

Rules for 2017 Rockets Spring Classic Tournament

-3 Games Guaranteed. All divisions will have teams advance to playoffs and play to a champion

-ONLY WATER IS PERMITTED IN ALL GYMS. Please be courteous and throw your drinking bottles away after your game!

-5th Grade thru 6th Grade - Two (2) twelve (12) minute halves.

-7th Grade thru 8th Grade - Two (2) fourteen (14) minute halves.

-9th Grade thru Open - Two (2) sixteen (16) minute halves.

-Clock stops on **ALL WHISTLES**. Exception will be if the Mercy Rule is in effect. **Substitutions must be at the table! Late substitutions for any reason will not be allowed!**

-MERCY RULE is in effect after 25 points (running clock) **in the second half**. Clock does **NOT** revert back to normal running once Mercy Rule begins. Clock will **NOT** stop last two minutes when Mercy Rule is in effect. Clock **WILL ONLY** stop on timeouts during Mercy Rule.

-Boy's 7th thru Open divisions will play with a 29.5 Ball. Boy's 4th thru 6th Graders should play with a 28.5 Ball (2015 AAU Rules). If Boy's 4th thru 6th wish to play with a 29.5 (Men's ball) then **BOTH COACH'S MUST AGREE!**

-ALL Girl's games will be played with a 28.5 Ball.

-Teams **MAY** be asked to provide a scorekeeper and/or a clock operator for their game.

-3 minute pre-game warm up and 3 minute half-time. These times are subject to change if tournament games are off schedule.

-Teams must be on court ready to play **15 minutes** prior to their schedule if previous scheduled game is complete. There will be a 15 minute grace period (running clock) for teams not ready to play or game will be forfeited by that team. EXCEPTION to this rule is if a team or coach is coming from one site to another and their game was just completed due to that site running behind schedule.

-Four (4) 30 sec **Timeouts** per game.

-Overtime period will be two minute stopped clock on all whistles. One (1) timeout per overtime period. Timeouts **DO NOT** carryover from regulation.

-Only the **HEAD** Coach may stand in front of their bench and within the coach's box

-The two (2) coaches listed on their team registration form, which was submitted to the tournament director, must sign in before each game at the admissions table.

-Only **TWO (2) coaches** from registration form will receive free admission. No scorekeepers, trainers, parents, spouses etc.

-PIAA Rules in effect with five fouls, per player, before fouling out.

-During a foul shot, players may enter the lane area **UPON RELEASE** of the ball by free-throw shooter.

-1 and 1 will be at Seven (7) team fouls per half. Two Foul Shots when Ten (10) Team Fouls per half is reached.

-Technical Fouls will count against individual fouls for a player.

-Players and coaches- two technical fouls and you will be asked to leave the game. **-Tournament Director, Site Managers or Referee's** have the right to eject any coach, player or spectator from tournament sites for fighting, inappropriate language or behavior! If ejected, coaches or players will **NOT** be permitted to play in the following game (even if it is a playoff game) nor be in any Tournament Facility. If spectator is ejected they will **NOT** be permitted to return to any site until the next day! **NO REFUND** will be given from admissions.

-Forfeits count as a -15. Point differential (maximum/minimum of 15 points per game)

-Tie-Breaker:

1). Head to Head,

2). Point Differences plus/minus,

3). Total Fewest Points Allowed,

4). If there is still a tie for which place your team will be, a coin flip will decide.

-Rosters from each team must be submitted by **May 1, 2017**. A player may only be added to the roster if the Tournament Director is notified three (3) days before the start of tournament. No players may be added to final roster once tournament begins.

-A Player is **NOT** allowed to play for two teams in the same age division.

-A Player **MAY** play in two separate age division as long as they meet AAU Grade/age eligibility requirement.

-REFEREE's decisions are final and **NO** appeals will be heard from any team.

-There will be no refunds given to teams once tournament schedule is posted!

-If for any reason, including but not limited to power outages and the Rockets Spring Classic 2016 tournament has to be canceled or cannot be completed, a \$100.00 processing fee will be held to cover expenses, plus \$50.00 per game played by your team.

-The Rockets Spring Classic will adhere to the AAU Grade/Age Rules. Divisions will be based upon grade. The Tournament Director decisions on these matters is final and not subject to other interpretation.

-Unless **BOTH** coaches are aware of a player(s) running late, player(s) may not participate in a game unless they are seated at their bench when the game begins **prior to that game's tip off!**

Please replace these rules with any rules listed for this tournament prior to May 1, 2017. Those rules will no longer be obligated during the Rockets Spring Classic 2017.