



U.S Junior Nationals

Game Rules

1. Games are two-16 minute halves. Stopped clock.
2. Only players with remaining HS eligibility or entering their 1st year of Prep School are eligible. You cannot have completed your 5th year of HS/Prep School to play in the 17U/Open division.
3. 4 minute warm up/half time (this may vary to maintain schedule)
4. There is a 15-minute grace period before a forfeit is awarded, schedules must run on time and games must start according to the schedule.
(Tournament director has the right to override this rule if deemed necessary.)
5. Tournament director will have the final say on all major game decisions applying to forfeits (not referees).
6. 6 fouls per game, per player.
7. 10 team fouls until 1 and 1, no 2 shot fouls.
8. 2 Full and 2-30 second time outs per team per game. 1-30 second time per team in overtime.
9. Overtime will be 2 minutes in length. Timeouts do not carry over.
10. **Mercy Rule:** If one team leads by 20 points or more with 10 minutes remaining, the clock will run. If score falls within 10 points or less, the clock will stop for the remainder of the game.
11. Max point differential is 13 plus or minus
12. The team listed first on the schedule will be deemed the home team, and wear light colored jerseys. If a team doesn't have 2 sets of uniforms, proper arrangements must be agreed upon by the referees of the game to designate team color.
13. USJN does not provide game basketballs. Each team should have there own set of basketballs and will decide with both coaches and referees to agree upon a game ball.
14. No fighting will be tolerated. Any player ejected for fighting is suspended for the remainder of the tournament. The referee's of the game will inform the tournament director of the situation

15. Any coach receiving their 2nd technical foul will be ejected from the game and must leave the building for the remainder of the game. If the coach refuses to do so, the game will result in a forfeit by that team (**Tournament director can only make this decision**).

Any fan behavior deemed detrimental or inappropriate will be initially be handled by the team coach, if behavior continues it could eventually result in a fan ejection or team forfeit. (**Tournament director only can make this decision**).

Our goal is to provide great competition, great facilities, and an overall great basketball experience for the KIDS. Because that's what this is all about, not the coaches, not the parents, not the referee's, or the scorekeepers. These events are put together for the kids to improve their game, learn from each other, and have an overall enjoyable weekend of hoops!