



3 on 3 Tournament Rules

- **3 players** at a time from a team may play on the court when the ball is in play. Each team may consist of up to four registered players.
- Teams are provided with at least 5 minutes to warm up prior to the start of the game.
- At the **start of the game, a coin flip** shall assign the first ball holder.
- The ball should be cleared past the defined take back line and the game begins by “ball check” – The offensive team passes the ball to a defender, who makes sure his team is ready to play before passing back to an offensive player and starting the game.
- **One game lasts 15 minutes** (running clock). Referee will report “7 minutes left” of a match and also “1 minute left.”
- Baskets are scored as 1's. Referee will validate each point.
- The ball will change possession after each made basket and must be taken back to behind the defined take back line.
- **Each team has 2 timeouts** of max 30 sec, while the time is still running. You can take timeout anytime during the game while holding the ball with the exception of last minute of a game, when no timeout is allowed. Players may only sub during timeouts.
- After each change of possession, the ball must be passed in. The ball may not be shot at the start of possession without passing it in.
- In the case of a tie, 3 players from each team shoot a free throw (starting with "home" team). If the result is even, 1 player from each team has a free throw until the final score is made.
- In controversial situations, only the team representative speaks for the team.
- The game rules may not be changed by any player or referee. **The referee is the final call** in controversial situations.
- The referee has 1 timeout that they may issue for incidentals or if injury occurs where the clock will be stopped.
- **The game referee calls the fouls during the game.**
- When intentional and unjustified delaying occurs, the referee will issue a warning to the offending team. If delaying continues, referee may opt to turn the ball over the opposing team at the take back line.
- **Abusive and overly aggressive behavior will not be tolerated and may result in player or team disqualification from the tournament.**

All other rules are formally derived from the applicable rules of basketball. The tournament organizers have the veto right in case of controversial moments.