
28th Annual Youth SWISH Basketball Tournament

Saturday, March 2nd & Sunday, March 3rd, 2024

Brought to you by the Helena Area Chamber of Commerce

Basketball Rules for the tournament are found in the NFHS 2023 – 2024 basketball rule book available at the MHSa office located at 1 So Dakota St in Helena for a nominal fee, with the exception of the following:

- Games will consist of two 20-minute halves with a running clock. The clock will be stopped only for:
A. Time Outs B. When a player is injured C. Referees' Judgement D. Technical Fouls
E. All Dead Balls and Free Throws during the last 2 minutes of the half and game.
F. Mercy Rule – The clock will not stop during the last 2 minutes when a team has a 20-point lead or more.
- Jump Ball – A jump ball will be used to start the game and any overtime periods.
- Overtime periods will be two minutes, with the clock stopping on all dead balls. The 2nd and subsequent overtime periods will be Sudden Death with the team scoring first being declared the winner. Teams will be allowed one time-out per overtime period.
- Teams are allowed 3 one-minute time-outs per game and one per overtime.
- Half time will last 3-5 minutes - depending on time availability. There will be a 5 - minute break between games for warm-ups. Teams will supply their own basketballs for warm-up.
- The 3-point shot will be used for all divisions where the gym floor is properly marked.
- All Boys & Mixed-Gender Teams will automatically be bracketed & compete in the Boys/Co-Ed Division.
- Each Participant may only play on one team during the SWISH Tournament. Participants must be registered on the registration form and have parent's signatures prior to playing in the tournament.**
- For all 3rd/4th, 5th and 6th grade divisions **NO FULL COURT PRESS WILL BE ALLOWED** except for the last 2 minutes of the game if the score is within 15 points. (Both Teams) A warning will be issued for the offending team and is noted in the score book. The second infraction is a technical, 2 shot foul, with the offensive team retaining possession. **NO ZONE DEFENSE WILL BE ALLOWED** for these divisions.
- Zone defense and full court press is allowed for boys and girls 7th and 8th grades. A team with a 20-point lead is not allowed to press, however the losing team is still allowed to press.
- The following size balls will be used: 3rd/4th and 5th & 6th grade boys and girl's divisions - women's ball; 7th and 8th grade girl's divisions - women's ball; 7th and 8th grade boy's divisions - men's ball.
- Players are allowed five fouls. Teams will shoot the bonus on the seventh team foul in each half. Ten team fouls in a half will result in a double bonus and two free throws will be shot.
NOTE: We cannot guarantee MOA officials at every game.
- Substitutions are allowed on dead ball situations only and must be signaled in by the referee.
- Court Supervisors and Officials will have the right to eject coaches, players, and spectators for poor sportsmanship.
- Each team is guaranteed four games. In most cases, there will be two games of pool play on Saturday and then teams will be cross bracketed for 2 games on Sunday. Teams will be seeded in the following manner: 1) Win – Loss Record 2) Head-to-Head Play 3) Point Differential (15 points max) & if there is still a tie 4) A Coin Toss. (Once the ONE SEED is determined, the tie breaker rules will start over)**
We request that all participants and fans conduct themselves with good sportsmanship and fair play or they will be asked to leave the game and, if conduct continues, the tournament. Coaches, Players and Fans being disrespectful to tournament workers or officials will be asked to leave the tournament. No excuses for disrespect will be tolerated.