



South American Athletic Conference BASKETBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS



Appendix XI-C:

1. The maximum number of players on a team is ten. The minimum is seven. Teams cannot rotate players from game to game (the names on the first score sheet must be used during the remainder of the tournament).

2. FOUR TEAM FORMAT - The four teams in the boys and girls divisions will play a round robin (each team playing the other) to determine rank or place for the Championship Round.

3. Time of game: 4 quarters of 8 Minutes with clock stopping for dead ball (FIBA rules). *It will not stop in the last 2 minutes if one of the teams is ahead by 25 points or more.* The same rules will apply during overtime.

4. There will be a 10-minute halftime between the 2nd and 3rd quarters and 2 minutes between 1 and 2 quarters and 2 and 3 quarters. The referee will call teams to start after 7 minutes of the 10-minute warm-up period. *Overtime: 5 minutes overtime period and 2 minutes between end of regulation play and additional overtime periods. 5 minute overtime periods will be played until a winner is determined.*

5. Possession arrow will be used. Jump ball will be used only at the beginning of the game.

6. Each team will have one time-out per quarter (including over-time), except for the fourth in which each team will have two. Time-outs cannot carry over into another quarter or into overtime. *Overtime – 1 timeout per team per overtime.*

7. 30-second shot clock will be used. 10 seconds back court violation.

8. Boys will use the G7 basketball and the girls will use the G6 (28.5) basketball.

9. All games will follow official international rules (FIBA) with the following exceptions and modifications:

a. Should a team go up by 25 points it is the obligation of the winning coach to substitute players and pull off the press or any defense designed to create a bigger lead. Any failure to do so will result first with a warning to the coach, followed by a technical foul(s) (if necessary an ejection for the second technical).

b. If an athlete or coach is ejected from the game, he/she must leave the playing venue and will be suspended from that game and from the next game his/her team plays in the tournament. Ejections can be appealed (by the A.D. whose school was involved) to the conference Appeals Committee (AD and administrators from member schools participating

in the tournament) prior to the next game in which the ejected athlete or coach is to participate. One of the fundamental elements of SAAC is sportsmanship. Coaches and players are expected to demonstrate respect and tolerance of teammates, opponents, referees and property.

c. In the event of a two-way tie for determining seeds for the championship round, the tie will be broken by awarding the higher place to the team that was the winner in direct confrontation between the two tied teams. Should this method fail to break the tie, the team with the fewest points allowed in all games played will be declared the winner.

d. In the event of a three way tie for determining seeds for the championship round, the team with the fewest points allowed in all games played among the tied teams will be awarded the highest place. The team with the next fewest points allowed in all games played among tied teams will be awarded the next highest place. Only the points allowed among the tied teams will be considered. Direct confrontations between any two of the tied teams will not be a factor in breaking three-way ties.

8. Four Team Format - Championship Rounds: The format for the championship round shall be the following:

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND: 1 seed vs. 4 seed, 2 seed vs. 3 seed

Girls Basketball

1 seed vs. 4 seed (Game #13)

Boys Basketball

1 seed vs. 4 seed (Game #14)

Girls Basketball

2 seed vs. 3 seed (Game #15)

Boys Basketball

2 seed vs. 3 seed (Game #16)

Girls Basketball

Loser Game 13 vs. Loser Game 15 for 3rd & 4th PLACE (Game #17)

Boys Basketball

Loser of Game 14 vs. Loser of Game 16 for 3rd & 4th PLACE (Game #18)

Girls Basketball

Winner of Game 13 vs. Winner of Game 15 for 1st & 2nd PLACE (Game #19)

Boys Basketball

Winner of Game 14 vs. Winner of Game 16 for 1st & 2nd PLACE (Game #20)

9. Five Team Format – Championship Round:

- **The above rules and regulation stated above will be applied to the 5 Team Format.**
- **Round Robin – 20 games (10 boys and 10 girls games) – each team plays 4 games.**
- **Championship Round – 6 games (3 boys and 3 girls games).**
- **The first seeded team will automatically advance to the finals.**
- **The second and third seeded teams will play to see who advances to the finals versus the number one seed. The loser of the game will automatically place third.**
- **The fourth and fifth seeded teams will play to for fourth and fifth place in the overall standings.**

9-a: If an athlete or coach is ejected from the game, he/she shall be suspended from that game and from the next game his/her team plays in the tournament. Ejections can be appealed to the Tournament Committee prior to the next game in which the ejected athlete or coach is to participate. One of the fundamental elements of SAAC is sportsmanship. Coaches and players are expected to demonstrate respect and tolerance of teammates, other players, referees and property.

9-b: All sports (volleyball, soccer and basketball) will follow the International Rules for their respective sports with agreed modifications to be voted on by the member/ associate member schools. It is the expectation that all tournament rules/regulations should be sent out six weeks before the tournament by the host school.

9-c: If, on the night of the coaches/referees meeting there is any confusion or disagreement about the rules amongst the coaches or if a modification to the rules that benefits the students and/or the tournament (i.e., more opportunities for the reserve players to participate) is brought to the forefront but no consensus amongst the coaches is reached, the athletic directors will then meet the morning before games begin to come up with a collective decision.