

NEW MEXICO GAMES BASKETBALL RULES

Coaches, please pass this information on to your players and parents. It is your responsibility to make sure they are aware of the rules.

Children under 2 are free. Ages 3-12 are **\$5.00**. Adults 13 and over are **\$10.00** per day. Spectators will be given wristbands upon entering. These must be worn on the wrist to be valid. Any torn or wrist band not on the wrist will be invalid.

Players and coaches will receive pass cards. **These must be presented at the door every time you enter. Without your card, you must pay to get in (uniform is not enough).**

1. RULES:

- a. NCAA rules will be used for all divisions above high school (recreation and open).
- b. High school rules will be used for all high school divisions and below (4th grade - high school).

2. ELIGIBILITY

- a. Active college players on a 2023/2024 college basketball roster must participate in the Open Division only.
 - (1) A maximum of two (2) active college basketball players from the same school may participate on the same Open Division team.
- b. **Any team using an ineligible player will be dropped from the tournament and protested game. Will be forfeited in favor of the opposing team (no refunds).**
- c. **Players may only play for one team. Once your team is out of the tournament. A player may not play for another team. No exceptions.**
- d. **Whichever team a player is listed on the scoresheet first, regardless of whether they enter the game or not is the team the player must play with the remainder of the tournament.**
- f. Graduating seniors may not play on a high school team, but they may participate in rec or open divisions.

3. PLAYING RULES

- a. Game time is forfeit time. You must have the scoresheet filled out before game time and 5 eligible players on the court ready to play at game time. Referee has final say on forfeit time.
- b. Games will consist of two (2) 18-minute halves, w/running clock. During the first 17 minutes of each half, the clock will stop for time-outs only. The clock will stop on every whistle during the last one (1) minute of each half.
- c. A maximum of three (3) full times outs and two (2) 30 second time outs per game. (may be used at Any time during the game).
- d. All overtime periods will be three (3) minutes with running clock until the last one (1) minute. One (1) Additional timeout will be added for each over-time period.
- e. **PLAYERS MUST HAVE SIMILAR COLORED JERSEYS WITH PERMANENT NUMBERS. NO TAPED NUMBERS.**
1. Protests must be filed before the start of the game. Prior to game time you must let the tournament director know you intend on filing a protest, Only the head coach or team captain of the upcoming game may protest. Once the game begins, no protests will be heard.

4. ROASTER

- a. Rosters must be turned in online by Wednesday May 22, 2024.
- b. All participants must sign a waiver/release form prior to playing. Participants under 18 must have a parent or legal guardian sign also.
- c. NO changes to the roster are allowed after Wednesday May 22, 2024, unless approved by the New Mexico Games Basketball Commissioner
- d. Girls can play on a boy's team, but boys cannot play on a girls team.
- e. **ALL PLAYERS MUST HAVE PROOF OF AGE WITH THEM AT ALL TIMES DURING TOURNAMENT.**

5. CONDUCT

- a. **TEAM AND SPECTATOR CONDUCT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COACH.**
- b. Any player or coach ejected from a game for any reason will be ineligible for the next game. A second ejection will make him/her ineligible for the remainder of the tournament.
- c. **Do not write on the gym floors for any reason. Any team found to have done this will be immediately removed from the tournament. No refunds.**
- d. **ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD OR DRINKS ALLOWED ON THE COURTS OR IN THE COURTS AREAS. ONLY RE-SEALABLE BOTTLES. WITH LIDS FILLED WITH WATER ARE ALLOWED FOR PLAYERS ONLY! ANY FAN OR SPECTATOR CAUGHT BRINGING THESE ITEMS INTO THE COURT AREAS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE TOURNAMENT. NO REFUNDS. FANS & SPECTATORS MAY EAT OR DRINK FOOD ITEMS IN THE CONCOURSE AREA. NO outside/foldable chairs allowed in gym areas!**
- e. **ANY VULGAR/THREATENING LANGUAGE AS WELL AS PHYSICAL CONTACT BY ANY INDIVIDUAL TOWARDS OFFICIALS AND NM GAMES STAFF WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM THE TOURNAMENT PREMISES**

THE TOURNAMENT COMMISSIONERS AND GAMES DIRECTORS WILL DECIDE UPON ANY SITUATION OUTSIDE OF WHAT IS COVERED IN THESE RULES. THEIR DECISIONS ARE FINAL!