

**Welcome**

We are excited to host you and your teams as part of the Rocky Top Challenge. Please print and review the coach’s packet. Also pass along the information to your teams and parents.

**Check-In**

Please arrive approximately one hour prior to your first game for team registration to Rocky Top Sports World. Registration will consist of coach’s sign in and submitting rosters. 3 coaches or 2 coaches and a bookkeeper will be issued passes for the tournament. Armbands must be on the coach’s wrist for the duration of the tournament. If a coach loses his or her wrist band, the coach must pay regular daily admission to enter the gym (no exceptions). All players must be in uniform to enter the playing area. Only players listed on the roster are allowed to sit on the bench. Spectators will sit in their designated area.

Teams can also preorder tournament t-shirts by emailing us with team name and sizes and we will have them ready for pickup at registration. Teams must order 10 or more shirts to receive them at $10 each and can pay for them by cash only. Tournament shirts will be available to spectators at the price of $15 each or 2 shirts for $25.

**Tournament Admission:**

$10 Per Day – Adults $8 Per Day – Kids Age 5 – 17
Weekend Passes - $25 Adults, $20 Students

\*We will only accept cash for admission. If a weekend pass is purchased armband must be worn on the person’s wrist (no exceptions). If your weekend pass is lost daily admission must be paid to enter the gym.

**Things To Remember**

 We expect all coaches, team representatives, and attendees to conduct themselves in a first-class and respectful manner. Any coaches, players, or team representatives acting out of line (i.e. fighting, berating officials, making a scene, ect.) will be asked to leave the tournament with no re-admittance for the duration of the tournament. We are here to have a positive impact on the players and show them good sportsmanship.

We look forward to the opportunity to serve you and create a tournament experience you won’t forget. If there is anything we can do for you, don’t hesitate to contact the tournament director, George Gray at (931) 278-8453.

**Tournament Rules**

**Official Rules**
Game play rules will remain consistent with the NHFS (National Federation of State High School Associations) rules and regulation of play.

**Game Time Rules**
Warm-Up: Before the start of the game, each team will utilize one half-court for a five (5) minute warm-up. At the end of the five (5) minute warm-up, the scheduled game will begin.

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| Division | Quarters/Halves | Halftime/Warm-up | Overtime |
| Boys and Girls2nd & 3rd Grade | Boys – 14 Minute HalvesGirls – 14 Minute Halves | 5 Minutes | 3 Minute Overtime |
| Boys and Girls4th Grade | Boys – 14 Minute HalvesGirls – 14 Minute Halves | 5 Minutes | 3 Minute Overtime |
| Boys and Girls5th Grade | Boys – 14 Minute HalvesGirls – 14 Minute Halves | 5 Minutes | 3 Minute Overtime |
| Boys and Girls6th Grade | Boys – 14 Minute HalvesGirls – 14 Minute Halves | 5 Minutes | 3 Minute Overtime |
| Boys and Girls7th Grade | Boys – 14 Minute HalvesGirls – 14 Minute Halves | 5 Minutes | 3 Minute Overtime |
| Boys and Girls8th Grade | Boys – 14 Minute HalvesGirls – 14 Minute Halves | 5 Minutes | 3 Minute Overtime |
| Boys and Girls9th Grade | Boys – 16 Minute HalvesGirls – 16 Minute Halves | 5 Minutes | 3 Minute Overtime |
| Boys and Girls10th Grade | Boys – 16 Minute HalvesGirls – 16 Minute Halves | 5 Minutes | 3 Minute Overtime |
| Boys and Girls 11th & 12th Grade | Boys – 16 Minute HalvesGirls – 16 Minute Halves | 5 Minutes | 3 Minute Overtime |

**Playing Times:**

**Score Book:** The Home team must provide someone to keep scorebook. The Home team will be indicated by the first team listed in pool play and the top team in bracket play. The official scorekeeper and official clock-keeper will be the only two individuals allowed at the scorer’s table during the game. The scorekeeper should only be keeping the official score sheet and not supplemental sheets for any team.

**Timeouts:** There will be four timeouts awarded per game: 2 full timeouts and (2) 30 second timeouts. Only one timeout will be awarded during overtime.

**Late Arrivals**: Games may start early so please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to you scheduled game. If a team is late for their game, the opposing team will be given two points for every minute they are late. A forfeited match will be given for being 10 minutes late. If the team arrives before the 10 minute mark no extra time will be given to warm up.

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**Running Clock:** During normal play, the clock will stop on all whistles. Once a team has acquired a 20 point lead, there will be a continuously running clock; in order to reestablish regulation clock, the opposing team must bring the lead back to within 15 points.

**Schedules:** Once the tournament schedule and bracket has been published for the tournament, it will remain finalized for the duration of the tournament. No exceptions will be made. Also no refunds will be issued for cancellations after the schedule has been finalized.

**Trainers:** There will be trainers on site for the tournament.

**Grade Divisions**
An Athlete may participate in the grade division they were in for the 2018-2019 school year.

Players may not play down a grade division regardless of age. Players may play up in grade division. Proof of grade is required for every individual player. Adequate proof of grade and age may be:
 a. Report card from 2018-2019 school year
 b. Certified school documents showing grade for 2018-2019 school year
 c. Birth Certificate

**Equipment**
 Basketballs are to be furnished by the teams. No balls will be provided by the facility or tournament staff.
 1. Basketball Size (Boys)
 a. 3rd Grade – 6th Grade will use 28.5 size basketball
 b. 7th Grade – 12th Grade will use 29.5 size basketball
 c. 6th Grade: Coaches from both teams will have the option to use 29.5 basketball
 instead of 28.5. If both coaches agree, then a 29.5 basketball may be used
 instead of 28.5
 2. Basketball Size (Girls)
 a. All Grade Divisions will use 28.5 basketballs.

**Overtime**If a game goes into overtime, there will be an additional three minutes of play to determine the winner of the game. If there is still a tie after the first round of overtime, a second overtime will be played. The second round of overtime will be played in sudden death fashion – first team to go up by 2 points will be the winner.

**Pool Play Tie Breaker** 1. In any situation where two teams are tied, head-to-head competition between the teams
 will determine the winner.
 2. If more than two teams tie, a point differential tie-breaker will be applied. (The
 maximum point differential for a game is 15 points.)
 3. If two teams are still tied after the application of the point differential, points allowed
 will be used to break the tie.

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4. Any ties after this will be decided by a coin toss.

**Coaching Requirements**
 1. Every coach must check-in at the coach’s check-in desk before their team’s first game.
 2. Each team is responsible for carrying a copy of report cards and/or certified school
 documents for verifying grade for each player.
 3. Dress Code: All coaches, male and female, must wear a shirt with collar or presentable
 t-shirt, long pants or dress shorts/skirts and closed toe shoes.
 4. Bench Personnel: Maximum of three (3) coaches is allowed on the bench (this
 includes scorekeeper and any assistant coaches).
 a. Players from different teams are not allowed to sit on the bench.
 b. Friends, family or other coaches who are not one of the three “coaches” on the
 roster are not permitted on the bench.

**Uniforms** 1. Players’ jerseys must have numbers on the front or the back of the jersey.
 2. Home (listed first on the schedule) wears White jersey and Visitor (listed second)
 wears Dark jerseys.
 3. Home team sits on the scorekeepers’ left and Visiting team sits on the right.

**Misbehavior/Ejections** 1. Any coach or players ejected for fighting will be ineligible for the remainder of the
 tournament and will be escorted off the premises.
 2. If a coach or player is ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike behavior (behaviors
 other than fighting), he/she will be ineligible to participate in the next schedules game.
 3. If a coach or player is ejected a second time, he/she will be ineligible for the remainder
 of the tournament.
 4. Coaches or Players who leave the bench to engage athletes or coaches on the playing
 floor may be suspended by the Tournament Director for any period up to the duration
 of the tournament.

**Protest**Teams that would like to protest eligibility of a players can do so before the start of a game. A fee of $100 must be submitted and if they win the protest will receive a refund of the $100.

**Sportsmanship**It is the obligation of coaches, players, administrators, volunteers, and other representatives involved in the tournament to practice the highest principles of sportsmanship and to observe the ethics of competition. Good sportsmanship is defined as qualities of behavior, which are characterized by courtesy and genuine concern for others. The display of good sportsmanship is a statement of the individual’s understanding and commitment to fair play, ethical behavior, and integrity.

**The tournament site director has final ruling on all games.**