

Game Rules

2023 Lakota March Madness Basketball Tournament

Uniforms: Teams should have matching shirts, including color, with each shirt having a number (#'s cannot be more than two digits). These shirts will be ordered for the students prior to games being played.

Clothing Items: No jewelry, rubber bands or other wristbands can be worn during games or practice prior to games.

Game Length: ALL games will consist of two 20-minute halves with running clock. The clock will only stop for whistles during the last two- minutes of each half and during a coach's time-out. In case of tie, the first overtime is 2 minutes, and each subsequent overtime is 1 minute.

Time-Outs: Each team gets (2) "30 Second" timeouts per half. "Use them or lose them" for a total of 4 timeouts per game.

Press: No full-court press for 2nd, 3rd & 4th Grade teams (half court press is allowed). 5th & 6th Grade teams can use a full-court press; however, a team with a (15) point lead cannot press. All other rules not covered will follow OHSAA guidelines.

Foul Shots: Foul Line for 2nd & 3rd Grade is 9 feet; Foul Line for 4th & 5th Grade is 12 feet; and Foul Line for 6th Grade is regulation 15 feet.

Basket Height: Rim Height for 2nd & 3rd Grade is 9 feet; Rim Height for 4th–6th Grade is 10 feet.

Sportsmanship: All players, coaches, parents, and fans are expected to conduct themselves in a proper sportsmanship-like manner. Team coaches are responsible to ensure that sportsmanship is always present, and all individuals are treated with the proper respect. That means coaches are responsible for players and parents. Blowout games should be handled with common sense; keep in mind the premise behind the tournament. Teams are expected to shake hands at the end of every game.

Playing Time: Every player on a team is required to compete for at least (20) minutes of play in each game. Coaches can decide how that time can be played (EXAMPLE: 10 minutes in first half and 10 minutes in second half).

Eligibility: **ALL players MUST participate for school and grade enrolled. NO player shall be allowed to play up and/or on more than (1) team during the entire tournament.**

Referees: Coaches are allowed to communicate with referees, however, at no time is a coach, player, or anyone else allowed to "yell" at a referee. Failure to follow this rule could result in a coach, player, parent, or fan being ejected from the game. Any coach ejected from a March Madness Tournament game will not be allowed to coach in any future tournament games.