

THE OFFICIAL O.W.A.C.A. BASKETBALL 2022 TOURNAMENT RULES

(AS ADOPTED BY THE ORGANIZATION OF WEST ADAMS CHRISTIAN ATHLETICS BOARD OF DIRECTORS)

MAJOR THRUST: The development and promotion of values based upon Judeo-Christian principals with major focus on encouraging player sportsmanship behavior. Participation is open to the general public. Adults connected with the tournament will be encouraged to recognize the ecumenical character of tournament participants and will be encouraged to promote the tournament's motto: **TO CHRIST THROUGH SPORTS**

I. ELIGIBILITY STATUS

A. Players

1. Age—For the year 2022 only, players, boys or girls, between the ages of 14 to 18 and 19 to 25 years are eligible.
2. School-Related Athletic Status--**Players are not eligible if they are or have participated on a high school varsity or junior varsity basketball team during the current year.**
Participation in non-school organized activity may result in disqualification of the school's status, if in the California Interscholastic Federation. If schools permit outside participation, and if there is a question, players should consult with school coaches.
Varsity/Junior Varsity Status--Players are not eligible if they have been or are engaged on a high school varsity and/or junior varsity basketball team during the current year.
3. Number of players on team's roster--The maximum number of players that may be carried on a team's roster is four (4). All four (4) players from the roster may "suit up" for each game. Each player who "suits up" must participate (actually get on the floor and engage in the game) for at least one (1) minute. Violation/Penalty: The game is forfeited if all players "suited up" did not participate.
4. Verification Responsibility-- It shall be the responsibility of each coach or team coordinator to verify the eligibility of all players on his/her team. If ineligible players are found to be participating, the team will forfeit all games. Verification eligibility will be handled by the credentials committee, appointed by the OWACA board.

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A. Registration

- a. Registration shall include the following:
 - i. Verification of identity, age (*birth certificate most desirable- school ID or state ID accepted*)
 - ii. Submission of completed parental permission form for 17 years of age and under
 - iii. Submission of coach's verification that each player's eligibility has been investigated and determined.
 - iv. Team Application Form

II. PLAYING TIME

A. *Each game will consist of one (1) twenty (20) minutes session each--running time Explanation:*
The clock will be stopped for dead balls only during the last two minutes of a game if playing teams are within ten (10) points of each other. Whenever scores are ten (10) or more points apart, the clock continues to run.

B. Time outs--Teams are permitted no more than one (2) *time out per game*. Time outs will be one (1) minute stopped time.

C. Intermission— N/A

D. Starting times for games on schedule are official. Any changes are to be coordinated through the tournament office.

1. Any team more than the (10) minutes late for a scheduled game shall forfeit the game to its opposing team. Activities to complete the game time span are to be worked out with the on-time team's coach.
2. In cases where neither team has three (3) members present, both teams will be considered as having forfeited the game Special Note: Coaches and / or team coordinators are responsible to see to it that players are on time, suited up, and ready to play at the scheduled time.

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A. Games Commencement and Completion of --The game official will have the authority to start and stop games in the absence of a Tournament official. The tournament coordinator is designated the authority to confer with coaches, in the absence of game officials for an acceptable avenue to have the game officiated. In such a case, coaches will be obligated to solicit and agree on a substitute official. Games may start with no less than four (2) team members on each team ready to play before the grace period is over. Ten (10) minutes maximum is allowed for tardiness of teams without forfeiture.

B. Opening and Closing Game Ceremonies (prayers)--The tournament coordinator will see that

1. The team with the youngest player shall be responsible for prayer before the game.
2. All people in the gym are asked to be quiet and to stand during prayer.
3. Game officials and captains of teams meet to review rules/violations/penalties Special Note: It is the responsibility of coaches and representatives of teams to see that proper respect be given at all times.

C. Rules--O.W.A.C.A. Tournament Rules take first priority over High School Athletic Federation Rules. O.W.A.C.A. Rules and High School Athletic Federation Rules prevail.

IV. OFFICIALS/OFFICIATING

- B. Officials--Games are officiated by paid referees. The referees shall conduct games in accordance with O.W.A.C.A. and High School Athletic Federation Rules. Game officials shall have the authority to make decisions for infractions of rules before and during each game.
- C. Control of Games--Officials shall penalize unsportsman like conduct by any player, coach, substitute, team attendant, or team follower. In cases of flagrant misconduct, officials shall penalize by removing any offending coach, substitute, team attendant, or team follower from the vicinity of the court. A player who commits his/her fifth personal foul shall be removed from the game. Game officials will be encouraged to speed up games to make up for time lost during a game.

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- A. Spectator Behavior--Team supporters are expected to be orderly. Officials may call technical fouls on either team if supporting spectators interfere in any way with the orderly conduct of the game.
- B. Scorekeepers/Timers--Scorekeepers shall record field goals, free throws made and missed and keep a running total of points. The scorekeeper is to also inform the referee when players reach five fouls while participating in the game. Additionally, the scorekeeper informs teams of the number of time outs taken.
 1. The tournament's scorebook is the official record unless otherwise designated. The official score book shall stay at the score table throughout each game.
 2. Scorekeepers shall keep a record of the names and numbers of players who are to start the game and of all substitutes who enter the game. When there is an infraction of the rules pertaining to the submission of team rosters, the scorekeeper shall inform the nearest official.
 3. Timers shall be provided with a clock for timing periods and intermissions, and a stopwatch for regulating time outs. The clock shall be operated by a timekeeper. Timekeepers work with officials in conducting the game activity.
 4. Spotters selected by teams, will share the score table, assist the scorekeeper with information. Coaches and / or team coordinators are to turn in their team's "lineup" on the game roster sheet at least five (10) minutes prior to each game. This information is to be given to the scorekeeper.
The information is to be legible and include players' names and numbers. Players included on game rosters are to be on file on the team's official tournament roster.

Penalty: Violation of this rule will result in game forfeiture and possible team disciplinary action. Players and coaches are not to be at the score table asking for information.

V. EVENT ORDERLINESS

A. Suspensions and Expulsions

1. Any unnecessary, intentional roughness on the part of players during a game will result in an expulsion from the game
2. Participation in fights on the floor will result in immediate expulsion from the game and suspension from subsequent games.
3. Team members and supporting associates engaged in fights, intimidation, or agitation outside the game facility before or after games will result in automatic expulsion from O.W.A.C.A. tournament. Identification of person or persons involved in a fight will be the responsibility of the team. Failure to identify team members will result in the team's expulsion from the tournament.

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No slam dunking is allowed before or after a game. Penalty: Expulsion from the game and technical foul.

Reason for Forfeiture

1. Arriving for a game after the grace period is over – *Opposing coaches may confer and agree to a game being played if time and space are not conflicting with other schedule(s)*
2. Coach or other bench member's conduct
3. Playing an ineligible player
4. Team conduct
5. Not playing all players for the designated amount of time

Use of Profane Language

Profane language directed toward another person as interpreted by a referee or the tournament coordinator subjects a player to a technical foul.

VI. FINANCIAL COSTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR MANAGEMENT

Team Fees are waved for the 2022 abbreviated program- Donations will be accepted

- A. Team participation requires fees/budget costs in addition to uniforms and a final banquet
 1. \$550--Fee for each team's participation (waived for 2022 program)
 2. \$ 50--Cost per cheerleader on roster (waived for 2022 program)
- B. Costs involved in conducting tournament of participating teams. Costs include the following: Awards, insurance, referees and supplies
- C. Insurance coverage--The tournament carries a limited accident medical expense policy for game participants during the tournament at the tournaments designated facilities only.

Support Donations will be accepted through OWACA.org or send checks to:

OWACA Tournament Treasurer
1619 West 111th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90047.

Rosters are to be submitted before first game's participation

Tournament Play - *The first games are scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
Remaining games will be held on Saturday May 21, 2022 10:00 am*

Expected Days and Sites (The final number of teams TBD (To Be Determined))

1. Saturday May 14, 2022 Trinity Baptist Church, 2040 West Jefferson Blvd. Los Angeles from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
2. Final Activities *May 21, 2022 from 10:00 a.m.*

VII. TOURNAMENT AWARDS

Awards will include trophies to each player (no more the 4) for the tournament winners for the two age groups.

IX. CHRISTIAN GOALS

- A. Each team is encouraged to develop a system to advocate player church attendance and participation
- B. Each team is to select a team chaplain who will attempt to facilitate the spiritual growth of his team. Ministers are requested to provide direct guidance to these chaplains.
- C. The team chaplain does not have to be a member of the playing team, but should be a member of the team's church. The team chaplain shall be responsible for the team prayer before or after each game.