

MINI Games 08

Basketball – Competition Rules

Ethos

Fun Competition. The emphasis of the MINI games is competing for your borough in a fun / relaxed atmosphere. Where winning is the aim but not the 'be all and end all' but playing the game fairly to the best of your ability is priority.

The Mini's provide a great opportunity for Sport Leaders and Young Officials to gain valuable experience of running and officiating competitions in a controlled supportive atmosphere.

The Mini Games is a school-based competition; club teams are not eligible to participate.

Age Group

The young people taking part in this competition should be in School Years 5 & 6

Squad

The number of young people in a squad to take part in the competition should be no more than 10

There should be a minimum of 4 girls in the squad – there must always be 2 girls on the court.

The team on court consists of 5 players.

Rules

It should be recognised that due to the multi-sport nature of the event the best/perfect facilities may not always be available. The host will do the best they can to accommodate sports with the facilities available, however, please understand there may need to be compromise to get the best overall atmosphere on one venue. This may mean that some sports may have slight changes or adaptations. E.g. Basketball outdoors rather than indoor.

This competition will run to the rules of mini basketball laid out by the FIBA available from http://www.greatersport.co.uk/private/files/fiba_mini_basketball.pdf (pages 9-25)

Below are a few key points for full explanations of personal, technical fouls etc, refer to the FIBA document linked above.

Ball

Children of 9 - 11 years of age should use a size 5 ball, with a circumference of 66 - 73 cm and weigh between 450 and 500 grammes.

Shirts

Playing shirts should be numbered

Fixtures and Playing Time

The fixtures and length of game are organised by the hosting borough. This information will be available when you arrive at the competition. The hosts will do the best they can to make day enjoyable to all participants with the facilities and time they have available.

Time Outs

There are no charged time-outs in Mini-Basketball.

Defence

Zone defence is forbidden in Mini-Basketball.

Substitutions

Each player must play in two periods, except a player who is injured, disqualified or has committed five fouls.

Each player shall therefore sit on the bench as a substitute for the remaining two periods, except when it is necessary to replace a player who is injured, disqualified or has committed five fouls. Even under those special circumstances, a player must remain a substitute for one full period.

Player in the Act of Shooting

A player is in the act of shooting when he starts an attempt to score. The act of shooting ends when the ball has left the shooter's hand(s), and in case of an airborne shooter, both feet have returned to the floor.

Three Second Rule

A player shall not remain in the opponents' restricted area for more than three seconds whilst his team is in control of the ball in his frontcourt and the game clock is running.

Participant Entry

A participant entry form should be completed and handed to your borough contact before the event. This form can be obtained from your borough contact or downloaded from www.greatersport.co.uk/whats-on/gm-mini-games

The photographic consent form should be completed by or on behalf of the young people taking part and handed to your borough contact before the event. This form can be obtained from your borough contact or downloaded from www.greatersport.co.uk

Fair Play

A perpetual fair play trophy will be awarded to the team (including the teacher/coach) that has participated in the competition with the spirit of fair play.

Review

These competition guidelines will be reviewed on annual basis in March and changes will be implemented in the following year e.g. review March 08 – changes implemented for 09 MINI competitions.