

Greater Washington/Baltimore Greek Orthodox Youth Basketball Association Tournament Rules and Regulations

The following Rules and Regulations have been adopted by the clergy of the following Greek Orthodox parishes of the greater Washington, Baltimore area: St. Sophia Cathedral, Washington, D.C., Annunciation Cathedral, Baltimore, MD, Sts. Constantine and Helen Church, Washington, D.C., St. Nicholas Church, Baltimore, MD., Sts. Constantine and Helen Church, Annapolis, MD, St. Katherine Church, Falls Church, VA, St. George Church, Bethesda, MD, St. Demetrios Church, Baltimore, MD, Sts. Mary Magdalene & Markella Church, Darlington, MD.

Rules and Regulations:

a) Age playing eligibility: Eighteen years (18) or younger AND still in high school. Beginning age is thirteen years (13). Players who have completed high school are ineligible. Players who are still in high school and are nineteen (19) years of age are ineligible. Players who become nineteen (19) years of age on the second or third day of a tournament will be eligible to participate to the end of said tournament.

Amendment: If a basketball player is in the 7th grade he or she can play. Any basketball player over the age of 16 cannot play on the B team.

b) Any player or coach who is ejected from a game due to any unsportsmanlike conduct will be ineligible to participate in the remainder of that tournament and will not be eligible to participate in the next tournament in which his or her team will compete. No Exceptions!

c) Inappropriate language will not be tolerated. Use of any language other than English during a game will result in a technical foul for the player and or coach speaking.

d) All uniformed players must participate in all games.

Amendment: If there are more than 10 players on the bench, every uniformed player will receive playing time throughout the tournament.

e) The parish priest must sign rosters. Any questions regarding age eligibility will be resolved by proof of age, i.e. driver's license, state identification card, birth or baptismal certificate.

f) Players may only play for the church team where they and their parents are primary members in good standing. Playing for other church teams will not be permitted. A player may be a member of only one team per season.

g) Players must be enrolled in and attending Sunday school. Players must be active participants in their church's youth religious programs as determined by the parish priest, i.e. GOYA and Sunday School programs, Altar Servers, Choir Members. Players must also participate in their parish activities.

h) Any fighting, threats, or assaults, verbal or physical will not be tolerated. If such behavior occurs, the attending priests and association representative will decide which course of action should be taken. The guilty parties will be expelled from the tournament and ordered removed from the premises. The Association Council comprised of designated clergy and association commissioner will consider further action.

i) No spectators are permitted on the team bench, except for Clergy.

j) Head coaches must be at least 21 years of age and approved by the parish priest. The head coach or designate must be on the bench for the duration of all games.

k) Tournament officials of tournament rules and regulations and code of conduct will brief referees.

l) Teams will line up at game's completion and shake hands in a gesture of good sportsmanship.

m) Possession and or consumption of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs at tournament functions will not be tolerated. Violation of this code will result in suspension from all tournament activities and ineligibility from participating in the next tournament in which the player's or coaches team will participate.

n) Spectators are subject to the rules and regulations of the host's tournament.

o) The host priests will notify the priest of the children in violation of these rules and regulations and they will in turn contact the parents and inform them of their child's actions. Coaches' actions, which result in violations, will be reported to their parish priest and athletic director, where applicable. All players, their Parent(s) or legal guardians and Coaches must read and sign this document prior to their participation in tournaments.

Signature represents the signatories understanding and adherence of the rules and regulations set forth in this document.

Player Signature

Parent of Player Signature

Date

Coach Signature

Date