.3** The thrower may step on but not over the sideline.

**3.2.4.** The opponent of the thrower cannot reach through the throw-in boundary plane and foul the thrower. Penalty: Intentional foul.

**3.2.5.** The opponent of the thrower cannot reach through the throw-in boundary plane and touch or dislodge the ball Penalty: Technical foul.

**3.2.6.** The opponent of the thrower cannot cross the end line or its imaginary plane. This is a delay of game. The team should be warned on the first offense and then penalized with a technical foul on each subsequent offense.

## **IV. Fouls**

### **4.1 Common Fouls**

**4.1.1** A personal foul involves illegal contact with an opponent while the ball is live, which hinders an opponent from performing normal defensive and offensive movements.

**4.1.2** A player shall be allowed 5 personal fouls per game. On the fifth personal, that player shall be removed from the game.

**4.1.3** A double foul is a situation in which two opponents commit personal fouls against each other at approximately the same time. In the case of a double foul, fouls are recorded, no free throws are awarded, and possession is awarded based on the alternating possession arrow.

**4.1.4** When a player control (charging) foul is committed, no points can be scored and no free throws will be shot.

### **4.2 Intentional and Flagrant**

**4.2.1** An intentional foul is a personal or technical foul designed to stop or keep the clock from starting, to neutralize an opponent's obvious advantageous position, and contact away from the ball or when not playing the ball. Contacting the arm or ball of an inbound player behind the imaginary line shall result in an intentional foul.

**4.2.2** A flagrant foul may be a personal or technical foul of a violent or savage nature or a technical non-contact foul, which displays unacceptable conduct. If a flagrant foul occurs the player is ejected from the game. The offending team shall receive 2 shots and possession of the ball at the spot closest to where the foul occurred.

### **4.3 Technical Fouls**

**4.3.1** A technical foul is a foul by a non-player, a non-contact foul by a player; an intentional or flagrant contact foul while the ball is dead.

**4.3.2** Two technical fouls against a player or coach result in immediate ejection of that person from the game. All ejections must be accompanied by an ejection form which is filled out by the issuing official and the court supervisor.

**4.3.3** Slapping either backboard or grabbing the rim is a technical foul. Exception: a player may grab the rim to prevent injury.

**4.3.4** Dunking during warm-ups or in a dead ball situation will result in an ejection.

**4.3.5** A technical foul on a spectator or coach is charged to the team captain. Any two players and/or coaches and/or spectators ejected from a game will result in an automatic forfeiture of the game by the offending team. A technical foul will also be recorded as a personal foul of the offender; also included in the total team fouls.

## **V. Free Throws**

### **5.1 General Rules**

**5.1.1** A player will receive the one-and-one bonus after the offending team has accumulated 7 fouls each half. This rule applies to all fouls except shooting, player control, technical, intentional or flagrant. On the tenth foul and thereafter the opposing team will shoot two free throws for all fouls except player control.

**5.1.2** When a player control foul is committed, the basket will not be allowed and free throws will not be awarded.

**5.1.3** Players will be allowed two free throws and possession of the ball for all technical, intentional or flagrant fouls.

**5.1.4** Players will be allowed two free throws when fouled in the act of shooting. If the basket is made, then it counts and the player is allowed one free throw.

**5.1.5** Any shooting foul committed behind the three-point line, on a missed shot, will merit three free throws. If a player is fouled, in the act of shooting, behind the three-point line, and makes the shot, one shot will be awarded.

**5.1.6** The first marked lane spaces (ones adjacent to the end line) shall be occupied by opponents of the free-throw shooter, unless the resuming of play procedure is in effect. The second marked lane spaces on each side may be occupied by teammates of the free-throw shooter, and the third marked lane spaces may be occupied by opponents of the shooter. The total number of players permitted on marked lane spaces are six (not including the shooter) four defensive and two offensives. The offense may have no more than two players and the defense can have as little as two and as many as four. The lane spaces closest to the free-throw line (and the shooter) must remain vacant.

**5.1.7** During free-throw attempts all players may attempt a rebound when the ball makes contact with the rim.

### **5.2 Free Throw Violations**

**5.2.1.** Players who wish to occupy the marked lane spaces must do so quickly, and must alternate lane spaces if their opponents wish to occupy the space nearest them. These individuals may enter the lane when the ball hits the rim.

**5.2.2.** Any player other than the free thrower, who does not occupy a marked lane space, must be behind the free throw line extended and behind the three-point line. These players may not enter this area until the ball has touched the rim.

**5.2.3.** The free thrower must not touch the free throw line. He or she cannot fake a try, and must release the ball within ten seconds. a. In a one and one situation this will result in a turnover. b. If this occurs on the first attempt of a two shot foul, the first shot is void and the second will be administered. c. If this occurs on the second attempt of a two shot foul, it will result in a turnover.

**5.2.4.** Failure to cause the ball to touch the rim will result in a dead ball. a. In a one and one situation this will result in a turnover. b. If this occurs on the first attempt of a two shot foul, the first shot is void and the second will be administered. c. If this occurs on the second attempt of a two shot foul, it will result in a turnover.

## **VI. Summary of Co-ed Rules**

**6.1.1** A team consists of five (5) players; three (3) men and two (2) women, or three (3) women and two (2) men. A team may begin with four (4) players; two (2) men and two (2) women.

**6.1.2.** A women's basketball will be used unless both captains agree prior to the start of the game that a men's size basketball will be used. The same size ball will be used throughout the entire game (no changes will be permitted).

**6.1.3.** There will be no rules with requiring specific locations on the court or guarding principles for either males or females. Pressing the offense in the backcourt will not be allowed during the first 38 minutes of the game. The first violation will result in a verbal warning issued to the offending team. A technical foul will be administered to the team captain for all additional violations by the same team. Teams MAY press inside of 2 minutes of the second half.

Contesting a rebound by a defensive player is not to be considered a "backcourt press."

**6.1.4.** Female players must participate in the jump ball to start the game.

**6.1.5.** Female scores will be awarded an additional bonus point (any basket made inside the arc will be worth 3 points and any basket made outside of the arc will be worth 4 points).

**6.1.6.** Free throws attempted for fouls will be in accordance with their point values. (males will shoot two or three shots for field goal attempts and females will shoot three or four shots).