

**2016 – 2017 GRBA National Basketball Rules**

The National High School Federation Rules and Regulations (NHSF) will apply to all GRBA games with the following exceptions.

- I. All Games will be played as follows:
  - High School Games will consist of two 16 minute halves
  - Grades 7 & 8 will consist of two 14 minute halves and will use a regulation size basketball.
  - Grades 3 thru 6 will consist of two 12 minute halves and will use the 28.5 intermediate size balls.
- II. No game will start before the scheduled time unless both coaches agree. There will be a minimum of a 5 minute warm-up period. Halftime will be 4 minutes unless both coaches agree to start earlier.
- III. Each Team Receives Two 30 second Timeouts per half (they do NOT carry over).
- IV. Overtime:
  - 3 minutes for Grades 3 thru 8 (one 30 Second timeout allowed per team)
  - 4 minutes for Grades 9 thru 11 (one 30 Second timeout allowed per team)
- V. The clock will stop for all whistle stoppages.
- VI. Two (2) direct technical fouls during a game on a player, coach, or team representative will result in their disqualification for the next game of the tournament. Coaches will be removed from the building if they are removed from the game. Fighting and gross unsportsmanlike behavior can be more than one game and is at the discretion of the Tournament Director and / or State Director.
- VII. Each team is responsible for their warm-up and game balls and or any other items brought into the game. GRBA is not responsible for items lost.
- VIII. If a team forfeits two games by not participating; the team will be disqualified from the event and cannot participate in bracket / tournament play.
- IX. **Mercy Rule:** Once a team is leading by 20 points anytime in a game, the clock will continue to run. The only time the clock will stop is for injuries or timeouts. If the lead falls below 10 points, the clock will again be stopped for all whistle stoppages.

**Roster Rules:**

- I. Rosters are allowed a maximum of fifteen (15) players, 2 coaches, and 1 scorekeeper/timekeeper.
- II. Proof of age and / or grade is required for all players on roster. Acceptable proofs of age are; clean photocopies of birth certificates, adoption papers, or immigration papers. Proof of grade is a clean copy of any report card of the current school year or school document that indicates current grade level. Teams are required to have proof of age and grade upon check-in.
- III. No roster additions will be permitted after the team has begun play of its first game within any tournament.
- IV. Players are only allowed to play on one team per grade/age division.

**National Basketball Rules (Page Two)****Grade / Age Divisions:**

GRBA is grade based with age parameters and limitations determined by birth dates that allow players in each division to compete against other players currently at the same grade / age level. A player may qualify under the age exception rule if they have advanced in grade due to academic excellence or parental preference. The following guide determines all eligible ages at grade levels.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Division:**

An athlete must be in the third grade as of October 1, 2016 and **cannot** turn 11 prior to September 1, 2017. An athlete that is in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2016 wanting to play down in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade division cannot turn 10 prior to September 1, 2017.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Division:**

An athlete must be in the fourth grade as of October 1, 2016 and **cannot** turn 12 prior to September 1, 2017. An athlete that is in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2016 wanting to play down in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade division cannot turn 11 prior to September 1, 2017.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Division:**

An athlete must be in the fifth grade as of October 1, 2016 and **cannot** turn 13 prior to September 1, 2017. An athlete that is in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2016 wanting to play down in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade division cannot turn 12 prior to September 1, 2017.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Division:**

An athlete must be in the sixth grade as of October 1, 2016 and **cannot** turn 14 prior to September 1, 2017. An athlete that is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2016 wanting to play down in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade division cannot turn 13 prior to September 1, 2017.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Division:**

An athlete must be in the seventh grade as of October 1, 2016 and **cannot** turn 15 prior to September 1, 2017. An athlete that is in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2016 wanting to play down in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade division cannot turn 14 prior to September 1, 2017.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Division:**

An athlete must be in the eighth grade as of October 1, 2016 and **cannot** turn 16 prior to September 1, 2017. An athlete that is in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2016 wanting to play down in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade division cannot turn 15 prior to September 1, 2017.

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Division:**

An athlete must be in the ninth grade as of October 1, 2016 and **cannot** turn 17 prior to September 1, 2017. An athlete that is in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2016 wanting to play down in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade division cannot turn 16 prior to September 1, 2017.

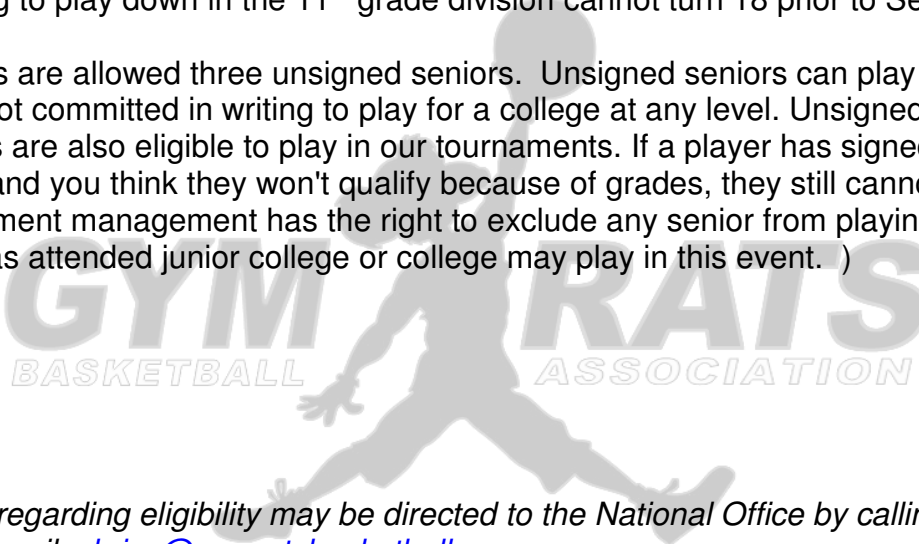
**National Basketball Rules (Page Three)****10<sup>th</sup> Grade Division:**

An athlete must be in the tenth grade as of October 1, 2016 and **cannot** turn 18 prior to September 1, 2017. An athlete that is in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2016 wanting to play down in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade division cannot turn 17 prior to September 1, 2017.

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade Division:**

An athlete must be in the eleventh grade as of October 1, 2016 and **cannot** turn 19 prior to September 1, 2017. An athlete that is in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2016 wanting to play down in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade division cannot turn 18 prior to September 1, 2017.

(Teams are allowed three unsigned seniors. Unsigned seniors can play as long as they have not committed in writing to play for a college at any level. Unsigned prep school players are also eligible to play in our tournaments. If a player has signed a letter of intent and you think they won't qualify because of grades, they still cannot play. The tournament management has the right to exclude any senior from playing. No player who has attended junior college or college may play in this event.)



\*\*\*Questions regarding eligibility may be directed to the National Office by calling 260-471-5270. Or by email, [chrisp@gymratsbasketball.com](mailto:chrisp@gymratsbasketball.com).

**Divisions of Play:**

GRBA offers two divisions of play

- Div. 1 – Elite/Travel Teams
- Div. 2 – School teams

**Protest**

- All roster protests must be filed in writing and given to the Tournament Director 45 minutes PRIOR to the protested game accompanied by a \$100.00 protest fee for each player being protested (refundable if the protest is upheld). If the protest is valid, the protested team forfeits all previous games. Upon protest, teams must provide proof of eligibility. (See roster rules for acceptable proofs of age and grade.)
- All non-roster protest must be filed in writing within one (1) hour of the conclusion of the contest and must be accompanied by a \$100.00 protest fee (refundable if protest is upheld). Official's calls are not grounds for a protest. Tournament Directors will NOT review film from the protested game.
- Tournament Directors rulings on protest are FINAL.

**National Basketball Rules (Page Four)****Tie-Breakers:**

- Two Teams Tied: Head-to-Head result.
- Three or more teams tied: Point Differential System will be used. Teams will receive a point differential per game up to a maximum of +20 points for a win and minimum of -20 points for a loss. The team with the highest point differential will win the tiebreaker and the second highest number will be seeded second, etc. If two teams are tied with points, then revert back to head-to-head. The team not involved in the tiebreaker will have its games eliminated. If the teams are still tied, the team with the fewest points allowed in all games played in pool play wins. A forfeit is scored as a 20-0 game.

**Notes:**

- Area and State tournaments have the authority to modify local playing rules to accommodate local circumstances. All teams participating in the National Tournament must adhere to National Rules outlined above.
- There must be a minimum of five (5) teams per division for the National Tournament to be played. If less than five teams, all teams will be moved to Div. 1 for tournament play.
- Coaches of teams playing in National tournaments certified by the NCAA must be registered and certified by the NCAA in advance of the Tournament. Team Rosters must be entered on the NCAA site. Visit the GRBA national website for links to the coaches' certification and team certification on the NCAA website. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.
- Coaches are given passes and credentials at check-in. Any coach allowing unauthorized use of these credentials will be disqualified from the event.

