



METROPOLIS OF
NEW JERSEY

Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia

TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All players must be Orthodox Christians in good standing with their parish.
2. All players must be eighteen years of age or younger AND still in high school. Players who have completed high school are ineligible. Players who are still in high school and are nineteen years of age on the second or third day of the tournament will be eligible to participate to the end of the tournament. Players must be in at least 7th grade to participate.
3. Rosters must be signed by the proistamenos of each team, attesting to each player's eligibility and good standing in the parish which they will represent.
4. Any questions or concerns regarding the eligibility of a player will be resolved by the following proofs: driver's license; state identification card; passport; birth or baptismal certificate.
5. The complete and signed roster must be submitted at time of registration.
6. Players may play for only one church team – the team representing the church from which they and their parent(s)/guardian(s) is(are) a member(s) in good standing as verified by the proistamenos underwriting the church team's roster.
7. All uniformed players must participate in all games.
8. Head coaches must be at least 21 years of age and approved by their proistamenos. The head coach or designee must be on the bench with his or her players for the duration of all the games.
9. Only officials and players are permitted on the court during play.
10. No spectators will be permitted on the team bench, except for the parish's respective priest.

11. Any player or coach who is ejected from a game due to any unsportsman like conduct will be ineligible to participate in the remainder of the tournament.
12. Inappropriate language and gestures will not be tolerated. Such use during the game will result in a technical foul, and that player or individual will be ejected from the game.
13. Referees will be briefed by tournament officials regarding the tournament rules and regulations.
14. At the beginning of each game, players will gather at center court to be led in prayer by one of the attending priests. If there is no priest present, all players will recite together the Lord's Prayer in a clear and respectful manner.
15. At the end of each game, all players will line up and shake hands in a gesture of good will and as a sign of good sportsmanship among fellow Orthodox Christians.
16. Every team must start with at least five eligible players.
17. Any team unable to field four eligible players will forfeit.
18. Any team playing with any ineligible players will forfeit.
19. Trophies will be awarded at to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams.
20. Any fighting, threats, assaults-be they verbal or physical-will not be tolerated. If any such said behavior occurs, the attending priest(s) and tournament/association representative(s) will decide which course of action to take. The guilty party(ies) will be expelled from the game, ordered removed from the premises, and preclude from attendance and participation in all tournament activities.
21. Possession, distribution and/or consumption of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs- as well as any illicit activities-will not be tolerated. Violation of this code will result in immediate expulsion from the tournament.
22. Proper, respectful attire and conduct is required for Saturday Evening Activities and Sunday Liturgy.