

BLUE STORM SPRING THUNDER

Rules for Blue Storm Spring Thunder Basketball Tournament

1. PIAA RULES unless otherwise stated in these rules.
2. **GRADE TOURNAMENT ONLY.** Boys/Girls divisions based on current grade.
3. Boys/Girls Grades 4 – 6 will play 12 minutes halves. Boys Grades 7 – 8 and Girls Grades 7-12 will play 14 minutes halves. Boys Grades 9 – 12 will play 16 minutes halves.
4. Each team will receive three timeouts. In the event of overtime, each team will receive one timeout. Timeouts cannot be carried over into overtime.
5. Overtime periods will be a one minute stopped clock.
6. Each team should have a light as well as a dark sided jersey. Jerseys **must** be numbered. We recommend numbers ending in 0-5 up to 55.
7. Each team should be available for their game at least 15 minutes prior to the start of their game. Games may start early if both teams agree. You will receive 5 minutes to warm up and a 2 minute half time. If games are running behind the site manager has the authority to shorten the warm-up & half time minutes.
8. 2-Team tiebreaker for seeding purposes will consist of (1) head to head play, (2) +/- total points 15 pts. max, (3) least amount of points allowed in your pool play games, (4) Coin toss. Please note that the tie breaker will be applied to each seed independently for all tie breakers involving 3 or more teams.
9. All games are subject to the Mercy Rule. The Mercy Rule is a 20 point differential in the 2nd half. A running clock will be enforced. If the score drops below 20 points it will go back to a stopped clock.
10. A technical foul against a player will be counted as a personal foul. Each player is permitted 5 personal fouls before being disqualified from that game.
11. Any player with two technicals in a game or any player ejected for fighting or any coach with two technicals in a game will be ineligible for the next game.
12. The Head Coach may walk the entire length of his bench. Assistant coaches must remain seated.
13. The referees and/or the site manager will not tolerate swearing or taunting. It will result in a technical foul against the bench. **Zero tolerance.**
14. A 10 minute grace period will be given to each team. If your team has not taken the court by that time it will result in a forfeit for that game.
15. Grades 7th-12th grade boys will use a 29.5 basketball.
16. Insurance-Each participant in this tournament shall be covered by his/her own insurance.
17. Tournament awards are based on 10 players per team.
18. Beginning with the seventh team foul of the half, a one-and-one free throw will be awarded and starting with the tenth team foul of the half, two free throws are awarded.
19. **ALL DECISIONS BY THE SITE MANAGER ARE FINAL.**

