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Dear Basketball Teams:

On behalf of Rabun County Recreation Department, I would like to welcome each team and its spectators to the 2024 GRPA Class C 12U Girls State Basketball Tournament held at our facility.

If we can be of any assistance to you and your team, please let us know. No tobacco use of any kind (cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, vapes, etc.) or alcohol is allowed inside the gyms or on facility grounds, including parking lots. The Zero Tolerance Policy is always in effect. For your safety, security will be present during the tournament.

Good Luck to you all!

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**2024 GRPA 12U Girls  
GRPA Class C State Basketball Tournament  
March 1st & 2nd  
Rabun County Recreation Department  
Tiger, Georgia**

**Address:** 400 Rabun Park Drive, Tiger, GA. 30576  
(We are located in between Rabun County Highschool and Rabun Arena.)

**Team Entry Fee:** \$305.00

- Must be paid **before** the team's first game of the tournament.
- Make checks payable to "Rabun County Recreation Department".

**Rules:** GHSA Rules & GRPA Rules (2024 GRPA Manual, pages 66-69)

**Bench:** Only 3 Coaches & 10 players listed on the official roster may be on the bench.

**Forfeit:** Game time is forfeit time.

**Admission Fee:** There will be an admission fee each day of \$5 adults and \$2 for 17 & under/55 or older. Cash only.

**Doors Open:** The doors/gate will open 1hr prior to the first game time each day.

**Concessions:** A concession stand is available. Cash only.

**Tournament Bracket:** Will be updated throughout the tournament at [www.quickscores.com/grpa](http://www.quickscores.com/grpa). The team listed on top of the bracket will be the home team (wears white).  
Exception: the host team will always be the home team.

**Locker Rooms:** There are locker rooms behind the team's bench. Please keep the rooms clean and be respectful as there will teams coming in after you.

**Rosters:** Turn in your rosters before every game with the starters designated. Please do this at the beginning of your warm-up time so the book will be ready to go at tip off. This is to ensure that the correct names/jersey numbers are listed in the book.

**Check In:** Players/Coaches only **will enter through a separate door** to be checked in. Players need to have their jersey with them during this time.

**Awards:** Team trophy and medals will be awarded to the champion and runner up.

**The Zero Tolerance Policy will always be in effect while on the property.**

#### **GRPA SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT**

**"The Georgia Recreation and Park Association and its member agencies have made a commitment to promote good sportsmanship by athletes, coaches, and spectators at all GRPA sanctioned events. Profanity, degrading remarks, and intimidating actions directed at officials or competitors will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from the event site. Spectators are not allowed to enter the competition area during warm-ups or while the contest is being conducted.**

**Thank you for your cooperation in the promotion of good sportsmanship at today's event."**

# **Places To Stay In Rabun County**

**Quality Inn & Suites**

**Bridge Creek Inn**

**Days Inn**

**Americas Best Value Inn**

**Beechwood Inn**

**Kingwood Resort**

**The Dillard House**

**Mountain Valley Inn**

**Quality Inn Dillard**

# **Places To Eat In Rabun County**

**Chick Fil A**

**Arby's**

**Burger King**

**Zaxby's**

**Wendy's**

**Taco Bell**

**Dairy Queen**

**Mcdonalds**

**LaCabana**

**Dunkin Donuts**

**Checkers**

**Mama G's**

**Friends Grill**

**U Joint**

**Oinkers BBQ**

**Subway**

**Rusty Bike**

**The Dillard House**

**Ishy's Grill**

**Fortify PI**

**Fortify**

**Clayton Cafe**

**Bellas**

**Waffle House**

**Manrique's**

**LaPachanga**

**Lydia's**

**Pizza Hut**

## **RULE IV (A) – YOUTH AND ADULT BASKETBALL**

### ***ARTICLE I – ELIGIBILITY***

#### **SECTION A – AGE DIVISIONS**

There are six age divisions for boys and girls and four divisions for adults. The age control date is on September 1, previous year. Participants must be 6 by age control date. The divisions are:

#### **YOUTH**

*(Boys & Girls Leagues)*

8 & Under

10 & Under

10 & Under Major

*(Class A & Class B/C combined - 10' goal)*

12 & Under

14 & Under

17 & Under

#### **ADULT**

Men's Ages 18 and over

Women's Ages 18 and over

Men's Ages 35 and over

Men's Ages 40 and over

1. For all team sports allow within district lines for individuals to compete in the nearest or adjoin departments with the following restrictions:
  - a. Home County or Agency has no program.
  - b. Cannot cross district lines.
  - c. Cannot pass over a program to participate in another agency.
  - d. Must participate in the sport program in the host agency.
  - e. Host agency must endorse participant.
  - f. Participant must be approved by District Athletic Chair. Once approved, they are legal throughout District and State.
  - g. Host agency must notify the District Athletic Chair with list and Home County of each crossover participant. The district must forward info to the State Host and Athletic Chair
2. There shall be three classifications in youth competition: A, B, C - **Exception- 10U Major will play a Class A and Class B/C combined class district and state.**
3. Youth coaches must be certified by one the following programs: NYSCA, ACEP, or GHSA
4. Any player or coach ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspended for one game, in addition to the game from which ejected; or, in the case of an individual event within a meet or match, for the duration of that event.

### ***ARTICLE II – REGULATIONS***

#### **SECTION A – GOVERNING RULES**

1. Games in basketball at all levels of play are governed by the current rules and regulations of the GHSA Constitution and By-laws and the National Federation Edition of Basketball Rule Book with the exceptions as may be found in this manual.

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2. Per the "Return to Play Act of 2013", effective January 1, 2014, all agencies are required to provide concussion education material to all youth participants and their parents. The verification of compliance to this law is affirmed by the signature of the agency director on the GRPA roster.
3. All head and assistant coaches that are coaching youth teams participating in all levels of GRPA Athletics must have undergone a criminal background check through their Department. By signing the teams GRPA roster, the Department Director or their designee attests that this has taken place.
4. Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms, or locker rooms. The use of audio or visual recording devices is not allowed in resolution of protested matters.

### SECTION B – LENGTH OF GAMES

<u>AGE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>OVERTIME</u>
8U & 10U	6 minute quarters	3 minutes
12U & Up (Including Adult)	8 minute quarters	4 minutes

### SECTION C – SPECIAL PROVISIONS

**There is no mandatory participation requirement for any GRPA sport.**

1. A team must have at least four players in all divisions to start a game. A team can continue with four players except in the case of an ejection.
2. Basketball Free Throw: In both boys and girls ages 10U and 12U, the lane assignments are the same. In age groups 10U and up, the bottom block will be left open. 8U division free throw line will be 12 feet and the bottom block will be filled.
3. Cannot start Youth Tournament before 5:00 PM on the first day of the tournament.
4. During the school year, youth cannot start a new game after 10:00 PM on Monday through Thursdays. All games will be scheduled and start no later than 10:00 PM on Friday and Saturday nights but may be played in emergency situations (rain, game delays, etc.)
5. Cannot start Adult Tournament before 7:00 PM on Monday through Friday.
6. **Mercy Rule** - Beginning in the third quarter, if requested by the losing team's coach, or any time in the fourth quarter a team gains a 20-point lead the clock will run continuously for the balance of the game except during timeouts and injuries. If not elected in the third quarter it automatically occurs in the fourth quarter when a 20-point lead occurs. If the losing team gets within ten points, the clock will return to regulation.
7. No youth teams shall be required to play more than three games in a day. A mandatory rest time is required between games –it shall be 3 hours in a single elimination tournament - if teams vote to start early, the game cannot start in less than 2 hours without special circumstances. ( i.e. weather, travel times, approaching storms)
8. No more than 3 coaches or non-players are allowed on team bench.
9. GHSA Foul Shot Rules will apply in all Basketball Age Divisions. After 5 team fouls, 2 shots will be taken. Fouls reset each quarter except overtime. This rule eliminates 1-1 free throws.

## ARTICLE III – EQUIPMENT

### SECTION A – APPROVED EQUIPMENT

1. Shoes shall be smooth and soft-soled for athletic use.
2. The approved basketballs for all divisions are as follows:

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- a. For the youth 8U, 10U, and all female divisions, the basketball must be the adopted GHSA ladies ball (285 or 28.5) size and weight. For all other divisions, a regulation sized (295 or 29.5) basketball that meets the current standards of the GHSA shall be used. It may be synthetic or leather. The ball should be at least a 5-ply nylon-wound carcass or better. The ball will be furnished by the Tournament Host and the same ball will be used throughout the tournament. Teams are responsible for their own warm-up balls.
3. Mandatory uniforms shall be matching jerseys with factory type legal numbers only on front and back described in the Georgia High School Association Rule Book. Legal numbers consist of 0, 00 (0 and 00 cannot be used on same team) 1-5, 10-15, 20-25, 30-35, 40-45 and 50-55. It is legal for players to wear matching color or white t-shirts only under game jerseys.
  - a. The basic body color determines matching jerseys. The logos, numbers, trim, etc. does not have to match if the basic color is the same. Penalty – Admin Tech per jersey upon entry into the game.
    - i. Approved uniform: (1) plain shirts with numbers, (2) agency name or agency abbreviation, or (3) agency logo with department/school mascot name. (*EFFECTIVE January 2025*)
  - b. Coaches and non-player personnel must be attired in a manner that puts GRPA and its member agencies in a positive light. Tournament Directors, Officials, and GRPA State Athletic Committee members reserve the right to remove those from the contest who do not adhere to the standards set forth by the GRPA State Athletic Committee.
    - i. Managers, coaches, or team scorers who coach the bases must be attired in staff shirts or jerseys that are identical in style and color with each other.
  - c. No other youth sports organization patches will be allowed on uniforms in GRPA tournaments.
4. Penalty – Illegal Equipment
  - a. Emblem/Logo/Picture Placement: GRPA waives the GHSA and NFHS penalties for logos and clipart placement on basketball uniforms. No technical foul will be administered.
5. The Host Agency shall be responsible for supplying scrimmage vests in events where jerseys need to be opposite colors. A coin toss shall be conducted and the winner shall have the option of whether to wear the scrimmage vests or original jerseys.

## SECTION B – PLAYING COURT REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIAL 8U AND 10U RULES

Court specifications and height of goals shall be in accordance with the Georgia High School Association standards found in the National Federation Basketball Rule Book, except 8U and 10U Divisions which is as follows.

1. Height of goals – 8 ½ feet (Exception – 10 & under Major A/B/C will play on 10' goals)
2. Length of quarters – 6 minutes
3. Free throw line:
  - a. 12 feet – 8U
  - b. 15 feet – 10U
4. Size of lane – 12 feet wide
5. Size of ball leather or synthetic – 28.5 in. or 285
6. 3 pt. Shot – same as other youth division rules.



**ARTICLE IV – GAMES AND AWARDS**

**SECTION A – DISTRICT**

1. District level competition in basketball is to be completed as follows.
  - a. All youth divisions (8U, 10U, 12U, 14U and 17U) by the Saturday before the State tournament.  
All adult divisions by the Saturday before their State Tournament. Pool play is optional.

**SECTION B – STATE**

1. State level competition will be pool play. Any forfeit done during pool play will result in a \$750.00 fine payable to state host. For other forfeit information please see page 24.

NOTE: Starting in 2020 GRPA and SCPRA will have post season games for age groups as mutually agreed upon. All teams will be responsible for their own travel expenses. Host Agency/Association will be responsible for all related expenses for the event (venue, publicity, concessions, gate, officials, scorers, etc.). Admission fees, concession and soft goods will be allowed to help offset expenses.

**ARTICLE V – OFFICIALS AND PARTICIPANTS**

**SECTION A – GAME OFFICIALS**

1. A minimum of two officials who are members of a GHSA-approved and/or GISA approved association must be used in all district tournaments; exception: finals must use three officials. Official crews must rotate every 3 games, preferably every two. Host may use additional officials as approved by the national governing body.
2. A minimum of two officials who are members of a GHSA-approved and/or GISA approved association must be used in all state tournaments; exception: finals must use three officials. Official crews must rotate every 3 games, preferably every two. Host may use additional officials as approved by the national governing body.
3. No official who has played during the season in the host's local league may officiate in the District or State tournament.

**ARTICLE VI – PROTESTS AND APPEALS**

For more information regarding protests and appeals, see: Rule I, Article IV, Section C-11. For more information on protest committee organization and responsibility, see Rule II, Article I, Section A.