

Tarleton State University Recreational Sports

3 on 3 Basketball Rules

The Players

1. The game shall be played between two teams of no more than three players each.
2. A team must have two players present and ready to play by scheduled game time or a forfeit shall be declared. After the game has started, player's names may be added to the scoresheet without penalty.
3. A team may play with less than three players after the beginning of the game provided they have an opportunity to win the game.
4. Each team is allowed three substitutes. Substitutes may enter the game following a made basket, a foul shot, or a stoppage of play.

Equipment

1. No one will wear equipment, which is dangerous or is not appropriate. This includes, but not limited to, such items as: casts, head wear, and jewelry.

General Time Factors

1. Playing time shall be two halves of 8 minutes running clock with a one-minute intermission between halves.
2. The clock will not be stopped for any purpose other than called time-outs.
3. Deliberate stalling or attempts to freeze the ball shall result in loss of ball possession. If a team is warned for stalling, the scorekeeper will administer a 10 second count during which a shot must be attempted. If a shot is not attempted, ball possession is lost.
4. A tie score at the end of regulation time shall, whenever possible, result in a 2 minute running clock overtime period, with ball possession determined by rock, paper, scissors.

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Fouls and Penalties

1. All common, personal, and technical fouls shall be counted against a team total.
2. Individuals cannot foul out of a game, but may be ejected by an intramural supervisor.
3. Prior to the fifth team foul:
 - A. Any common foul shall result in loss of possession for the offending team.
 - B. Any offensive foul shall result in disallowing a converted basket and loss of possession.
 - C. Any shooting foul with a missed basket shall result in a retained possession.
 - D. Any shooting foul with a converted basket shall result in the basket being awarded and a change of possession. The foul will still be counted as a team foul.
4. On or after the fifth team foul:
 - A. Any common foul shall result in a single foul shot along with retained possession for the offended team.
 - B. Any offensive foul shall result in disallowing a converted basket and change of possession to the offended team.
 - C. Any shooting foul with a missed basket shall result in two foul shots along with retained possession.
 - D. Any shooting foul with a converted basket shall result in the basket being awarded along with retained possession.

Officials

1. 3 on 3 basketball is self-officiated; however, the scorekeeper may penalize any player or team for unsportsmanlike conduct. The scorekeeper's decision is final.

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