

USFBA

United States Filipino Basketball Association

TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL RULES

Rules are designed to provide a level playing field for the participants in our tournaments and programs. The rules governing fair play are consistently reviewed.

SPORTSMANSHIP CREED

Our opponents and the officials are our guests. Help keep this a game; we are opponents, not enemies. Spectators and coaches represent their teams as do the athletes. Signs are welcome. Cheer loudly and freely, but in a positive manner.

I. USFBA Venue/School Gym Regulation:

1. It is against the law to smoke inside the building and outside the venue/school grounds. It is also against the school/venue regulation to bring any food in the gym. Violation of the above law may forfeit our gym privilege with the county/venue and cancellation of the tournament should this happen.

2. No automobiles shall be operated or parked other than in the designated parking area. Violation may result in cancellation of our contract/permit.

II. Tournament Format:

1. Depending on the number of teams participating in a division, the division maybe divided into groups to properly schedule the games.

2. For a team to be eliminated, all the teams will play a single elimination format.

3. Drawing of lots or seeding will determine the order of the teams.

4. Three (3) games minimum.

III. Team Eligibility:

1. Must be a bonafide player of United States Filipino Basketball Association or a recognized organization invited by United States Filipino Basketball Association.

2. Must be an organized Filipino-American Basketball Organization/Association.

IV. Rosters:

1. An official approved roster shall be submitted for each team entered in a USFBA tournament. Submission of roster is July 31 of the year.
2. Players(s) may not be added to a roster after the 31st of July nor at the game location site.
3. Rosters shall be submitted to the Tournament Officials by the date published for each sport (timelines) and must be accompanied by the following documentation:
 - a. Registration form and applicable fees for activity.**
 - b. Copy of Birth Certificate or Driver's License and Passport.**
 - c. The signed copy of the Waiver/Conduct Form.**
4. Teams cannot make changes in a roster, once submitted all roster are final.
5. Form 1 (Individual Form) and Form 2 (Team Roster Form) both forms must be submitted by July 31 of the year.

V. Player Qualifications:

All-Filipino Tournaments:

1. Must be of Filipino blood or heritage with one of the parents of Filipino ancestry, or any one of his/her grandparents of Filipino ancestry. Any doubt under this provision that results in a challenge from the opposing team shall require the player in question to present his/her proof of Filipino heritage. A passport, drivers license and a birth certificate must be presented.
2. Must be listed in the team roster. Only the players who are in the roster form are allowed to play.
4. Must submit a registration/permission form before the specified deadline.
5. Must provide proof of his/her age, if question.

VI. Uniforms:

1. United States Filipino Basketball Association reserve the right to assign what color(s) each City will have.
2. Uniforms may not be altered.
3. Every player must wear a proper uniform otherwise he/she will not be allowed to play.

VII. Game Conduct:

1. Exhibiting an un-sportsmanlike conduct and initiating a confrontation is an automatic removal in a game and a suspension if it warrants. Anybody throws a punch is an automatic suspension for the rest of the season.
2. Anyone leave the bench after an altercation ensued will be an automatic one game suspension.
3. If the whole team left the bench after an altercation that team will be suspended for the rest of the tournament for that year and will not be afforded a refund.
4. If both benches cleared after an altercation, both teams will be suspended for the rest of the tournament for that year and will not be afforded a refund.
5. Foul language is strictly prohibited and will be ask to leave the gym immediately.
6. Coaches, parents and spectators shall be fully responsible for all actions that take place immediately prior to, during, or immediately following any athletic contest scheduled. Yelling at and/or confronting a referee by a parent/relatives will result in a technical foul being assessed to the child's team.
7. Only coaches and players are allowed in team bench. Anyone who wishes to sit on a team bench will be ask to leave.
8. Please respect game officials, timers and scorekeepers they are all volunteers. They have the authority to throw anybody out of the court as well as the gym.
9. All players and volunteers must leave the gym in a neat and orderly condition in the manner it was found. Please help all our volunteers to keep the gym specially the bathroom clean by policing ourselves after using and picking up your water bottles after playing.

VIII. Disciplinary Action:

1. Disciplinary action will be taken against any player, coach, team, and/or parent for un-sportsmanlike conduct, falsification of rosters, or any other acts that may be considered detrimental to United States Filipino Basketball Association sports program.
2. The Board of Directors will decide disciplinary action that may include suspension from a particular game to expulsion from United States Filipino Basketball Association programs.
3. Disciplinary rulings made by the Board of Members are subject to review by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.

IX. Protest Rules:

1. Any judgment rendered by the referees is final and cannot be subjected to protest.
2. Any other protest must be submitted in writing to any tournament officials within 30 minutes after the conclusion of the game protested.
3. The opposing team must be furnished a copy of the protest.
4. The Commissioner will render the decision on any protested game.
5. An appeal can be made to the Board of Directors with the Commissioner not voting.
6. In a tournament, there will be a \$100 fee for protesting an ineligible player such as overage or origin. \$50 will be refunded if protest is proven to be valid and \$100 is not refundable if protest is invalid.

X. Forfeiture:

1. If a team lacks five (5) players at start time, game will be a forfeit.
2. Any forfeiture of game a \$100 fee will be assessed in 1st offense and \$200 the next after. This fee must be paid before team resume playing otherwise will not be allowed.

XI. Cancellations:

In the event of inclement weather, act of GOD the event will operate under the Venue/County School closing policy.

XII. Game Format:

1. 20 minutes running time in the first half then another 20 minutes in the second half.
2. Stop clock on all team time-outs and official time-outs.
3. Stop clock at all officials whistle in the last 2 minutes of the regulation and last minute of all overtimes.
4. Three minutes overtime and up to 2 overtimes. Team fouls situation will continue in OT and time outs cannot carry over into overtime and succeeding overtimes. All teams will have one timeout every overtime. Sudden death in the 3rd overtime, whoever score first wins.

XIII. Fouls:

1. Five personal fouls for all players.
2. Team fouls – one on one penalty on the 7th team foul, two shot penalty on the 10th team foul per half.
3. Technical/Intentional foul is two free throws plus possession of the ball after the free throws.
4. Technical foul is counted as personal and team foul. Two technical fouls is an automatic ejection of the game.

XIV. Time-outs:

1. Time-out is one minute duration.
2. Two full time-out per team in each half for a total of four. Use it or lose it in effect.
3. Coaches can call time-outs from the bench.
4. An extra time-out for each team in overtime.

XV. Developmental Rules for age's 9U years old:

1. OFFICIAL'S' DISCRETION – The rules governing the United States Filipino Basketball Association Tournament allows the officials great discretion in interpreting if the violation of a rule has taken place. The interpretation shall be based on his/her assessment of the participants' execution of skills and abilities. However, consistency and fairness are expected.

Tips to be a good sports parent:

Encourage your child, regardless of his or her degree of success or level of skill.

Ensure a balance in your students athlete's life, encouraging participation in sports and activities while placing academics first.

Emphasize enjoyment, development of skills and team play as the cornerstones of your child early sports experiences while reserving serious competition in a varsity level.

Leave coaching to coaches and avoid placing too much pressure on your youngster about playing time and performance.

Be realistic about your child's future in sports, recognizing that only a select few will earn college scholarship let alone compete in the Olympics or sign a professional contract.

Be there when your child looks to the sidelines for a positive role model.

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XVI. Spectator Seating/Safety:

For safety purposes, no spectators are allowed to sit directly behind the baskets.

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