



2011 MLK JR. BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL RULES

(Men Pro-Am, Men Recreation, Adult Women, Youth & Job Corps Divisions)

Men Pro-Am Division: will play NCAA rules.

Women, Youth, & Job Corps Divisions: will play NFHS rules.

Men Recreation Division: will play NFHS rules with only 1 modification.

Free Throws: Players will be allowed to leave their respective lane spaces after the release of the shot.

1. **Conduct** – Absolutely NO profanity allowed! No hanging on rims. **Note:** Any fighting on the court, on City of Shreveport/tournament property on City of Shreveport property shall result in ejection for the remainder of the tournament and prosecution to the fullest.
2. **Fouls** – Each player will be allowed 6 fouls.
3. **Game Time** – Eighteen (18) minute halves***. Running time***Clock will stop on time outs, last two minutes of second half, and at referees' discretion(injury, making correction at scores table, etc..)
4. **Uniforms** – Every team must have like color jerseys with numbers. Each team must bring both dark & light color jerseys with numbers.
5. **Team Roster** – Team rosters must be turned in to gym supervisor/official scorers table 15 minutes prior to game time. If you are a coach and serving as a player/coach, you must be listed on official team roster to enter game as player.
6. **Grace Period** – There shall be no grace period on the start of games. Teams are responsible for being at gym site and ready to play according to tournament brackets. Otherwise, game time is forfeit time.
7. **Playing with Multiple Teams** – Players can only play with one (1) team. Any player confirmed to have played with two teams; player and unofficial team played with will be disqualified from the tournament. It will be up to opposing team to make protest of alleged illegal player and prove their case to tournament director.
8. **Balls** – Gym supervisors will furnish game basketball. Team must furnish practice ball(s).
9. **Time Outs** – (1) Full time out and (1) 20 second time out each half. Time outs will not carry over. Same applies to overtime.
10. **Overtime** – First overtime will be 3 minutes running clock. Clock will stop for time outs during the last minute and at referee's discretion. Additional overtimes will be 2

minutes with the same rules.

11. **Eliminations** – Double elimination tournament with single CHAMPIONSHIP game.
12. **Protests** – Team protests shall be made within one hour after completion of game. Protest shall be made to the respective gym supervisor or tournament director.
Note: Official judgment calls will not be accepted as grounds for protest.
All final decisions will be made by the Tournament Director.
13. **Technicals** – No changes! NCAA administration of technical fouls will apply to Pro- Am Division, NFHS administration of technical fouls will apply to all other Divisions.
14. **Coaches Meeting** – Each team shall have a representative at the mandatory coaches meeting prior to tournament. Read participation letter for time and location.
 - **Rules are subject to be change or modified by Tournament Director and/or SPAR Administration.**

What is the difference between Men Pro-Am Division and Men Recreation Division?

Pro-Am Division-teams with former college or former elite high school players on a respective roster/team. Pro Am Division teams will play NCAA rules and will be allowed to play a more “physical” style of play that the Men Recreation Division. **ALL Pro Am games will be officiated by approved college officials (NCAA, Division, I, II, III or Jr. College).** This will ensure all teams will receive high level officiating for high level play.

Men Recreation Division-teams will play standard High School Federation rules, with only 1 modification. **Free Throws:** Players will be allowed to leave their respective lane spaces after the release of the shot. All games will be called by certified high school officials.