

# 2025 Rocky Mountain 3v3 Rules and Guidelines

We are pleased to share with you our updated Rocky Mountain 3v3 Rules and Guidelines document, which outlines the guidelines and expectations for Rocky Mountain 3v3. This document serves as an important resource to ensure consistency, transparency, and smooth operations as we move forward.

We kindly ask that you adhere to these guidelines to help maintain a positive and organized environment for everyone involved. Should you have any questions or need clarification on any part of the document, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to following these guidelines.

## **Purpose of our Program**

Our mission is to provide a high-quality and memorable basketball experience while modeling strong character for our community. Our goal is to ensure that all middle schoolers involved have an enjoyable and fair experience.

### **Code of Conduct**

As a program, we have a zero tolerance policy on player and spectator conduct. We understand that competition can bring heightened emotions around the basketball court, but Rocky Mountain 3v3 would like to remind all players, and spectators that you have the power to decide whether to escalate or DEESCALATE a given situation.

Our program's goal is to ensure that games are kid-focused, helping the kids compete and, most importantly, have FUN!

Please click <u>HERE</u> for our official Player & Parent Agreement, which each registered participant and parent agreed to. Below is a highlighted list of participant/parent etiquette to help us maintain a fun, competitive environment:

- Be respectful to players, referees, and opposing teams.
- Cheer positively for all players and model classy behavior.
- Refrain from being sideline coaches at games. Your child needs you to simply love and enjoy watching them play.
- Do not address (speak to or yell at) the referees during a game. Doing so can result in a technical foul (1 point to the other team and the ball).

#### **Game Rules**

Please click **HERE** for our official Game Rules for 2025.

## **Regular Season Team Formation and Game Matchups**

When registering, players (and parents) will select a division that best matches their skill level. They also have the opportunity to list other participants they'd like to team up with.

Once registration is complete, the Rocky Mountain 3v3 leadership team will review all the information and form the divisions. Please note that after each week of games, the leadership team has the authority to adjust a team's division as needed to ensure the best match for their skill set.

Once teams and divisions are set, teams are assigned random numbers and matchups.

## **Team Captains**

Team captains are chosen by the team and should be communicated to the Rocky Mountain 3v3 leadership. The role of the team captain is essential for:

- Communication to the team regarding schedules, updates, and any changes
- Communication to Rocky Mountain 3v3 leadership regarding player absences or any questions that may arise
- Communication to the referees about absences or roster changes

## **Managing Games with Limited Player Availability**

While we understand that player availability is outside of our control, here are some helpful rules if you are concerned about having enough players. We <u>always strive to play the game</u> in a way that provides a great learning experience for the kids, allowing them to gain valuable skills. However, there are times when we need to focus less on the outcome and more on giving everyone the opportunity to grow and learn.

- If your team has only one or two players available, the official status of the game will be
  a forfeit. However, we still encourage teams to borrow players from another team within
  the same division to ensure that the players get valuable game time and the game can
  continue as planned.
  - The forfeit must be communicated to the opposing team and the referee <u>before</u> the start of the game.

#### **Inclement Weather**

If inclement weather does occur, please know that our leadership team will continually monitor the weather and road conditions and stay in close communication to make the best decisions possible regarding any cancellations. Our team has the safety and best interest of the players, and families in mind when making weather decisions.

If a decision is made to cancel a game due to weather, our team will communicate via email, text, and social media by 2:00pm GAMEDAY AFTERNOON!

Please reach out to <a href="mailto:basketball@rocky.church">basketball@rocky.church</a> if you have any questions or concerns.

#### **Tournament Evaluation**

As we near the end of the regular season, our leadership team carefully reviews each division before setting up the tournament brackets. We consider standings, scores, and several other factors to ensure the brackets are fair and competitive for each division. Please keep in mind that there will be no changes to divisions during the season.