



SPYA Basketball Rules & Regulations 2025–2026 Season

5th/6th Grade Division

- **Ball Size:** Intermediate (28.5)
- **Basket Height:** 10 feet
- **Free Throw Line:** 15 feet (regulation)
- **Game Length:** Two 20-minute halves. Stop-clock last 2 minutes each half. Running clock if >20-point spread.
- **Overtime:** 2 minutes per period. Multiple overtimes if needed.
- **Playing Time:** Coaches encouraged to provide fair playing time.
- **Time in the Key:** 3 seconds
- **Backcourt Press:** Allowed all game unless leading by 15+ points.
- **Jump Balls:** Only to start the game; alternating possession thereafter.
- **Over & Back:** Called.
- **Half-Court Count:** 10 seconds to cross half court.
- **Substitutions:** During dead balls only.
- **Timeouts:** Two per half per team; one in overtime (not cumulative).
- **Team Fouls:** 1–6 = non-shooting; 7–9 = one-and-one; 10+ = double bonus (2 shots).
- **Personal Fouls:** Player fouls out after 5.
- **Technical Fouls:** Two automatic points to opponent. Counts as team + personal foul. Two technicals = disqualification + 2-game suspension.
- **Fighting:** May result in suspension or removal from league.
- **Scorekeeping:** Home team provides scorekeeper; visiting team runs clock. Score not kept if 20+ point lead.

Rules for All Divisions

- **Uniforms:** Each player must have a number on the front and back. Non-SPYA uniforms must be reversible (light/dark).
- **Injuries:** Clock stops for injuries; only injured player may be substituted.
- **Rules Not Covered:** NFHS (High School) rules apply to all cases not covered.
- **Protests:** Must be declared to referee and noted on scoresheet before end of game. Written protest within 48 hours + \$20 fee (refunded if upheld). Judgment calls cannot be protested.
- **Grace Period:** Applies to first game of the day only. Teams must be ready within 10 minutes of scheduled start time.
- **School Closures:** If Franklin Pierce Schools are closed due to weather or holidays, all games are canceled and rescheduled.
- **Fan Behavior:** Coaches are responsible for the conduct of fans and supporters. Technical fouls or cancellations may occur for inappropriate behavior.
- **Coach/Player Behavior:** Any ejected coach or player is suspended for the next two games and reported to the SPYA Board for review.
- **Snacks & Drinks:** Only water is permitted in the gym. Snacks must be consumed outside and all teams must clean up after themselves.