



Byron Basketball Association

2025 Holiday Classic Tournament Rules

1. Time

- a. Games will consist of two 20-minute, running-time halves with stop-time the last two minutes of the second half.
- b. If a team is ahead by 15+ points with two minutes or less remaining in the second half, the remainder of the game will be played under running time. After a time out, the clock will start when the ball is touched by any player inbounds.
- c. Halftime will be three minutes. NOTE: The Tournament Director has the authority to adjust the length of the halftime if necessary.
- d. Time outs are limited to three 60-second time outs per game.
- e. Overtime Periods: Each team will be awarded one time out for each overtime period with no carryover of unused timeouts. There will be a 60-second intermission between overtime periods. The 1st overtime period will be two minutes, stop-time. The 2nd overtime period will be played until the tie is broken (sudden death).
- f. A game should not begin earlier than the posted game time AND both teams must agree on an earlier start time (if the opportunity exists). Be respectful of the fans planning to arrive to games as well as the posted game time. Teams and spectators are encouraged to arrive 15-30 minutes prior to game time.

2. Ball Size and Free Throws

- a. 3rd-4th Grade will shoot free throws from 12 feet, and teams must agree on using either a 27.5 or 28.5 size basketball
- b. 5th-6th Grade will shoot free throws from 15 feet and will use a size 28.5 basketball

3. Playing Rules

- a. Home teams are listed on the top of the applicable bracket game; Away teams are listed on the bottom of the applicable bracket game
- b. Free Throws: Bonus shots will be awarded on the seventh team foul; double bonus on the tenth team foul each half.
- c. Technical Fouls: Two points and the ball will be awarded to the opposing team (do not shoot free throws on technical fouls).
- d. Defense/Pressing: *Based on rules suggested by MYAS (See MYAS Definitions)

Grades	Half-Court Defense	Full-Court Defense
3-4	Person-to-Person Only	Not Allowed
5	Person-to-Person Only	Person-to-Person Only *No Double Teaming/Trapping
6	No Restrictions	No Restrictions

- e. Exception: NO teams may use a full-court press if they are ahead of their opponent by 20+ points. Penalty: After the first warning, the penalty for each violation of this rule will be a technical foul.
- f. FORFEIT POLICY: Please make every effort to get to your games. If you need to forfeit a game, please notify the tournament director as soon as possible to notify them of the forfeit. We will then notify the opposing team. Be sure to list your complete team name and grade of the team.
- g. Ejection Policy: Any player, coach or spectator who has been ejected from a contest is declared to be ineligible for the remainder of that contest AND the next scheduled contest. Any player, coach or spectator ejected for flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct will be ejected for the remainder of the tournament. Some examples of “flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct” include, but are not limited to fighting, repeated verbal abuse, intentional actions that inflict or intend to inflict bodily harm, cheating (such as use of a declared ineligible player or coach), repeated use of profane language, etc.

4. MYAS Definitions

- a. Player-to-Player Defense:
 - i. Each player is responsible for guarding and moving with one offensive player. This requires the defensive player to move according to the offensive player's movements with or without the ball.
 - ii. The defensive player must stay on the same side of the court as the offensive player, divided by the rim line.
 - iii. If an offensive player with the ball advances past their defensive player, another defender may rotate to guard that offensive player.
- b. Pressing Defense: Defensive guarding, either on or off the ball, within the backcourt
- c. Double-Team: Two or more defensive players guarding a single offensive player

The "spirit of the rule" is to allow players to develop and learn the game of basketball.

5. Courtesy and Respect

- a. We ask that coaches, players and fans respect the calls of the officials. We take pride in obtaining experienced refs and support the calls they make on the floor.
- b. If an official determines there to be unnecessary actions, they will stop the game, contact a Byron Basketball Association board member and the coach, player or fan will be removed from the game.