# ARTICLE 8 BASKETBALL

**8.1** Each individual player must be a member of the team that they participate with in T.A.A.F. championship play (regional or state tournaments) by February 1st. No Player signed after February 1st will be eligible to compete in regional or state tournaments.

**8.2** Adult basketball teams registered after January 31st will not be eligible for the current year's regional and state basketball tournaments. Adult basketball teams registering after January 31st will be eligible to participate in the following year's regional and state basketball tournaments.

**8.3** In order for a team to be eligible for T.A.A.F. playoffs, the team may not have a player compete with the team during the current season if:

.01 The player is still registered in the same college, university or junior college after January 1 (current season), where the player was a member of any basketball squad or team. This rule does not include P. E. classes or intramural participation; **OR**

.02 The player was a member of a military basketball squad or team playing an off-base schedule during the current season.

**8.4** The host city shall have the privilege of entering a host team when hosting regional or state tournaments.

**8.5** The state tournament shall be twenty-four (24) teams or less, single elimination with a consolation bracket.

.01 There will not be an "extra" game played to determine third place, both semi-finalist will receive a semi-finalist team trophy.

**8.6** The Men's Industrial and 35 & Over Tournaments shall be invitational tournaments with up to a thirty two (32) team bracket.

**8.7** Prior to the state tournament, a "draw" will be conducted by the state commissioner to determine each team's place in the bracket

**8.8** RULES: Current NCAA rules will be used with these exceptions:

.01 GAME CLOCK: An official game shall consist of two (2) twenty minute halves with a running clock for the first eighteen (18) minutes of each half.

a) A running clock stops for only free throws and time-outs.

b) A NCAA regulation clock will be used the last two (2) minutes of each half.

c) A regulation clock will stop for all whistles the last two minutes of each half and each successful field goal in the last minute of the second half or overtime period.

.02 HALF TIME: A five (5) minute half time will be observed.

.03 TIME OUTS: Each team will be allowed four (4) one (1) minute time-outs and two (2) thirty second timeouts per game.

.04 OVERTIME: Each overtime will consist of a three (3) minute period with the clock stopping for all whistles during the entire period. Each team will be given one (1) extra time-out.

.05 Jerseys & Numbers: Players on each team must wear jerseys that are identical in the base color of the jersey and must have a six (6) inch number on the back and a four (4) inch number on the front.

a) Legal basketball numbers only are permitted – 0 or 00, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55

b) Numbers must be permanently affixed to the jersey, not taped or pinned to the jersey.
c) Numbers that are hand written in pencil, marker, or any type of ink pen will not be allowed

.06 Point Ahead Rule: A point ahead rule of (20) twenty points will be used in all adult basketball games.
a) If a team is ahead by (20) twenty points, the clock will not stop except for injuries and time-outs until the team ahead is ahead by less than (20) twenty points.
b) Like the rest of the game, the clock can be stopped by a time-out.

.07 SHOT CLOCK: A shot clock will not be in effect for any T.A.A.F. Regional or State Basketball Tournament.

.08 THREE POINT FIELD GOAL: The three point field goal rule will be in effect for all T.A.A.F. State Tournaments. T.A.A.F. will utilize the three-point line that is 19 feet, 9 inches from the center of the goal as the official distance for three-point field goals in all state tournaments.

.09 All basketball rules covered on these pages shall apply to both regional and state tournaments for each specific basketball division.

8.9 STATE TOURNAMENT DATES: Effective with the bids for the 2009 state basketball tournaments, each state basketball tournament will be held on the specified weekend. State basketball tournament bids that contain proposed dates that are not in accordance to the following schedule will not be accepted. The schedule of T.A.A.F. state basketball tournaments will be as follows:

.01 The Men's 35 & Over State Invitational Tournament will be held the last full or partial weekend of February (which may include March 1 when it falls on Sunday).
.02 The Men's Major State Tournament will be held on the first full weekend of March (first weekend that both Saturday and Sunday fall in March).
.03 The Men's Six foot and Under and the Women's Major State tournaments will be held on the second full weekend of March.
.04 All Boys' and Girls' Winter State Basketball Tournaments in addition to the Men's Industrial State Invitational Tournament will be held on the third full weekend of March.
.05 The Men's Church State Tournament will be held on the fourth full weekend of March.
.06 The High School Summer Championship will be held at a date to be determined and that will be in compliance with eligibility rules of the U.I.L.

## ARTICLE 12 BOYS' AND GIRLS' YOUTH BASKETBALL

### 12.1 GENERAL RULES: BOYS' AND GIRLS'

.01 Boys must play in the Boys' Divisions (I or II).

.02 Girls must play in the Girls' Divisions (I or II).

Exception:

a) A member city must file in writing that they do not have enough girl participants to send separate girls teams.

b) Upon doing this, the member city may send a mixed team to the appropriate age Boys State Tournament, if they qualify.

c) NOTE: If there is one boy on a roster, that team will be classified as a Mixed team eligible to play in the Boys Divisions (I or II).

.03 Age is determined by the participant's age for:

a) Winter Basketball based on the player age on September 1 of the current school year and for

b) High School Age Girls' and Boys' Divisions on September 1 of the current calendar year for spring and/or summer basketball championships

.04 National Federation Rules and UIL Guidelines will apply with the exception of the T.A.A.F. Rules published here.

**12.2 DIVISIONS OF PLAY: BOYS' AND GIRLS'**

.01 **WINTER BASKETBALL**:

14 & Under
12 & Under Divisions I & II
10 & Under Divisions I & II
8 & Under Divisions I & II

Division I

a) Any TAAF Member or Affiliate member registering less than four (4) boys or girls teams in any age division / classification must register as Division I.

b) Participation in a TAAF Member or Affiliate sponsored or co-sponsored league is not required of a Division I team. However, if a team does not participate in a league, the team must register and participate as a Division I team.

c) Division I consists of teams that are hand-selected by the coach or who are formed to create tournament teams or all-star teams, or who return five (5) or more players from the previous seasons roster. Additionally, any team whose team name includes the words "all stars" is required to participate in Division I.

d) Any team may request to be a Division I team.

e) Any team that participates in a national level tournament and returns more than two (2) roster players is required to be classified as a Division I team.

Division II

a) Teams must have played in a TAAF Member or Affiliate sponsored or co-sponsored recreational league, and must have played in at least four (4) league games.

b) Division II consists of teams that are formed through some type of "draft" system (conducted for the current season of play) where the emphasis is put on balancing the strength of teams throughout the league.

c) Any TAAF Member or Affiliate program that conducts a draft to be eligible for Division II participation must complete and submit the TAAF Division II Youth Basketball Pre-Qualification Form by December 1. The purpose of this form is to demonstrate how the draft being conducted balances the strength of teams throughout the league. The Commissioner will review each submission and make the final decision of eligibility for each program.

d) Any team that is classified as Division II may not return more than four (4) players from the previous season's roster. Any team with five (5) or more returning players must be classified as Division I.

e) Division II youth basketball rosters are limited to no more than ten (10) players. All players must be from the recreational league roster. No pick up players are allowed for post-season play.

f) Any team that is misclassified as Division II may be disqualified or re-classified at the discretion of the Commissioner.

.02 SPRING AND/OR SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL AGED BASKETBALL: Spring & Summer Basketball will follow ALL UIL Guidelines. Age divisions:
18 & Under 16 & Under 14 & Under

**12.3 PLAYING RULES:**

.01 ROSTERS: The regular playing roster shall not exceed twelve (12) players for Division I and ten (10) players for Division II.

a) A playing roster shall be "frozen" once it has been submitted for regional play and may not be changed for the state competition.

.02 GAME LENGTH: All to have a running clock with the exception of final two (2) minutes of each half and;

a) 8 & Under Divisions of play to have four (4) six (6) minute quarters

b) 10 & Under, 12 & Under, 14 & Under, 16 & Under and 18 & Under divisions of play to have four (4) eight (8) minute quarters

c) The clock stops only on timeouts and free throws. The game officials may use their discretion to stop the clock for injury, ball retrieval, etc.

d) POINT SPREAD RULE: If one team is ahead by fifteen (15) or more points during the last two (2) minutes of each half, the clock will remain a running clock, except for time-outs --and free throws.

e) TIMEOUTS: Each team shall be allowed four (4) one-minute timeouts per game. In case of overtime, each team shall be allowed one (1) additional one-minute timeout, as well as any timeouts remaining from regulation.

f) OVERTIME: If the score is tied at the end of regulation play in the 8 & Under and 10 & Under divisions of play, a two (2) minute overtime will be played. In all other divisions, a three (3) minute overtime period will be played. The clock will stop on each whistle by the officials.

.03 BASKET SPECIFICATIONS

| HEIGHT | FREE THROW DISTANCE | AGE GROUP | DIVISION |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10' | 15' 0" | 18 & Under | N/A |
| 10' | 15' 0" | 16 & Under | N/A |
| 10' | 15' 0" | 14 & Under | N/A |
| 10' | 15' 0" | 12 & Under | Boys & Girls I & II |
| 10' | 15' 0" | 10 & Under | Boys & Girls I |
| 10' | 13' 6" | 10 & Under | Boys II |
| 10' | 13' 6" | 10 & Under | Girls II |
| 8' 6" | 13' 6" | 8 & Under | Boys I & II & Girls |

.04 BALL SIZE: The official ball size for divisions:

a) 18 & Under, 16 & Under, 14 & Under and 12 & Under BOYS' will use the regulation size basketball as specified by the Federation Rule Book.

b) 10 & Under and 8 & Under BOYS' will use the official women's basketball.

c) All GIRLS' divisions will use the official women's basketball.

.05 LANE VIOLATIONS:

a) 18 & Under, 16 & Under, 14 & Under and 12 & Under will play by official rules.

b) 10 & Under and 8 & Under will have five (5) second lane violations.

.06 FULL COURT DEFENSE (PRESS):

a) 18 & Under, 16 & Under, 14 & Under and 12 & Under Divisions may play full court defense at any time.

b) 10 & Under may play full court defense during the last two minutes of each half and any overtime period(s).

c) 8 & Under may play full court defense during the last minute of the second half and at all times during any overtime period(s).

d) VIOLATION: Each team shall be issued one warning per half, in which the whistle is blown and the offended team brings the ball in play on their offensive front court at the mid-court opposite the scorers table and team benches. Additional violations shall result in a technical foul.

.07 UNIFORMS: Each team must have jerseys the same color with a permanent four inch (4") number on the front and a six inch (6") number on the back. Legal basketball numbers only are permitted – 0 or 00, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55. Players who do not have the proper uniform will not be allowed to participate. T-shirts worn under the jersey must be the same color as the primary color of the jersey.

.08 MINIMUM PLAYING TIME: Division I has free substitutions throughout the game and no minimum playing time. Division II teams must abide by the following minimum playing time rules:

a) During the first quarter of every game there will be no substitutions allowed. The five players who start this quarter will be the same five players who finish the quarter.

b) During the second quarter any remaining players who did not start the first quarter will be required to start the second quarter and play the entire quarter without substitutions.

c) During the second quarter, if a team has less than 10 players on their roster then the coach may substitute only for those players who already played the entire first quarter.

d) In the case of an injury to a player who is playing their required full quarter a medical substitution will be allowed. However, if a player is not able to finish their quarter during the first half then that player will be required to play a full quarter with no substitutions allowed in the second half.

e) If a player is medically unable to complete their full quarter in either the first or second half then that player will be disqualified for the remainder of the tournament.

12.4 CHAMPIONSHIP GUIDELINES - REGIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENTS

**.01 Tournaments will be pool play with a minimum of 3-game guarantee**.

.02 WINTER PLAY: A regional tournament must be hosted in all regions for youth winter basketball. Any registered team may participate in the Regional Tournament as space allows, or according to berths specified and allowed by regional guidelines

.03 All teams wishing to participate in the State basketball tournament must participate in regional tournaments to be eligible. If the age, gender or division does not have a regional tournament make, these teams are still required to register for the state tournament at the regional tournament or the region will set up a site for registration. Teams registering for the regional tournament must submit their signed rosters, regional tournament fee, and birth certificates for each player along with the registration form for the state tournament. All teams qualifying for the state tournament must pay state entry fees/member city guarantee at the regional site. Following the tournament, each regional director or regional basketball tournament director will overnight ship the roster, birth certificates, entry fee and registration forms to the state host.

.04 WINTER PLAY: The State Tournament shall be open to all regional champions plus one host team per division.

.05 The State Commissioner (Youth Basketball Boys or Girls) will be required to provide the host city with the appropriate T.A.A.F. approved brackets immediately following the awarded bid for the State Championships.

.06 Proof of age is required prior to the start of each tournament

.07 Rosters may carry a maximum of twelve (12) players for Division I and ten (10) players for Division II.

.08 A player may be on only one roster during T.A.A.F. Championship play.

**.09 All players in Division II must have joined a team and have been officially listed on the teams roster by February 1 in order to be eligible for post season participation.**

**12.5** TOURNAMENT DATES - WINTER PLAY:

.01 Regional Tournaments for Division I and Division II will be held the first weekend of March.

.02 The State Tournaments for Division I and Division II will be held the third weekend of March.

**12.6** TOURNAMENT DATES – SPRING AND/OR SUMMER PLAY (High School Aged):

.01 If a tournament host chooses to host the State Tournament in the Spring, dates may be held either of the last two weekends in April or first weekend in May, as approved by the State Commissioner.

.02 If the tournament host chooses to host State Tournament in the Summer, dates will be announced, but it is encouraged to host during either the last weekend of June or within the first two weeks of July, as approved by the State Commissioner.

**12.7** REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

.01 February 1 for Winter and Spring (High School Aged Divisions) Play

.02 June 1 for Summer Play (High School Aged Divisions)