

TAP 3v3 Basketball Rules

Game Details:

Our 3x3 league is designed to give each athlete the ability to put their skills to use, no matter what level. Each game is competitive and intense, yet fun and joyful. Our games have unique rules that are different than typical 5x5 basketball.

The game rules and regulations are as follows:

- Games will be played halfcourt
- Games will last 24 minutes. They'll be divided into three - 8-minute quarters. Score is continuous
 - Rock/Paper/Scissors for first possession of each quarter. (Each player gets a turn)
 - Quarter 1 - Regular basketball rules.
 - Quarter 2 - No dribbling, jumpers only. Offensive rebounds +1pt
 - Quarter 3 - Layups = 2pts. Jumpers = 3pts. 3pt range (behind the arc) = 4pts.
 - Overtime - Each player shoots 1 free throw. Team with most makes wins.
- Game Play:
 - **Clock**
 - Clock runs for the entire 8-minute quarter. Stops for 1 minute during break in between quarters
 - Clock will be controlled by the ref/staff.
 - Shot Clock: There is no shot clock. However, the offense team must always be trying to attack to score. No stalling or wasting clock.
 - **Possession**
 - Possession changes after each made basket
 - Offensive team must check the ball before starting new possession'
 - The player who gets the defensive rebound must dribble the ball to the 3pt line before they can start their offensive possession. All offensive players must run back to the three-point line before they can be eligible to score.
 - Offensive 3 seconds will be enforced at the ref's discretion (warnings will be given)
 - **Jump balls/tie ups** will always go to the defensive team. They will check the ball up top
 - Out of bounds is the perimeter of the half court unless otherwise noted by organizers.
 - **Defense:**
 - Man to man defense is required. No zone defense, doubling, or trapping allowed
 - **Fouls:**
 - Defensive Fouls = 1pt for the receiving team and they take the ball at the top of the key.
 - Offensive Fouls do not equal a point. It is just a turnover and the other team gains possession.
 - Unsportsmanlike Conduct will result in that player having to sit out for 5 minutes or being ejected from the game all together. The remaining 2 players will be forced to play 2v3.
 - No foul outs (except for game ejection from unsportsmanlike conduct)
 - **Substitutions:**
 - If 4th player is present, subs are allowed after a made basket while the ball is not in play.
 - **Timeouts:**
 - No time outs are given.
- There will be a 1-minute water break between each quarter to get water and rest.
- In case of injury, the game will go 2x2 with the ability to substitute the 3rd player as desired.
- Coaches are optional but preferred just to encourage and express some coachable moments in the game. Usually teams swap out the "coaching parent" each game for encouragement purposes.
- Have fun, compete, laugh, play, win prizes, and win games!