

BASKETBALL

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DATES: Friday, July 18*, Saturday, July 19, & Sunday, July 20 (*Scholastic Only)

SITES & SCHEDULES: See Bracket Info online. **Scholastic teams: be prepared to play 11:00 a.m. on Friday.**

DEADLINES & FEES: by June 13* • Early Entry Deadline

- \$275/team

June 14 - July 1* • **No entries accepted after July 1 - no exceptions.**

- \$300/team

* Divisions may close sooner based on number of teams registered. Teams must have submitted rosters and be paid in full to be considered registered.

July 12 • Roster Change Deadline

- Free through July 12 - after this date, all changes must be made and paid for onsite.

- \$30 Onsite All-Inclusive Roster Changes.

- No roster changes after the team's first game has started.

PROCESSING FEES:

- \$2.95 + 2.5% added at checkout
- or \$12/team for paper registration

TEAM SIZE:

- Minimum 5 players - maximum 11 players
- Plus 1 scholastic coach. No exceptions.

COMMISSIONERS: info@bigskygames.org

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COACH INFO: Coaches may be subject to a background check. Coaches are responsible for the behavior of their team's fans. Referees and BSSG staff reserve the right to disqualify any team, player or fan at any time. Please show respect.

Grade Verification: Must be prepared to show proof of grade level (example: Letter, email from school administration or report cards). Grade as of September of the current year.

Roster Change Info: Team Captain must collect all waivers and submit (at time of check-in) to ticket takers; individual waivers from players will not be accepted.

ADULT			
DIVISIONS	SKILL CODES	GENDER	AGE GROUPS
Open A*	N/A	Male	N/A
Open B		Female	
Men's Masters (Age 35+)			
* Open A: Any competitive team OR any team with 3 or more players that are currently playing or have played college basketball in the last 5 years; all teams with professional athletes (played professionally in the last 5 years) must play in the elite division regardless of the number of players per team. BSSG reserves the right to move teams to different divisions.			
SCHOLASTIC			
DIVISIONS	SKILL CODES	GENDER	AGE GROUPS
Grades 5 & 6*	N/A	Male	Grade as of September of current year.
Grades 7 & 8*		Female	
Grades 9 & 10*			
Grades 11 & 12*			
* Limited spots available - open until division fills* or July 1			

ELIGIBILITY: Residents of MONTANA, IDAHO, NORTH DAKOTA, SOUTH DAKOTA, and WYOMING are allowed to participate.

SPECIAL INFO: Teams MUST bring own practice and game balls.

Adult Division: Guaranteed 3 Games, NCAA rules allow only two (2) NCAA Division I Members per team from one college (a bye or a forfeit is considered a game).

Scholastic Division: Guaranteed 3 Games. A bye or a forfeit is considered one of your games.

BRACKET INFO: Starting times vary per site. Brackets and information are emailed to contact person registered on Team Entry Form, prior to event and posted at bigskygames.org under Sports/Basketball.

DAILY ADMISSION: \$7 (ages 7+) for all spectators. Team members plus one rostered scholastic coach receive free admission.

SPORTSMANSHIP AND CONDUCT: Good sportsmanship is required when addressing volunteer officials and scorekeepers. Unsportsmanlike conduct is not acceptable and will be penalized as deemed appropriate by the officials.



TEAM T-SHIRT INFO: Team Contact must pick up Team* t-shirts at Billings Hotel & Convention Center during T-Shirt Pickup Hours. Team shirts are based on roster at end of day July 1. Players will not be able to pick up individual shirts. *Any roster changes made onsite will not be reflected.

MODIFIED BASKETBALL RULES FOR BIG SKY STATE GAMES ADULT & SCHOLASTIC

GENERAL

- **EACH TEAM MUST PROVIDE A VOLUNTEER TO KEEP SCORE OR TIME CLOCK DURING EACH GAME.**
Your assistance is greatly appreciated!
- Teams must be gender specific.
- Players may not play on more than one team in the same division. Games will not be rearranged for players with scheduling conflicts due to play in two different divisions.
- Each team member must wear a numbered jersey or t-shirt. Arrive at the site dressed to play. No locker rooms or towels provided.
- Tournament rosters must be identical to entry form roster; must be on roster to play. **No roster changes after the team's first game has started.** All roster changes are subject to approval.
- A t-shirt claim letter will be emailed to the team contact. The team contact will need to bring letter to Billings Hotel and Convention Center on Friday, Saturday or Sunday to pick up shirts.
- **No Refunds.**

BASKETBALLS

- Teams **MUST** bring own practice and game balls.
- Scholastic Boys (7-12 grade) and Adult Men regulation 29 1/2" to 30"; Scholastic Girls (5-12 grade), Scholastic Boys (5-6 grade) and Adult Women 28 1/2" to 29".

GAME INFO

- Guaranteed (3) games.
- New bracketing - the tournament will be a modified double elimination bracket in line with MHSAA State Tournament Bracket.
- **NEW! Team fouls reset to (0) at (10) minutes and double bonus begins at 5 team fouls, there is no single bonus.**
- Two (2) 20-minute halves with running clock except for the final 2 minutes of each half. Clock runs during shooting of free throws except for the final 2 minutes of each half. With a 20-point lead or more, the clock does not stop in the final 2 minutes of each half.
- 5-minute warm-up, 5-minute halftime [*can be reduced to 3-minutes at commissioner discretion*]. Bring your own warm up and game ball.
- Two (2) time outs per game; additional one (1) time out for overtime. Clock stops during time outs for 1 minute.
- Any overtime required will be two (2) minutes and the clock will be stopped.
- Any team arriving more than 5 minutes after the scheduled start time will forfeit the game unless opposing team agrees to play the game.
- Teams must check in fifteen (15) minutes before game by reporting to scoring table with a typed or printed team roster (with jersey numbers) prior to each game played.

ADULT DIVISION SPECIFIC INFO

- All other NCAA rules apply.

SCHOLASTIC DIVISION SPECIFIC INFO

- Divisions are based on the grade players will be entering as of September of current year (players may play up but not down). **Teams are subject to game forfeiture and/or disqualification for players in wrong division.**
- **5/6 grade divisions only** - In addition to the rules above:
 - No zone defense allowed.
 - Press last 2 minutes of the game unless up by 10 points.
 - 3 pointers count if 3-point line is available.
- All other MHSAA rules apply to Scholastic Division.

OFFICIATING: Officials are MOA members and are the final authority of the game. Please thank them after the game no matter the outcome.

PROTEST PROCEDURE

- (1) **Protests will only be accepted from coaches. Team protesting must be playing the team they are protesting against.**
- (2) **The protests must be registered with the gym supervisor/court monitor.**
- (3) **Protests must be submitted 30 minutes prior and no more than 10 minutes after the game has ended.**
- (4) **With division protests, the protesting team will also be required to show proof of their grade level.**

CONDUCT

- A technical foul for unsportsmanlike or disorderly behavior will result in two points for the opposing team and loss of possession.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct is not acceptable. Officials can eject players due to technical fouls and unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Athletes and coaches are responsible for knowing, understanding and following the rules, policies, and code of conduct of their sport. Games organizers reserve the right to disqualify any participant from competition in the Big Sky State Games, for any reason, including, but not limited to: false representation, improper use of alcohol and/or drugs, destruction of property, unsportsmanlike or disorderly behavior or rules infraction.
- Please extend a special thanks to the MOA Officials, timers, and scorekeepers for volunteering their time.