

MOUNT VERNON INVITATIONAL

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RULES

1. [COVID Sporting Activities Guidance](#) will be followed for all games. Please see specific basketball protocols at end of Rules.
2. Official rule book is the National Federation of High School Associations, with the following noted or added:
3. **Games may move ahead of schedule. All teams should be ready to begin games at the completion of the previous game!**
4. Pressing and zones allowed unless ahead by twenty (20) points.
5. **Two 15-minute STOP CLOCK halves are a regulation game.** Clock stops on all dead balls.
6. Note: **NO SHOT CLOCK** will be used. A 10 second backcourt count will be in effect.
7. **Halftime** will be four (4) minutes.
8. **Overtime:** The first overtime is two (2) minutes or the first team to gain a 4-point lead. The second overtime is a "Sudden Victory" format, with the first team to score being declared the winner. Both overtime periods start with a jump ball.
9. **Technical Fouls** (including Intentional & Flagrant) are two points and possession of the ball. Two (2) technical fouls on the same player or coach in a game will result in an ejection from that game and the next scheduled game in the tournament.
NOTE: A Technical Foul on a player will count as a personal foul and count towards the team total. A Coach/Bench Technical Foul will also count as a team foul (NFHS Rules).
10. Substitutes must report into the official scorer/timer and be motioned in by an official before entering the game.
11. **Time Outs:** Teams are provided three (3) time outs per game. An additional time out will be granted for each overtime period. Time outs can be carried over from the game and overtime periods.
12. **Free Throws:** Teams will be in the bonus and shoot 1-and-1 foul shots after the 7th team foul of each half. Teams will be awarded two (2) shots on and beyond the 10th team foul of each half. Technical fouls are counted as team fouls.
13. **Free Throw Lane Administration** – Marked lane spaces may be occupied by a maximum of four defensive and two offensive players. The fourth spaces (nearest the Base Line) shall not be occupied and are not considered marked lane spaces.
14. Teams may start with four players.
15. If a team has its fifth player foul out, and has no eligible substitutes, then that player may continue to play. However, each subsequent foul on that player is 2 points, and counts towards the total team fouls.
16. A player may play on more than one team, as long as it is in a separate division.
17. Coaches are responsible for the actions and conduct of their players and spectators. Please help encourage GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP!
18. All players must have parental waiver forms signed prior to participating. No refunds once the schedule is drawn up.

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COVID Specific Protocols – MV Invite:

- Teams (players, coaches, spectators) will not be allowed to enter a gym until the previous game(s) have completed and all previous teams have left the gym.
- Extra Team Area @ MVHS – The only gym with indoor space for teams to gather around game times will be at MVHS. Masks will still need to be worn at all times. Ask for our site supervisor at MVHS to find a spot for your team, as needed. There are plenty of Green Areas around Mount Vernon to spread out in, as well.
- ALL players, coaches, spectators, referees and staff will be required to wear a mask at all times inside gyms.
- No food or beverages for spectators allowed.
- Hand Sanitizer will be available at the score table.
- Only athletes/officials will touch game balls.
- The game ball will be sanitized prior to play beginning and whenever possible during game breaks by SCPR staff.
- There will be NO Jump Ball before game or overtime, if necessary. Referees will conduct a coin flip or other draw to determine first possession at start of game or any overtime period. Alternating possession will then occur as normal.
- No end of game handshake will occur.
- Electronic Fox-40 Whistles may be used by referees in place of a traditional whistle.
- Only team personnel and players should be in the team bench area.
- Pick up your litter and dispose of it properly after games.
- Promptly leave the gym following your game(s).

SAFETY FIRST



**PLEASE WEAR A MASK
THANK YOU!**