
Basketball

Equipment

A fully stocked first aid kit must be readily accessible.

A working communication device (e.g., cell phone) must be accessible.

Determine that all equipment is safe for use.

In situations where student athlete's follow-through could result in contact with a wall and/or stage, protective gym mats or padding must be placed beyond the "key" area.

Protective end wall mats must extend a minimum of 1.8m (6') up the wall from the top of the baseboard (minimum width of 4.8m (16')).

Portable basketball systems must be internally weighted to prevent tipping or movement.

Set-up movement of portable basketball systems must be done by a trained adult.

The height of an adjustable basket must not present a safety concern.

Clothing/Footwear

Appropriate clothing and footwear must be worn.

No jewelry.

Facilities

Determine that all facilities are safe for use.

Playing surface and surrounding area must be free of all obstacles (e.g., tables chairs), and must provide good traction.

Protective padding must be used on rectangular backboard lower edges and corners.

Winch for moving backboards up and down must not be located directly under the supporting wall-mounted structure.

When raising or lowering baskets, the trained adult operating the hand or motorized winch must be able to see that the area under the basket is clear.

Floor sockets must have cover plates.

If in the opinion of the referee, after consultation with both coaches, is that the facility is deemed to be unsafe for play, the game must not be played or must be rescheduled.

Special Rules/Instructions

Parents/guardians must be made aware of any off-campus activity and the means of transportation used.

Be aware of athletes whose medical condition (e.g., asthma, anaphylaxis, casts, orthopaedic device) may affect participation (see Generic Section).

Skills must be taught in proper progression.

Games must be based on skills that are taught.

If facility does not allow for safe cross court play (e.g., doors and radiators under baskets, wall close to the baseline, or side baskets attached to walls), modify rules appropriately (e.g., no lay-ups).

Activity/rules must be modified to the skills of the participants.

No hanging from rims on portable basketball systems.

The base for portable basketball systems must not be on the court.

A student athlete's fitness level must be commensurate with the level of competition.

Supervision

On-site supervision.

Trained adults only can use motorized and hand winches to raise and lower the baskets.

Also see Generic Issues and Introduction to Activity Page Components Sections to view complete safety requirements.