

Comet Athletic Club | 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament | 2026

Official Rules

- All fouls and violations will be called by the official on the court. There is at least one official assigned per court. Tournament officials may assist.
- Once play resumes after a disagreement or appeal, the decision is considered final. No further appeals will be allowed on that incident.
- A coin flip by official before the start of the game will determine who gets the ball out of bounds first. The ball will go the opposite team at the beginning of the second half.
- An official may eject any player, team, coach, or fan for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Time Limit and Scoring

- A field goal = 1 point
 - No designated 3-point line due to court limitations
 - Games consist of 2 - 10-minute halves with a running clock and a 2-minute halftime. The official time will be displayed on the score board.
 - The team leading at the end of 20 minutes will be declared the winner OR if a team reaches 25 points and is ahead by 5 or more points.
⇒ Games within 5 points (when one team reaches 25 points) are played to the conclusion of the 20 minutes.
 - Gametime tiebreakers: 1) After 20 minutes, a 2-minute overtime will be played. 2) After overtime, one player from each team shoots 3 free throws. 3) After free throws, team with fewer fouls is winner, 4) After foul count, a coin flip to determine the winner.
- Any discrepancies in the score, the official scorekeeper's score will be taken, there is one scorekeeper at each court.
- Coaches should initial score sheet at end of each game, in agreement of the outcome.

Shooting Fouls

- When basket is made (count the basket), player shoots 1 free throw
 - Make or miss the FT – defense gets the ball
- When the basket is not made, player shoots 1 free throw
 - Make the FT – defense gets the ball
 - Miss the FT – offense keeps the ball

Non-shooting Fouls

- Defensive foul, no points and offense keeps the ball
- Offensive foul, defense receives the ball

Substitutions, Time-outs, Jump Balls

- Player substitution is permitted during any dead ball situation.
 - All free throws are dead balls.
- There will be no time-outs.
- Jump balls will be called by the official and will go to the defense.

Miscellaneous

- The ball must be checked by an opposing player before it is put into play after a made basket or whistle including out of bounds, fouls, and dead ball possession changes.
- Checking the ball must be done with good passes and in good sportsmanship. If a player or team is not checking the ball appropriately:
 - First instance will result in a warning to the player, team & coach
 - Second instance will result in a point for the opposing team
- After checking the ball, the player does not have to pass the ball before dribbling or shooting.
- On a missed basket or defensive rebound, ball must be taken back out to top of court without any pressure (free take-backs).
- The top, bottom and sides of the backboard are in play; however, the back of the backboard and supports are not.
- An out-of-bounds will be taken out at the top of the court.

Determining Bracket Winners

- Head to head.
- Point differential in games between teams tied (max of 10/game)
- Least points allowed in games between teams tied.
- Coin flip.
- Winning teams in each bracket (teams placing 1st-2nd) receive medals
- Medals for 1st-2nd places and will be given 30 minutes after the completion of the last game in the bracket (regardless of what the outcome of the last game means for medal placement)

Other Notes

- Bring your own basketballs for warming up; game balls will be provided.
 - Game size balls – youth 27", women's 28.5", and men's 29.5" will be available to use, both teams should agree on size to be used
- There is no trainer or medical services on site.
- All game hoops will be at regulation height, 10-feet
- Coaches should check in at least 30 minutes before the first game at the registration table