



**Smoky Mountain Sports Complex  
Tournament Rules and Regulations  
2009-2010**

## BASKETBALL RULES & REGULATIONS

### I. **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

Smoky Mountain Sports Complex will now use the following age eligibility rules for the 2009-2010 season.

#### A. **Age / Grade Divisions**

Competition in boys' basketball shall be in the following age divisions: **9u/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, 10u/4<sup>th</sup> Grade, 11u/5<sup>th</sup> Grade, 12u/6<sup>th</sup> Grade, 13u/7<sup>th</sup> Grade, 14u/8<sup>th</sup> Grade, 15u/9<sup>th</sup> Grade, 16u/10<sup>th</sup> Grade and a Junior Boys division (17u/11<sup>th</sup> Grade.)**

Competition in girls' basketball shall be in the following age divisions: **9 and Under, 10 and Under, 11 and Under, 12 and Under, 13 and Under, 14 and Under, 15 & Under, 16 & Under division & Open Division .**

#### B. **Age Determining Dates/Grade Exception Rule for BOYS**

September 1, 2010 shall be the determining date for the age of the competitor in all boys' divisions. Eligibility to participate is based first on the age determining date. The grade of the athlete is not a consideration if the athlete meets the age determining date. An athlete who does not meet the age determining date may qualify under the grade exception rule.

**9u / 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Division** – A player that is born on or after September 1, 2000.  
(Grade Exception: A player who is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and who was born on or after September 1, 1999.)

**10u / 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Division** – A player that is born on or after September 1, 1999.  
(Grade Exception: A player who is in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and who was born on or after September 1, 1998.)

**11u / 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Division** – A player that is born on or after September 1, 1998.  
(Grade Exception: A player who is in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and who was born on or after September 1, 1997.)

**12u / 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Division** – A player that is born on or after September 1, 1997.  
(Grade Exception: A player who is in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and who was born on or after September 1, 1996.)

**13u / 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Division** – A player that is born on or after September 1, 1996.  
(Grade Exception: A player who is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and who was born on or after September 1, 1995.)

**14u / 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Division** – A player that is born on or after September 1, 1995.  
(Grade Exception: A player who is in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and who was born on or after September 1, 1994.)

**15u / 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Division** – A player that is born on or after September 1, 1994.  
(Grade Exception: A player who is in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and who was born on or after September 1, 1993.)

**16u / 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Division** – A player that is born on or after September 1, 1993.  
(Grade Exception: A player who is in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade and who was born on or after September 1, 1992.)

**Junior Boys Division** – A player that is born on or after September 1, 1992.  
(Grade Exception: A player who is in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and was born on or after September 1, 1991.)

### C. Age Determining Dates for GIRLS

Eligibility to participate is based first on the age determining date. The grade of the athlete is not a consideration if the athlete meets the age determining date. An athlete who does not meet the age determining date may qualify under the grade exception rule.

**9 and Under** – A player that is born January 1, 2000 or after. (Grade Exception: A player who is in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and was born on or after January 1, 1999.)

**10 and Under** – A player that is born January 1, 1999 or after. (Grade Exception: A player who is in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and was born on or after January 1, 1998.)

**11 and Under** – A player that is born January 1, 1998 or after. (Grade Exception: A player who is in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and was born on or after January 1, 1997.)

**12 and Under** – A player that is born January 1, 1997 or after. (Grade Exception: A player who is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and was born on or after January 1, 1996.)

**13 and Under** – A player that is born January 1, 1996 or after. (Grade Exception: A player who is in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and was born on or after January 1, 1995.)

**14 and Under** – A player that is born January 1, 1995 or after. (Grade Exception: A player who is in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and was born on or after January 1, 1994.)

**15 and Under** – A player that is born January 1, 1994 or after. (Grade Exception: A player who is in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade and was born on or after January 1, 1993.)

**16 and Under** – A player that is born January 1, 1993 or after. (Grade Exception: A player who is in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and was born on or after January 1, 1992.)

**Open Division** – A player that is born January 1, 1990 or after.

**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.**

**All teams are required to present proof of age and grade upon check in.**

## II. PLAYING RULES

### A. Official Playing Rules

The official playing rules will be the National Federation of State High School rules for the current year as modified by this rule book.

### B. Basketball Sizes

Boys in the 9u, 10u, 11u and 12u divisions will use 28.5” circumference basketball (official women’s regulation size)

Boys in the 13u, 14u, 15u, 16u and Junior/Senior divisions will use 29.5” circumference basketball (official men’s regulation size)

Girls will all use 28.5” circumference basketball. (Official women’s regulation size)

### C. Basket Height

All age divisions will play on 10 foot regulation height basketball goals.

### D. Press Rule

Teams ahead by 20 points or more at any point in the second half must play defense behind the half court line. If the lead drops below 20 points normal rules will resume. First Offense: Warning, Second and all additional offenses: 2 shot technical.

### E. Running Clock Rule

At the time one team gains a lead of twenty (20) or more points on opposing team, the clock will not be stopped (except for a time out – clock starts after ball is legally touched after dead ball is in-bounded) until the trailing team brings the point difference to twenty points or less.

## III. CONDUCT

### A. Coaches Responsibility

Coaches will be responsible for all members of his/her team, including all parents. Coaches should not incite members of their team, other coaches or fans of their teams

against referees or tournament officials, doing so will result in immediate disqualification from the tournament.

**B. Disqualification**

A team and/or player are subject to immediate disqualification from the tournament for any misconduct deemed inappropriate, unacceptable, unsafe and/or abusive by the tournament staff. This includes but is not limited to defacing and/or destruction of playing site property, trashing team bench area, fighting, unsportsmanlike play and/or conduct, or ineligible players. Any disqualification is the sole decision of the tournament officials. No refunds will be issued in the event of disqualification.