



North American Basketball Tournament Rules

TOURNAMENT OVERSIGHT

The Tournament Oversight Committee is responsible for the overall operation of the tournament and makes all final decisions concerning grievances, protests, eligibility of players, etc. Any concerns should be submitted to the Tournament Committee by the appropriate team captain/manager.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Positive sportsmanship is a primary point of emphasis for the World Eskimo-Indian Olympics (WEIO) North American Basketball Tournament. The tournament itself is intended to be a positive family event and players are encouraged to display positive behavior at all times. The Tournament Committee and Officials will discourage any displays of negative behavior from players and spectators. Players are encouraged to remember their roles as positive examples for the community.

PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

A) Player Eligibility

- 1) Only players of Alaskan Native/American Indian descent eighteen (18) years of age or older on the first day of the tournament will be allowed on rosters. If challenged, the player must provide official proof to the tournament committee before he/she will be allowed to participate. Proof of descent shall be in the form of any of the following:
 - a) Appropriate Certificate of Degree of at least $\frac{1}{4}$ Indian Blood (CDIB) card
 - b) Official tribal enrollment card.
- 2) Masters Division players must be forty (40) years of age or older on the first day of the tournament. If challenged, the player must provide official proof of age to the oversight committee before he/she is allowed to participate. Two players on the Masters roster may be no younger than the age of 35.

B) Rosters

- 1) TEAM ROSTERS WILL BE FROZEN AT THE START OF A TEAM'S FIRST TOURNAMENT GAME! No players may be added to any team roster after the team's first game. Any players not present for the team's first game must be listed on BOTH the roster and the scorebook. Team rosters are limited to ten (10) eligible players.

- 2) The team manager/coach must submit a line-up to the score table 10 minutes before game time. The manager/coach is responsible for entering all players' names and number in the scorebook.

C) Jerseys

- 1) Each player on a team must wear the same color shirt of jersey. Shirts require permanent legible numbers either on the front or back. A team technical foul may be assessed at the beginning of the game to any team not complying with this rule. A complete set of legal tournament jerseys will be available for team to use in order to comply with this rule. In the event that both teams have the same color jerseys the contest referees shall designate on the team to use the tournament jerseys.

D) Miscellaneous

- 1) During a game, players may not wear jewelry of any type. Jewelry includes ring, earrings, body piercing and metal hairpieces. Elastic ponytail holders, sweatbands, and bandanas are permitted.
- 2) All pregnant players must provide a medical release, from a physician, in order to participate. The release must be attached with the Player Contract & Liability Waiver at the time of registration.

Games

- 1) The tournament is a double elimination format with the exception of the championship game which is single elimination.
- 2) A minimum of five (5) minutes warm-up time will be given for each game. Half time will be five (5) minutes in length.
- 3) At least four (4) players must be dressed and ready to play at the start of each game. At the beginning of the second half, five (5) players are required for the team to continue to play. If a team does not meet these requirements the game will be forfeited.
- 4) Games are played with the following guidelines:
 - a) The games will consist of two (2) twenty minute halves utilizing a running clock.
 - b) The clock will stop during the last two (2) minutes of each half for all violations and actions involving a referee's whistle.
 - c) In free throw situations the release of the ball from the shooter's hand shall initiate play for all players in the lane area. The shooter and any players outside the lane area will initiate play upon the ball touching the rim. The offensive team shall have a maximum of three (3) players, including the shooter, in the key area.
 - d) A player will be disqualified upon receiving a total of five (5) personal or technical fouls during any of the tournament games. A technical foul counts as: a technical foul, personal foul, and or team foul.
 - e) The bonus free throw situation shall be in effect upon a team receiving its seventh foul in a game. Ten (10) team fouls in each half shall initiate a double bonus resulting in two (2) free throws for each personal foul.

- f) All teams shall be awarded two (2) timeouts per half of every game. Nor unused timeouts may carry over to the second half of the game. The clock shall be stopped for all timeouts.
- g) Overtime periods are five (5) minutes in length. Each team shall receive one (1) additional timeout per overtime period. The game clock shall stop during the last two (2) minutes of overtime for all violations and actions involving a referee's whistle.

Player Conduct

1. Any player ejected from a tournament game will be suspended from all remaining games in the current tournament. Ejection shall be a result of a player receiving two (2) technical fouls in any single tournament game OR by a referee's action resulting in ejection for unsportsmanlike conduct during a game.
2. Any player ejected shall be on probationary status during WEIO North American Basketball Tournaments for a period of five (5) years. Players shall be notified of their probationary status at the time of registration.
3. Any subsequent ejections from a WEIO North American Basketball Tournament game by any player on probationary status shall result in PERMANENT disqualification from all future WEIO North American Basketball Tournaments.
4. Any player ejected may request a hearing with the Tournament Oversight Committee to discuss/dispute the ejection. The request must be made in writing and submitted to the Tournament Oversight Committee. This request should detail the reasons or circumstances involved with the ejection. A hearing will be scheduled for the following day whenever possible. The Oversight Committee's decision shall be final.