

# ***Gym Rats Basketball Tournament Rules***

The National High School Federation Rules and Regulations (NHSF) will apply to all GRBA games with the following exceptions:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup> Grade will be played in 2-18 minute halves, 8<sup>th</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup> Grade will be played in 2-20 minute halves. Halftime will be a 3 minute period. The clock will only be stopped for the LAST TWO MINUTES of each half and for timeouts.
- Each team is allowed two 30 Second timeouts per half. NO carryover of timeouts.
- Mercy Rule: If a team is ahead by 20 points or more with 2 minutes or less the game will be called.
- The first overtime is ONE (1) minute with the clock stopping for all whistles with one 30 Second timeout per team. The second overtime will be sudden death.
- Games will start promptly at the scheduled time on the court assigned from the schedule.
- To stay within state guidelines for capacity limits, Teams, Coaches & Parents MUST leave the bench area & exit the facility immediately after their game.
- Be ready to play with your jerseys on. The first team listed on the schedule wears light color jerseys and the second team listed wears dark color jerseys.
- Any coach ejected for fighting will be ineligible for the remainder of the event. Players ejected for fighting are ineligible to participate in the team's next game. Additional penalties, up to exclusion from the tournament, may be imposed by the Director. If a coach or player is ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike behavior (not fighting), he/she will be ineligible to participate in the next scheduled game. Coaches will be removed from the building if they are removed from the game. If a coach or player is ejected a second time, he/she will be ineligible for the remainder of the tournament. Coaches or Players who leave the bench to engage athletes or coaches on the playing floor may be suspended by the Director for any period up to the duration of the tournament. The Director may impose suspensions or other penalties for misbehavior which occurs at any time and at any location during the event.
- Each team is responsible for their warm-up and game balls and or any other items brought into the game. GRBA is not responsible for items lost.
- Jewelry is NOT ALLOWED TO BE WORN DURING GAMES (i.e. earrings, nose rings, rings, necklaces, wristbands, watches, etc....). Tape is not allowed to cover jewelry.
- Dunking is allowed during warmups.

**Roster Rules:**

- I. Rosters are allowed a maximum of twelve (12) players, 2 coaches, and 1 scorekeeper/timekeeper.
- II. No roster additions will be permitted after the team has begun play of its first game within any tournament.
- III. Players are only allowed to play on one team per grade/age division. Players may play in a maximum of two grade/age divisions for which they qualify. Both teams must be part of the same program.

**Grade / Age Divisions:**

GRBA is grade based with age parameters and limitations determined by birth dates that allow players in each division to compete against other players currently at the same grade / age level. A player may qualify under the age exception rule if they have advanced in grade due to academic excellence or parental preference. Teams are only allowed 2 grade/age exception players. The following guide determines all eligible ages at grade levels.

**2nd Grade Division:**

An athlete must be in the 2nd grade or below as of October 1, 2020 and can be no older than 9 on or before August 31, 2021. An athlete that is in the 3rd grade as of October 1, 2020 wanting to play down in the 2nd grade division cannot turn 9 prior to September 1, 2021.

**3rd Grade Division:**

An athlete must be in the 3rd grade or below as of October 1, 2020 and can be no older than 10 on or before August 31, 2021. An athlete that is in the 4th grade as of October 1, 2020 wanting to play down in the 3rd grade division cannot turn 10 prior to September 1, 2021.

**4th Grade Division:**

An athlete must be in the 4th grade or below as of October 1, 2020 and can be no older than 11 on or before August 31, 2021. An athlete that is in the 5th grade as of October 1, 2020 wanting to play down in the 4th grade division cannot turn 11 prior to September 1, 2021.

**5th Grade Division:**

An athlete must be in the 5th grade or below as of October 1, 2020 and can be no older than 12 on or before August 31, 2021. An athlete that is in the 6th grade as of October 1, 2020 wanting to play down in the 5th grade division cannot turn 12 prior to September 1, 2021.

**6th Grade Division:**

An athlete must be in the 6th grade or below as of October 1, 2020 and can be no older than 13 on or before August 31, 2021. An athlete that is in the 7th grade as of October 1, 2020 wanting to play down in the 6th grade division cannot turn 13 prior to September 1, 2021.

**7th Grade Division:**

An athlete must be in the 7th grade or below as of October 1, 2020 and can be no older than 14 on or before August 31, 2021. An athlete that is in the 8th grade as of October 1, 2020 wanting to play down in the 7th grade division cannot turn 14 prior to September 1, 2021.

**8th Grade Division:**

An athlete must be in the 8th grade or below as of October 1, 2020 and can be no older than 15 on or before August 31, 2021. An athlete that is in the 9th grade as of October 1, 2020 wanting to play down in the 8th grade division cannot turn 15 prior to September 1, 2021.

**9th Grade Division:**

An athlete who is in the 9th Grade or below as of October 1, 2020 and who is no older than 16 on or before August 31, 2021. An athlete that is in the 10th grade as of October 1, 2020 wanting to play down in the 9th grade division cannot turn 16 prior to September 1, 2021.

**10th Grade Division:**

An athlete who is in the 10th Grade or below as of October 1, 2020 and who is no older than 17 on or before August 31, 2021. An athlete that is in the 11th grade as of October 1, 2020 wanting to play down in the 10th grade division cannot turn 17 prior to September 1, 2021.

**11th Grade Division:**

An athlete who is in the 11th Grade or below as of October 1, 2020 and who is no older than 18 on or before August 31, 2021. An athlete that is in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2020 wanting to play down in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade division cannot turn 18 prior to September 1, 2021.

**12th Grade Division:**

An athlete who is in the 12th Grade or below as of October 1, 2020 and who is no older than 20 on or before August 31, 2021.

**Tie-Breakers:**

- Two Teams Tied: Head-to-Head result.
- Three or more teams tied: Point Differential System will be used. Teams will receive a point differential per game up to a maximum of +20 points for a win and minimum of -20 points for a loss. The team with the highest point differential will win the tiebreaker and the second highest number will be seeded second, etc. If two teams are tied with points, then revert back to head-to-head. The team not involved in the tiebreaker will have its games eliminated. If the teams are still tied, the team with the fewest points allowed in all games played in pool play wins. A forfeit is scored as a 20-0 game.

\*\*\*Questions regarding eligibility may be directed to the National Office by calling 260-471-5270. Or by email, [chrisp@gymratsbasketball.com](mailto:chrisp@gymratsbasketball.com).