

SMBA
MINI BASKETBALL GAME PLAY RULES
(Revised January 25, 2015)
FIBA rules are used with the following exceptions/amendments

1. BASKETS

The baskets shall be 9 feet above the floor.

2. BALL

Mini's shall play with a No. 5 ball that shall be provided by the home team.

3. PLAYING TIME (Revised September 2009)

Games shall consist of five shifts in each half. Each shift shall be 4-minutes long followed by a 30-second second substitution break. Teams change ends at half time. In League play, there is no overtime. ***The clock shall stop for foul shots.*** In playoffs, overtime consists of a 2-minute rest and 4 minutes of straight time. The first team to 5 points would be declared the winner. Teams will not be allowed to stall to waste unnecessary time: the referee could ask for a 30 second count to be made.

4. SUBSTITUTION (Revised October 5, 2014)

Substitutions are allowed only at the 4 minute mark of each shift or due to: injury or a player has received two fouls during one shift. All players shall play in at least 2 shifts per half and no player shall play in more than 8 shifts of the game unless the team has 7 or less players. If a team has more than 13 players, then every athlete must play at least 3 shifts per game, but not more than 8 shifts. Playing time rules will be strictly enforced during playoffs. It is the expectation that regardless of how many players are present, that coaches will provide roughly equal playing time for all players.

5. BEGINNING OF GAME

The game shall be started with a jump ball. Overtime shall also be started with a jump ball. Otherwise, there shall be alternating possession that can occur on jump ball situations. (There is no alternate possession at the end of shifts).

6. THROW-IN

On all throw-ins, the defensive player must be 1 meter from the line (hands and feet). The referee will not handle the ball in the backcourt.

7. FIVE SECOND RULE

Players shall not remain for more than five seconds in the opponents' restricted area while their team is in control of the ball. An infraction of this rule is a violation and the ball is awarded to the opponents for a throw-in.

8. BALL RETURNED TO BACK COURT

No back over called in Mini's.

9. FREE THROWS

Shooters can move in one meter to shoot; no shooter violation will be called unless there is a deliberate attempt to gain an advantage. After six fouls per half against one team, bonus shall be shot on any further fouls by the opposing team.

10. TIME-OUTS

Each team is allowed one time out in the first half and two time outs in the second half.

11. PRESSES

A press is defined as full-court man-to-man defense with no double-teaming in the back-court. First half of season: once a team obtains possession of the ball on an out of bounds or throw-in, in their backcourt, the defensive team must retreat over half. Second half of season: in the last shift (last 4 minutes), a press is allowed: a) for the losing team at any score; b) for the winning team if they lead by 20 points or less. On a live ball (rebound or interception), the defensive team does not have to retreat over half. The ball cannot be taken into the backcourt to stop defensive play.

12. NO ZONES (Revised January 25, 2015)

Man-to-man defense must be played. The maximum number of players that can play on the ball ***inside the three-point line is two. There is no double teaming outside the three-point line.*** Only one player may guard a player without the ball. Help side defense is allowed, if only one player gives help. Officials will be asked to use the following guidelines to determine whether man-to-man rather than zone defense is being played:

a) When players cut on offense, there should be some motion to identify man-to-man defense.

b) Players must play relatively close to their man that has the ball.

c) Players must play on the side of the floor nearest their check- (use an imaginary line from the center of the basket). The defensive player can only straddle this line before going to help a teammate that has been beaten or to join a teammate in a double team.

13. Screens

There shall be no back (blind) screens set in mini basketball.

Note:

Shirts may be worn underneath the uniform top.