



St James Cougar Christmas Classic 2017 Holiday Hoops Tournament Rules

The following rules will be in effect, for the duration of the Tournament. These will apply for both the girls and boys varsity tournament.

TEAM

1. Each team is guaranteed a minimum of two games.
2. Game time is "forfeit time". No exceptions will be made for late arriving players or coaches. If the game prior to yours is running late, the game will start 8 minutes from the end of the previous game. No games will start before their scheduled time unless agreed to by both coaches and the game's officials.
3. A team must have a minimum of 5 players and 1 coach to begin a game. Only players and coaches rostered on the submitted registration form are eligible to participate or sit on the bench. No "little siblings" near the bench please.
4. No roster additions will be permitted after the team has begun play of its first tournament game. An individual player may be rostered on only one team.
5. Line-ups should be shared with the scorekeeper at least 5 minutes prior to a game starting. Each team is expected to provide a non-rostered designee to assist in keeping the scorebook.
6. All players on a team must have matching jerseys of similar color, with unique numbers on each. Exceptions must be noted prior to the tournament starting.
7. Teams may roster no more than 2 players not enrolled at team's home school. These players must be clearly noted on roster submitted as part of team registration.
8. All rostered players must be in the grades designated on the registration form. No players are permitted to "play down", but call-ups are permitted if listed on your roster. Teams may be required to provide proof of age and/or grade upon request from the Tournament Director.
9. Coaches and assistant coaches must have the appropriate child-abuse clearances, as required by the School and Diocese to work with youth.
10. Every team is responsible for any damages to the facilities and equipment that are caused by them. Any damages to the facilities and/or equipment, or misconduct deemed inappropriate by the Tournament Director will result in ejection from the event. There will be absolutely no refunds or awards given to any team ejected.
11. Flagrant fouls (fighting, etc.) direct technical fouls during a game on any player, coach, or team representative will result in ejection from the game. Two (2) occurrences during the tournament will result in disqualification for the rest of the



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tournament. Tournament Director will make the final decision on any disqualifications.

12. Coaches and teams are expected to check in at least 20 minutes before their first scheduled game. Coaches are advised to check the master schedule and compare to the schedule you have before your first game.

GAMES

1. **Game play will follow the Pittsburgh Diocesan Youth Basketball rules for all games**, with minor exceptions noted here.
2. The clock will not stop in the fourth quarter of any game if a margin of twenty points or greater exists.
3. Teams will be given three (3) sixty-second time outs and two (2) thirty-second time-outs, per game. Unused time-outs cannot be carried over at any time. There will be one (1) sixty-second time-out per Overtime.
4. Teams will be given a maximum of eight (8) minutes for half time, which may be reduced at the discretion of the game officials and/or Tournament Director.
5. All girls' teams will use a 28.5 size basketball, boys teams 29, with the appropriate game ball being provided by the Tournament for all games.
6. Substitution of players is unlimited. All subs must check-in at the scorer's table, and enter when the ball is not in play, when acknowledged by the official. Coaches are "strongly encouraged" to play all players in attendance.
7. In pool play, the first team listed will be deemed the home team. In the playoffs (semi-finals and/or finals), the highest seeded team will be the home team. All pool games count towards playoff seeding.
8. Any team leading by twenty (20) points will not be allowed to press or pressure. This includes half-court traps as well as back-court defenses and presses. Teams will be warned once and if they are continuing to press they will be given a technical foul. If the lead falls back under 20 points, a press may again be used while the margin remains under 20 points.
9. **Overtime:** Overtime periods will be three-minutes (3:00), with a "jump-ball" deciding possession in the first overtime. If subsequent overtime periods are needed, possession will be awarded based on the possession arrow.
10. **The HOME team's scorebook** will be the scorebook of record. Both teams' score-keepers should reconcile frequently to avoid discrepancies.

PROTESTS

No protests will be allowed on any competition rules or judgment calls made by the officials during the game. All decisions made by the game officials are final.



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POOL AND BRACKET PLAY

1. The score of any forfeited game will be 15-0, with 0 fouls recorded.
2. The top-ranked teams of each 'pool' will advance to the Championship. Final pools will be determined before the first tournament game is played. Please check with the Tournament Director for any questions.
3. The following criteria will be used to determine team ranking within a pool, or for play-off games:
 - a. Number of wins
 - b. Head-to-Head
 - c. Lowest-Total of "points given up to opponents"
 - d. Highest-Total of "point margin scored against opponents"
 - i. (max 15 points per game – so please don't run up the score!)
 - e. Least number of "technical fouls" committed
 - f. Least number of "personal fouls" committed
 - g. Foul-shot shootout between two of the rostered opposing coaches in a "best of 10 format."

GENERAL

1. Submission of a roster and payment of the registration fee will constitute acceptance of these rules.
2. By accepting admission into this event, each and every participant accepts responsibility for all injuries and indemnifies the host, event workers, host facilities and all others volunteers who have put this event on for your pleasure.
3. The Tournament Director reserves the right of "*final decision*" pertaining to any and all aspects of the Tournament. The Director also reserves the right to change or modify any of the rules listed here, with notification to the affected coaches. This would only be done in the best interest of the Tournament and the players.
4. **POOR SPORTSMANSHIP WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!** All **COACHES, PLAYERS** and **FANS** are expected to demonstrate respect to all officials, players, coaches, fans, and tournament volunteers. The use of vulgarity or abusive language is expressly forbidden. The use of alcohol or drugs, or behaving in an abusive manner, will not be tolerated. Any individual guilty of violating this policy during any part of the event, on any part of the school's grounds, will not be welcomed to future events. Violators may also be asked to leave the facilities, without refund of admission or tournament fee. Coaches or assistant-coaches exhibiting this behavior may further result in the immediate disqualification of their team from the Tournament.
5. **Facilities specific.**



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- a. "Locker rooms" will be made available to the participating teams. These will be shared by the teams getting ready to play, and the teams already playing – so please be considerate of others' belongings.
 - b. Adult chaperones of the appropriate sex will be required when the locker rooms are in use.
 - c. Restrooms are available past the concession stand area.
 - d. Appropriate "court shoes" must be worn while in the gym. If weather is "wet" (rain, snow), please ensure your shoes are clean and dry before entering the gym.
 - e. Children at the facility should refrain from roaming through the school or church buildings.
6. Participation in any additional amenities, such as 50/50, raffles, concession stand purchases, etc., is entirely voluntary to all guests of the Tournament.
 7. Please enjoy your visit and have FUN!