

**TRI-COUNTY
TOURNAMENT
PACKAGE
ALEDO
ALVARADO
BURLESON
CLEBURNE
CROWLEY
GRANBURY
JOSHUA
MANSFIELD**

**PACKAGE APPROVED BY VOTE OF THE
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NORTH TEXAS
BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION, (TRI-COUNTY).
APPROVED November 17, 1993
AMENDED OCTOBER 20, 1996
AMENDED JANUARY 3, 1998
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AMENDED SEPTEMBER 26, 2006*
AMENDED JANUARY 15, 2008****

GENERAL FORMAT—QUALIFICATIONS AND LIMITATIONS

1. The standard tournament format shall be an eight (8) team, fifteen (15) games
Bracket, played by double elimination, except for the final game, which shall
Be single elimination. All teams and players must have played in either the Tri-
County Prime league or in the representative cities recreational league. No Select
teams outside the cities will not be allowed unless voted on by the board. Cities
that allow teams to play in the tournaments will forfeit all games played. No player
shall play for more than 2 teams The team that certain player plays first in the
tournament is the team they shall play for the entire tournament. If player plays
for second team, second team shall forfeit game

If space accommodates Tournament Director may have up to ten (12) teams for
the each tournament.

2. The tournament **MUST** be played on a Thursday, Friday and Saturday of a single week, unless consent is granted by a vote of the TRI-COUNTY Board for an alternative format.
3. To host a tournament under the format described above, the host city must have access to at least four (4) regulation size, good quality gyms for the tournament.
4. In the event that the designated host city does not have access to the required number of gyms, prior approval granted by a vote of the Tri-County Board to allow the host city to extend the tournament beyond three (3) days, sub-contracted games to the nearest member city, or split the tournament in some manner.
5. The host city must hold a pre-tournament meeting prior to each tournament, Usually falling on the Sunday prior to the tournament, which may or may not be combined with a Tri-County Board meeting. At this time the tournament brackets will be filled, members will be reminded of the current rule interpretations, and provided with directions to the proposed gyms locations. The tournament director will ask for all team rosters, birth certificates, and entry fees at this meeting.
6. The drawing to fill tournament brackets will be a blind draw. The Tournament Director should give consideration to member cities with the farthest travel distance, with regard to game starting times, and to cities having more than one (1) team in the same bracket with regard to first and second round pairings. For the District Tournament the top four (4) teams of the Invitational Tournament will be automatically designated home team (top of each bracket). Bottom four (4) teams will be drawn for the visiting teams. In the event a top four (4) team from the
the
Invitational changes their team bracket they will be put in the blind visitor draw. The next available seed will move up to the fourth (4th) spot of the home bracket.
7. In the event that a particular bracket contains less than eight (8) teams, after all cities have had the opportunity to send at least one (1) team, and then the host city will have the right to fill the bracket. If the host city can't fill the bracket with its own second competitive team, then it is open to the Tri-County members that can fill the bracket with a second competitive team. In the event that no Tri-County
County
member can fill the bracket, an outside team can come in to fill the bracket. If it is voted on by the Tri-County Board and approved.
8. The home team (top team) will provide the official scorekeepers. The visiting team has the option to have a scorekeeper at the table. Each home team scorekeeper will be refunded his/her door fee.
9. The host city will be expected to provide trophies as follows:
 - a. 1st Place 14"
 - b. 2nd Place 12"
 - c. 3rd Place 10"
- Each member of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd place teams shall receive 11 trophies per team.
10. Each player **SHALL** have a legitimate basketball number on his/her jersey.
11. All team colors are restricted by city and may not be changed without the

approval or the Tri-County Board. The accepted colors for our existing members are as follows. Teams have the option to go with a reversible jersey. If a team is in their home color; the team not in their home color must switch to the reversible side jersey. If a team has the same color as the opposing team and that color is not their home color the team with the proper uniform may ask the opposing team to forfeit.

- a. Alvarado/Venus - Gold with reversible Purple. Gold or Purple may be used unless with another member city's approved color.
- b. Alledo – Orange
- c. Burleson – Red
- d. Cleburne – Gold
- e. Crowley – Purple
- f. Granbury – Medium Gray
- g. Mansfield – Black
- h. Joshua - Royal Blue
- i. Open – Green
- j. Open – Dark Tan
- k. Open – Turquoise

12. In the event that any of the member cities bring second teams in any division, or that invitational teams are invited, those teams MUST wear one of the approved designated "OPEN" colors, regardless of their normal school or city colors, unless

it is an "approved" color from a member city not filling out their bracket; i.e....Cleburne-no boys 3rd grade team. All teams shall have either their city assigned color or a light & dark jersey. In the unlikely event that a city, or team, totally disregards the restriction on colors and a team arrives wearing an ineligible color, their game shall become a forfeit. Teams may wear their reversible colored jerseys.

13. Each player SHALL have a legitimate basketball number on his/her shirt/jersey, Numbers SHALL be on the front and back of team's jersey.

14. The eligible numbers are as follows: 0-99 in any combination.

15. No team may duplicate numbers on individual shirts/jerseys. They may be altered with tape, paint, etc... If it is determined that two (2) players on the same team have the same number during the game the opposing coach shall ask that player to sit out the remaining or entire game.

16. ALL members' city representatives are responsible for their parents and coach's. Coaches are responsible for their parents and fans. In the event that a parent or coach verbally abuses a game or tournament official, or becomes so unruly or verbal that the game can't continue, and then the individual will be ejected for the duration of that game. In the event that a coach or parent physically contacts a referee or a tournament official (push, shove, grab, spit etc.....) then that

individual shall be ejected from the gym and will not be allowed to return for the duration of that tournament. In the event that a game can't be continued because of the inability to remove this individual, the team to which that individual is attached shall forfeit that game.

17. The host city should provide all participating coach's with a copy of the Current Tri-County Tournament Package at the time of pre-tournament meeting that contains an acknowledgment that the coach has read and understands all of the rules for the coach to sign and return with his/her team roster prior to the first tournament game. This will hopefully protect against and misunderstanding of the

rules on the part of our coach's and make them better prepared to answer questions that parents may have.

18. In the event that a change has to be made to existing tournament bracket during course of a tournament, it will be the responsibility of the tournament organizer to attempt to notify all member city representatives so that they may notify their coach's and parents. This is not always possible; so it is required that all cities participating in a tournament shall turn in a list of coach's names and phone numbers, with a mobile number if possible, at the pre-tournament meeting. Utilization on the team roster will serve as a good example.

19. A Standard format Bracket will be used on all Tournaments. Tri-County President will provide each host city a copy of bracket.

20. -The entry fee for each team shall be \$150.00 per team and is due at the pretournament

meeting. The host city will have the right to charge admission, on a DAILY basis, as follows: Adults \$4.00/Day, Children, Students under 18 and Senior citizens \$2.00.

21. The Tri-County Board will approve an Invitational Tournament each year with in each grade level per the Championship Tournament. Member cities will have the option to host as approved by the Board on a year-by-year basis. The bracket and rules will be the same; the entry fee will be set at \$150.00 per team. The admission fees will remain the same as well.

SPECIFIC BASKETBALL RULES AND INTERPRETATIONS

1. Each team will turn in a team roster and a copy of birth records and report cards within each grade level. A player may have been held back one (1) year and still play within their current school grade level. We shall determine player eligibility by determining whether the player in question has turned a certain age by September 1of that school year. The critical dates by grade level are as follows.

3rd grade can't be 10 before 9-1

4th grade can't be 11 before 9-1

5th grade can't be 12 before 9-1

6th grade can't be 13 before 9-1

*BOARD VOTED September 26, 2006- Playing Up or Down a grade. Players are not allowed to play down a grade (I.E. a 5th grader may not play on a 4th grade team regardless of age). However a 4th grade player may play up on a 5th grade team. All other eligibility questions will be answered under SPECIFIC

BASKETBALL RULES AND INTERPRETATIONS RULE 1

2. Playing Time is totally up to the coaches. Coaches may play or sit their players at their own discretion.
 3. Teams will be considered in bonus after the opponent's sixth (6) team foul, for each half, and will shoot one-and-one free throws on the sent (7) team foul, after the opponent's tenth (10) team foul, shooting two (2) free throws per foul in the half.
 4. All Technical fouls will result in two (2) free throws and possession of the ball by the offended team.
 - a. No number of Technical fouls will cause a forfeit, however, the offending coach or players shall be ejected from the game following their second (2) Technical foul. The coach will be ejected from a game following a third (3) technical foul regardless of who the Technical foul is on.
 - b. Technical fouls WILL COUNT BOTH personal and team fouls for the purpose of fouling out the offending player and for determining when a team reaches bonus.
 5. All games will consist of four (4) quarter's six (6) minutes in length. The clock shall stop running on every Official's whistle and dead ball situations.
 6. Each team will receive four (4) time-outs per game, to be used at any time during the game. Should a game go into overtime, each team will receive one (1) additional timeout per overtime period.
 7. All tied ball games will result in as many three (3) minute overtime periods as are necessary to determine a winner. There will be no sudden death overtime periods
 8. All overtime periods will start with a jump ball.
 9. Regulation NCAA intermediate or Women's basketball 28.5" are to be used for competition in all brackets, except 6th grade boys who will use an approved regulation ball. If both coach'
 10. Good quality synthetic or leather game balls. Referee will choose ball from either home or visiting team for all tournament games. play.
 10. All Grades will play on 10ft Goals. All Grades will count 3-Pointers
 12. The lane violation for third (3) and fourth (4) grades will be five (5) seconds, with the fifth (5) and sixth (6) grades having three (3) seconds. Boys 4th grade will be three (3) seconds
 13. The sixth (6th) grade girls and boys will count three (3) point shots provided all the gyms where those brackets are playing games have a panted three (3) point circle. All other grades will not count three (3) point shots.
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shots.

14. When any team is ahead of its opponent by twenty (20) points are more, it shall not be allowed to defend the back-court press. Violations of this rule will result in one (1) warning, followed by team technical fouls for subsequent violations, or personal technical fouls if in the judgment of officials one player is deliberately disregarding this rule.

15. Any delay of a game due to player injury must result in that player living the game, or in that player's team spending a time out.

16. No coach, player or fan may approach the scorekeeper table except between quarters or at a time-out. There will only be three (3) visits by any team to the table per game. The scorekeeper shall notify each coach when a player receives his third

(3) and fourth (4) personal fouls.

17. The tournament officials will control the tournament, the referee will control the game, and all calls, after proper appeal, will be final.

18. Any coach, player, or fan that is ejected from the game shall serve a one (1) game suspension from the tournament. If the coach, player or fan is ejected during his/her last game, and then the suspension shall be served in the first game of the

next tournament. If a coach, player or fan is ejected from two (2) games then that coach, player or fan shall be ejected from the rest of the tournament. If the coach, player or fan is ejected the for a second (2) time is his/her last game of the tournament, then that person shall not be allowed to participate in the next tournament.