

BASKETBALL FORMAT

Termite Basketball

Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) Basketball will be played in accordance with the 2021 NFHS Rulebook and by the amendments defined in these bylaws. Items 1-18 below.

Referees: The referee's presence is to control the game, enforce rules, and assist in explaining the rules to game situations. There will be one (1) official and one (1) timekeeper used during all games, depending on the availability of the referee association.

Bylaws / Amendments to NFHS RB:

- 1) Termite Division basketball will be defined by players aged 7-8 years old.
- 2) A team may start or end a game with four (4) players.
- 3) The size of the basketball will be 27.5" in circumference.
- 4) Court size will be that of a volleyball court and the width of a regulation size basketball court.
- 5) The height of the goal will be nine (9) feet from floor to rim.
- 6) Games will be limited to twenty-four (24) minutes
 - Four (4) six-minute (6) quarters.
 - One (1) minute break between each quarter.
 - Five-minute (5) half-time.
- 7) **Minimum Playing Time:**
 - 12 minutes (Half the Game)
 - Minimum playing time may only be waived if:
 - A player is continuously late without a good reason.
 - Younger than the required age for the division (i.e., moved up a division).
- 8) **Season Play:**
 - Games will be played with a "running clock." The clock will stop for:
 - Timeouts and free throws.
 - Five 30 second timeouts are permitted.
 - The home team will inbound the ball from half-court on the opposite side of the timekeeper's table.
 - Defensive players may not interfere with offensive players in the backcourt. There will be no Full Court Presses.
 - "Double Dribble" will not be called.
 - The "Traveling Rule" will be modified in this division:
 - Players will dribble the ball with one hand.
 - The official will grant latitude proportional to the player's ability at their discretion.
 - The player must dribble before shooting.
 - Players will take free throws twelve (12) inches from the baseline of the volleyball court.
 - Free throws will be allowed at the discretion of the officials.
 - Three-second lane violation:
 - Players will not be penalized unless it is obvious to the official that they are intentionally seeking an advantage by stationing themselves within the key.
 - Coaches are encouraged to have the players maintain movement throughout the course of play.

- There will be a “No Defense Area” from the half-court line to the line at the top of the key. In the 1st and 3rd quarters, only Zone defense will be allowed. In the 2nd and 4th quarters, teams may play either a Zone Defense or a Man-to-Man Defense picked up at the same “No Defense Area.” The offensive player with the ball has ten seconds (10) to cross the “no defense area.”
- A game in progress may be concluded at any time, providing both coaches agree.

9) One (1) Coach per team will be allowed to walk their half of the sideline.

- Assistant coaches must remain at the team bench.
- A team may have one Head coach and three (3) Assistant Coaches present at all games.
- At no point in time will any coach interfere with the other team’s bench, coaches, or game.

10) **Score:**

- No score will be kept.

11) In the interest of safety, the officials will have liberal discretion in determining possession of the ball. One (1) hand on the ball is considered possession.

12) Players may not have accessories on the body, hard objects (beaded hair, hard jewelry, etc.). Hard cast are not allowed regardless if bubble-wrapped or covered.

13) Prescription glasses or goggles must have a strap that wraps around the head.

14) Medical-alert and Religious medals are not considered jewelry:

- Religious medals must be taped and worn under the uniform.
- The Medical-alert medal must be taped and may be visible.

15) **Undershirts, arm sleeves, knee sleeves, lower leg sleeves, and tights:**

- The items above may be worn.
- If worn, they must be a solid color.
- All players don't need to wear any of the items above and are not required to match other players.
- Anything with a hood and/or drawstrings will not be permitted.

***Example for 16:** If Jimmie wears an undershirt and arm sleeve and Jon also wears an undershirt, arm sleeve, they both do not need to have matching solid colors.*

16) Knee braces may be worn but do not have to follow the color restrictions. A brace is defined as anything that contains hinges and/or straps or an opening over the knee cap.

17) The Head Coach and two assistant coaches registered with the SFYS Program Office, and registered players are the only authorized personnel in the bench area. The only exception is when a parent must fill in for an ejected or missing coach.

- If a team has more than the authorized number of Assistant Coaches, the Head Coach must determine which Coaches may stay on the bench and will remain in the stands. The Coaches in the stands may not give direction/coach from that area.

18) MCCS supplies numbered jerseys, pants, and hats.

- The MCCS uniforms are the only uniform authorized during games.
- MCCS Youth Sports representatives must approve any customization of uniforms.
- Teams may not modify them in color or texture.
- Team equipment will be provided by MCCS and is the responsibility of the Head Coach.