

NATIONAL PAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

2008 RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FEDERATION RULES

The 2008 National PAL Basketball Championships will abide by the playing rules of the National Federation of State High Schools Association for the current year except where modified by this manual. This event may be sanctioned by the NCAA.

II. NATIONAL PAL COMMITTEES

- A. ATHLETICS COMMITTEE.** The National PAL Athletics Committee shall serve, as the governing body for the National PAL Basketball Championships, comprised of appointed or elected representatives from the National PAL membership. This committee is represented at the National PAL annual meetings.
- B. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE.** The National PAL Tournament Committee shall consist of the National PAL Basketball Chairman, Athletic Director, Assistant Basketball Chairman, National Events Manager and the Local Organizing Committee's designated representative. This committee will supervise and administer the National Championships. The committee shall be named prior to the tournament and will remain constant throughout. In the event that a team involved in a protest is the city of one of the committee members, that individual will be excused from the discussion and the decision (he or she will be allowed input pertaining to the protest only and then excused from further deliberation). No representative of any team involved in the protest will be allowed to participate in deliberations unless asked to provide information or answer queries. **DECISIONS OF THIS COMMITTEE ARE FINAL.**

III. ENTRY FEE

The entry fee shall be \$275 per National PAL team, \$325 for a non-National PAL team and made payable to National PAL in the form of a check and mailed in with the entry form. There is a \$50 fee reduction per team for entities that register 3 or more teams for this tournament.

IV. AGE DIVISIONS AND AGE DETERMINING DATES

National PAL has adopted the following divisions of competition for both girls and boys categories. September 1, 2008 shall be the determining date for the age of competitor.

10 & Under	Born on or after September 1, 1997 (Can not be 11 prior to September 1 st)
12 & Under	Born on or after September 1, 1995 (Can not be 13 prior to September 1 st)
14 & Under	Born on or after September 1, 1993 (Can not be 15 prior to September 1 st)
16 & Under	Born on or after September 1, 1991 (Can not be 17 prior to September 1 st)
18 & Under	Born on or after September 1, 1989 (Can not be 19 prior to September 1 st)

V. PROOF OF AGE

Verification of the player's age can come in several forms:

- A. A photocopy of birth record from municipal, county or state Bureau of Vital Statistics
- B. Consular Service Form FS-240 (report of birth) issued by U.S. Department of State
- C. Immigration and naturalization for (I-25), Form #43-R311-7 issued by the State Department
- D. A copy of an Official school record or transcript
- E. A photo I.D. officially issued by city, county, state or school
- F. A drivers license

VI. PENALTY FOR FRAUD IN PROOF OF AGE

Any team and/or coach found to be purposely violating this particular provision for the sake of gaining an unfair advantage of other opponents shall:

- A. Be automatically banned from participation for a period imposed by the National Basketball Tournament Committee upon recommendation to the National PAL Board of Directors.
- B. Forfeit all games played while that particular player or players was listed in the official score-book (regardless of whether that player played in the game or not).
- C. A monetary fine to the PAL Chapter if the particular chapter was an assessor to the fact.
- D. A letter of reprimand to the particular PAL chapter and/or coach to be kept on file at the National Office.

VII. ROSTER ELIGIBILITY

- A. A roster will consist of slots for twelve (12) players per team and three (3) coaches. Although any team can submit any number less than the 12 but no more.
- B. All rosters must be typed and submitted to the National PAL staff at the on-site registration desk by the date of Monday, June 23, 2008. **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**.
- C. In the past, the National PAL Basketball Tournament allowed teams to submit alternates on the roster which caused some misguidance and often confusion. Since we are not requiring your rosters until the day before the tournament begins, **all rosters are frozen after the date of Monday, June 23.**

VIII. PLAYING TIMES

10 & Under, 12 & Under	7 minute quarters
14 & Under, 16 & Under, 18 & Under	8 minute quarters

IX. BASKETBALL SIZES

The "undersized" basketball shall be used for the boys 10 & Under division and all girls divisions competition. Circumference shall be 28 1/2". The boys 12 & Under, 14 & Under, 16 & Under and 18 & Under divisions shall use the regulation men's ball.

X. BENCH DECORUM/ DRESS CODE

- A. **UNIFORMS:** All players uniforms must be coordinated colors with clearly displayed numbers.
- B. **DRESS CODE:** All non-uniformed persons on the bench shall wear appropriate clothing (no torn jean shorts or sloppy warm-ups) so as to positively represent your PAL, your sponsoring Police organization and your community. Khaki shorts, PAL gear, tidy sweat pants, clean &

non-offensive tee shirts, hats and sneakers are permitted. Use your best judgment when deciding how you want to be viewed when visiting from out of town.

C. BENCH PERSONNEL: On the team bench may be only the eligible players listed on the official roster (12 maximum) and four (4) non-players (coaches, scorekeeper, ball boy, etc.). Only eligible players may wear uniforms on the bench. All other persons (police officers, directors, chaperones, etc.) will remain in the stands. It will be the sole responsibility of the head coach to see that this rule is adhered to.

1. The head coach shall remain in the designated coaches box as outlined by the game officials during the game.
2. It is the responsibility of the head coach to insure that the players remain on the bench seated during the competition and off the playing floor.
3. All bench conduct falls under the responsibility of the head coach.
4. Benches will shake hands with the opposing team after the game as a show of good sportsmanship.

E. VIOLATIONS:

1. Violation of Section A of this Rule shall be penalized by a two (2) shot technical foul for each illegal jersey, to be assessed at the time the player with the illegal jersey enters the game.
2. Violation of Section B & C of these Rules shall result in the assessment of a 2 shot technical foul for each violation to start the game. Thereafter, the offending team shall have one minute to correct the violation. If the non-uniformed person cannot correct the dress code issue he/ she will then be removed from the sideline and will be required to watch the game from the stands. He/ she will not be allowed to coach in any capacity until the problem is rectified.
3. All technical fouls under this Rule are Administrative, and are not assessed to any coach or player.

XI. EJECTIONS

- A.** Any player and/ or coach ejected from a game for reasons of un-sportsmanlike conduct will be suspended for the following game scheduled for that team to play. The suspended player/ coach will not be permitted to sit on the bench or behind the team during the game. Fighting will not be tolerated.
- B.** Any player/coach can and will be expelled from the remainder of the tournament if the welfare of the tournament, player or opponent is placed in jeopardy or in a compromising situation. The Tournament Committee will make all decisions and those decisions will be final.