

SLAMMIN' BUCKETS TOURNAMENT RULES 2025/2026:

Coaches will need to fill out a waiver/roster before playing for the first time in one of our events. Form can be picked up on the day of the tournament and filled out or it can be downloaded on our website www.slamminbucketsnation.com It is under the Home Tab under Rules Tab. This will be the "OFFICIAL" roster for the entire tournament. There is no picking up of players from other teams once they are eliminated from the tournament. This rule is to try and keep play fair and honest. Please have proof of each players grade, in case of a protest. Protests must be made by the head coach and before the game tips off. We appreciate each and every team that plays with us. The following are the general rules for our Slammin Buckets tournaments:

Teams may press or play full court defense until the scoring margin reaches **15 points (3rd-6th grade) or 20 points (7th-senior high)**, at this time, the winning team can only play half-court defense and the clock only stops for time outs. We will play **two 15-minute halves** for 3rd grade through Senior High Boys and Girls for all of our tournaments. During the last two minutes of the second half, the clock will stop on **ALL** dead balls. When a player is to shoot foul shots, we ask that you hurry your team to the foul line and lane. ****Beginning with a team's FIFTH FOUL in each half, TWO FREE THROWS are awarded regardless of whether or not the first free throw is successful. Team fouls will RESET at the end of the first half**** Overtime is 2 minutes and timeouts carry over. In the event of a 2nd overtime, it will become sudden death. Teams without a time-out will be given one. Teams will be given a 2-minute warm-up time between games and a 2-minute halftime. Each team will have four 30 Sec timeouts per game and they can be used any time during the game. The team listed first is responsible for the official book and the team listed second is responsible for the clock, be prepared in advance for these duties each game. ***We will use a 28.5 inch ball for all girls and boys grades 3-5 and 29.5 inch for 6th grade boys and up.*** Coaches are responsible for the actions of their players, bench personnel and fans. Coaches and players will be ejected on the second technical foul for the remainder of the tournament and if a fan is ejected, they will not be allowed back in for the remainder of the event and will not be given a refund. Be a good role model! You must check the posted times for changes. **WE WILL START GAMES EARLY.** Be at **least ONE HOUR** early to each game unless you are the first game of the day. In pool play, when it is not feasible to play round robin, teams are drawn at random. Teams are seeded out of pool play and all teams advance to bracket play. Teams finishing with the same record in pool play or in playing a round robin championship, we will use the following rules for tie breakers, 1st record, 2nd total point difference of all games you played with a maximum of 15 points for any one win and 7 points for forfeit wins, and 3rd coin toss

**** COACHES PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN WARMUP BASKETBALLS ****