

## **Basketball of the Carolinas Competition Rules**

- A. The official playing rules of the Basketball of the Carolinas (BOC) program are the current National Federation High School rules unless otherwise stated. It is recommended that all non-athlete personnel obtain this rule book via the internet at <http://www.nfhs.org/basketball/>. There is a charge for this book
- B. **Game Ball Size-**
- a. Girls (All Grade Divisions) Boys (Grades 2-6) – 28.5
  - b. Boys (Grade 7-11) 29.5
- C. **Player Eligibility-** Please consult Grade Division / Player Eligibility on the Rules and Regulations page.
- D. **Team Roster-** A maximum of 15 players is allowed on an official roster. Rosters used at BOC state Qualifiers may not be changed until the conclusion of the BOC State Championship Tournament. Once a team has qualified for the National Championship it may choose to pick-up players and have those players join their roster to compete in the National Championship tournament. It is understood that the original team coach should be contacted **BRFORE** the parents of that player are contacted to determine the intentions of the original team!
- E. **Team Bench-** A team may have on its bench only the eligible players and 3 non-athlete bench persons listed on the official roster and line-up card. Each team is required to have a scorekeeper with the team. A Game Official, the Tournament Director or his Site Director, may administer a warning to teams not in compliance. After the issuance of the warning, the bench should be cleared of all ineligible persons within one minute. If the team fails to comply after one minute, a two shot technical foul will be assessed against the head coach, with like penalties assessed for subsequent violations. (It is permissible for managers, trainers, etc. to operate behind a team bench.)
- F. **Ejection-** Any player or coach who is ejected from a game by the officials will sit out (suspension) their next game. If in a subsequent game, the same player or coach again is ejected, he/she shall be removed from the competition venue and will not be allowed to participate in the remainder of the tournament. (BOC) Basketball of the Carolinas does not recognize protests.

## G. Playing Time/ Timeouts

### Game Division- Game Length- Time-Outs

<b>2<sup>nd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> (30 sec)	7-Minute Quarters	3 Full (75 sec) & 2
<b>7<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> 2(30 sec)	8- Minute Quarters	3 Full (75 sec) &

### Overtimes

In **Tournaments** all overtime periods will be 2 minutes.

H. **Game Logistics-** Pre game warm up shall be a minimum of 5 minutes. Halftime length will be 4 minutes. Games shall not be started early unless both teams agree.

I. **Mercy Rule-** If a team leads by 30 points the clock continues to run except during time outs until the losing team reduces the lead to 20 points or less. Regular timing rules apply at any time the spread falls back below 20 points. **Approval by coaches is not required.**

J. **Tiebreaker-** At the completion of pool play ties will be broken in the following manner:

- a. If 2 teams are tied head to head competition will determine the winner
- b. If more than 2 teams are tied, point differentials of teams involved are totaled with teams receiving a maximum of +13 for a win and -13 for a loss. Teams are ranked according to the sum of the point differential.

If 2 teams are still tied after application of criteria B revert to criteria A.