



Commonwealth VA Basketball Classic Rules

- Grades 3rd and 4th will play 12 minute stop clock halves
- Grades 5th through HS will play 14 minute stop clock halves
- Each age group will use the following size ball:
 - Boys 6th grade and younger will use a 28.5 size ball
 - Boys 7th grade and older will use 29.5 size ball
 - All Girls divisions will use a 28.5 size ball
- We will follow NFHS & VHSL rules unless outlined below
 - Free Throws will be played on the release per the new NFHS rules
 - Each team is allotted 4-30 second timeouts per game. No limit on how many of a team's 4 timeouts they use in each half. Timeouts do NOT carry over to any OT periods.
 - All divisions will use the regulation free-throw line
- ***For grades 3rd and 4th*** - If a team is up by 15 points or more during the 2nd half; the clock will continue to run (except during a timeout) until the team brings the point spread inside 15 points. Further a team cannot press if up by 15 points or more at any point in the game.
- ***For 5th grade and above*** - If a team is up by 20 points or more during the 2nd half; the clock will continue to run (except during a timeout) until the team brings the point spread inside 20 points. Further a team cannot press if up by 20 points or more at any point in the game.
- First OT = 3 minutes with 1 timeout (no carry over from regulation). Second OT period will be 1 minute in length with 1 timeout (no carry over from prior OT periods or regulation). Any 3rd OT period will be sudden death, first team to SCORE 2 points, there is no time on the clock for a 3rd OT period. Each team is allotted one timeout in the 3rd OT period.
- Only the Head Coach may stand and interact with officials
 - Head Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their bench personnel, players and spectators and for cleaning up their bench after each game and disposing of any/all trash
- All players must have a number on the front and back of their jersey
- There is a limit to 3 bench personnel (1 head and 2 assistants)
- The Home team is the team listed FIRST on the schedule or the TOP of the bracket, will wear white and provide both the game ball and score keeper
- The Visiting team is the team listed SECOND on the schedule or the BOTTOM of the bracket, will wear dark and provide the time keeper
- ***This is about the players and kids playing the game!!*** Coaches are responsible for the conduct of those on their bench, assistant coaches, players, **and spectators.** A player or coach receiving two technical fouls during the course of the tournament will serve a one game suspension. A player or coach receiving a 3rd technical foul during the course of the tournament will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament. Any player/coach ejected from a game will serve a one game suspension. Any player/coach ejected a 2nd time will be removed from the tournament.
- Any issue that should arise that is not outlined in the rules stated above will be addressed accordingly by the Tournament Director or his appointee.
- Any game protest will require a \$100 fee paid at time of protest.