

Small School Athletic Federation (SSAF)

Technical Guidelines

Under 12 Open Basketball Tier II

Feb. 2024

General Rules

- (1) All games will consist of two (used to say twelve minute) halves and will use the 28.5 intermediate basketballs. All efforts should be made to ensure maximum games (please try to have a minimum of 3 games to play for each team) this will usually dictate the length of the games.
- (2) Equal play opportunity – We will have 3 shifts of 4 minutes each half (12 minutes per half). The time will start at 4:00 and run down. After the first 4 minute shift, all players on the court shall go to the bench and allow the participants on the bench to play. If there is a team of 10 or more, double-shifting players is not permitted. If there is a team of 7 or less, no player will be permitted to play the entire game.
- (3) There will be no score being kept, as this is Tier II Developmental.
- (4) Halftime shall be no longer than 2 minutes. At least a five-minute pre-game warm-up will be given if games are running behind schedule. No games will start before their scheduled time unless agreed to by both coaches.
- (5) A total of two (2) 30-second time-outs per half will be allowed to each team.
- (6) The clock will **not** be stopped for all whistle stoppages. As it is a younger children's event, games will be in running time.(clock will stop for time outs and injuries)
- (7) There will be no free throws/foul shots (tie waster). Instead, the team will have an inbound pass from the baseline.
- (8) Two (2) direct technical fouls during a same game on any player, coach, or team representative will result in their disqualification for the rest of the tournament. Coaches are cautioned to keep in mind the spirit of this introductory tournament and abide by all rules of sportsmanship.
- (9) Team must play "Person-to- Person" Defence on its back-court at all time.
- (10) Team is not allowed to play "Zone Defence" at any time during a game.
- (11) Team is allowed to play "Full Court Press Defence" during the last two minutes of a game. "Trapping and Double-Teaming" are allowed during last two minutes of a game and are not considered as unsportsmanlike violations.

Roster Rules

1. An official SSAF eligibility sheet and waivers must be filled out, signed and submitted within the specified time frame.
2. Teams are allowed to dress 15 players only.

3. Students that have participated at a higher age level of basketball during the current school year (i.e. Elementary basketball league or tournament) may not participate.
4. No roster additions will be permitted after the team has begun play of its first tournament game.
5. Please understand that this tournament is much like an exhibition or “friendly” event. We encourage all teams to play with the highest level of respect for their competitors, coaches, and referees. It is imperative that we don’t have a harsh competitive atmosphere. For the players benefit; we don’t need to have the “win at all costs” attitude.

Scheduling

- (1) Tournament schedule is dictated by number of teams participating.