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See3Slam Rules & Regulations

1. Who Can Play

The tournament is open to players entering grades 1 through 12 and adults. A designated coach is required for all youth teams. A player may not participate on multiple teams within the same bracket.

2. Number of Players

Each team may consist of a maximum of 4 players and a minimum of 3 players. A team may have only 3 players on the court at any time. For all co-ed teams, a member of the opposite sex must be on the court at all times. All games must start with at least 3 players on each team. Any number of players (1, 2, or 3) may complete a game.

3. Authorized Equipment & Apparel

No player shall be allowed to wear a guard, cast, hard brace or other potentially dangerous equipment on his or her elbow, hand, wrist, finger, or forearm, including equipment made of hard leather, plastic, plaster or metal—even if the equipment is covered with soft padding. Soft braces, sleeves and wraps will be allowed unless they pose a danger to other players. Jewelry, plastic hair bands and clips will not be allowed. Tournament Officials retain the right to disallow any equipment or apparel that it judges to be dangerous or inappropriate.

4. Eligibility Issues

All high school and college players are encouraged to check with their coaches and/or athletic directors about participating in See3Slam and the potential effects on their eligibility. The Tournament Officials are not responsible for determining a particular athlete's eligibility under National Collegiate Athletic Association or applicable high school association rules.

5. Bracket Types

Teams will be divided into tournament brackets according to its players' ages or immediate upcoming school grades, heights, playing experience, and competition level, in accordance with the information on each team entry form. Tournament Officials reserve the right to verify a player's entry form data. False information will be grounds for dismissal from the tournament. Within 24 hours of request, each player entering grades 1-12 in all brackets must be able to provide proof of grade level or age. All other players in all brackets must possess photo identification upon sign-in. Failure to do so will result in ejection. All players registered in any 6ft and under division will have their height verified and certified prior to playing their first game.

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6. Basket Height

Baskets will be 8 feet high for teams whose players are entering grades 1 through 4; the height will be 10 feet high for all other brackets.

7. Basketball Size

Basketballs will be provided for each court based on following criteria: Grades 1-4 will use a 27.5" ball. Boys grades 5-8 will use a 28.5" ball.

Girls/Women grades 5 and up will use 28.5" ball. Boys/Men grades 9 and up will use 29.0" ball. Co-Ed brackets will use 29.0" ball. If both teams agree to use a ball provided by a player of either team in any size, they are allowed to do so. If both teams cannot agree on a player-provided ball, the tournament-provided ball will be required.

8. Free Throw Shooting Distance

The distance for free throws will be 10 feet for brackets consisting of players entering grades 1 through 4 and who are playing on an 8-foot basket; the distance will be 15 feet for all other brackets.

9. Two-Point Shooting Distance

The distance for two-point shooting is 16 feet for brackets consisting of players entering grades 1 through 4; the distance will be 19 feet for all other brackets.

10. Stealing the Ball

Players in all age categories may steal the ball when it is being passed. Brackets consisting of teams whose players are entering grades 1 through 4 will have a no-steal rule when players are either dribbling or holding the ball. Stealing in those situations will be allowed in all other brackets.

11. Checked Ball

The ball must be "checked" by an opposing player after each dead ball before it is put into play. The check-in must occur behind the dashed take-back line (not the out-of-bounds or end line). As always, the ball must be passed to begin play. The pass may occur anywhere on the court, but the on-ball defender must remain on the inside of the two-point arc and cannot defend the initial pass. If defense is played on the initial pass, the ball will be re-checked by the offensive team. In games consisting of players entering grades 1 through 4 played on an 8-foot basket, the initial pass, if made to a player behind the take-back line, may not be contested by the opposing team. If the initial pass is made in front of the take-back line, full defense may be played.

12. Change of Possession

The ball will change possession after scored baskets and all free-throw attempts with the exception of Technical, Intentional or Flagrant fouls (see Rule 16 a, b, c). There will be no "make it, take it" rule.

13. Taking it Back

The ball will be "taken back" on each change of possession, regardless of whether or not a shot was attempted. Failure to "take it back" results in loss of possession and any points just scored. "Taking it back" means bringing your whole body and the ball behind the dashed "take-back" line, not the sidelines or 2-point arc.

14. Ball Out of Bounds

An out-of-bounds violation will result in a checked ball.



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15. Boundaries

The basket structure, padding, and structural supports will be played as out-of-bounds. The actual backboard, including its face, top, bottom and sides, shall be considered in-bounds.

16. Fouls

All fouls will be called by a Tournament Official (except in specific competitive adult games in which players are approved to "call their own"). Incidental contact between opponents shall not result in a called foul unless such contact results in a meaningful disadvantage. Fouls not in the act of shooting will be awarded one free throw. Fouls in the act of shooting will be awarded one free throw for shots from inside the two-point line, two free throws for shots from outside the two-point line. If the shot attempt is successful, the point(s) count and no free throw(s) are awarded. During a free throw, opposing team players may not intentionally disrupt the shooter's unhindered throw. A change of possession will result regardless of whether the free throw shot is made or missed. After a foul shot, the ball will be checked in, as after a made basket.

a. Technical Fouls

Technical fouls can be charged to a player, coach, team or spectator. Technical fouls will be assessed for rules violations such as stalling and zone defense (see below). A technical foul can also be called for unsportsmanlike acts such as taunting, baiting, or trash talk. Taunting and baiting can involve derogatory remarks or gestures that incite or insult a player. Trash talk involves a personal, verbal attack directed toward any person involved in the event. In extreme cases, the player, coach, team or spectator may be suspended from the current game and/or the remainder of the tournament. A technical foul results in one point for the offended team and that team gets possession of the ball.

b. Intentional Fouls

An intentional foul is a foul designed to neutralize an opponent's obvious advantageous position. It is a foul which, based on the official's observation of the act, is not a legitimate attempt to directly play the ball. A foul shall also be ruled intentional, based on the official's observation of the act, if while attempting to play the ball, a player causes excessive contact. An intentional foul results in one point for the offended team and that team gets possession of the ball.

c. Flagrant Fouls

A flagrant foul may be of a violent or aggressive nature, or an act that displays unacceptable conduct. This act may involve violent or aggressive contact such as striking, kicking, kneeing, moving under an opponent who is in the air and crouching or hiping in a manner that could cause severe injury to the opponent. It may also involve dead-ball contact or dialogue which is extreme or persistent, aggressive, or abusive. A Tournament Official will make the decision on flagrant fouls, and that decision is final.

A flagrant foul results in one point for the offended team and that team gets possession of the ball. The player committing the foul will also be automatically suspended for the remainder of that game and possibly the rest of the tournament (see below).

d. Spectator Behavior

Team captains or the designated coach are the only people that are permitted to address a Tournament Official during a game. Inappropriate (e.g., aggressive) language or behavior by a spectator toward a Tournament Official will result in a technical foul being assessed to the corresponding team. Continued inappropriate behavior may result in suspension from the tournament (see below).

17. Suspensions

All flagrant fouls assessed to a player result in suspension from the current game and at the discretion of Tournament Officials, for the rest of the tournament. Additionally, a player, coach, or spectator exhibiting inappropriate or aggressive behavior can be suspended from the current game and for the remainder of the tournament. Suspension decisions will be made by the See3Slam organization on a case-by-case basis.

18. Stalling

Stalling is prohibited. Stalling is a style of play in which a team does not actively attempt to advance the basketball toward the basket and shoot the ball at the basket. It is a method used in an attempt to run out the game clock to preserve a win. Stalling is considered an unsportsmanlike act and will result in a technical foul against the offending team (see Rule 16a).

19. Zone Defense

Zone defense is prohibited. Only man-to-man defense is allowed. The identification of zone defense, and differentiation from "help-side defense", is at the sole discretion of the referee. The first violation of the zone defense rule will result in a warning; the second results in a technical foul (see Rule 16a). All subsequent violations result in a technical foul (with no preceding warning).

20. Which Team Receives the Ball First?

A "coin" toss prior to each game will determine which team gets the ball at the take-back line.

21. Keeping Score

All made baskets from inside the two-point arc count for one point and made baskets from outside the two-point arc count for two points. The official will determine if the shot made is one or two points. The first team to 20 points is the winner. (See Rule 22 for exceptions.)

22. Time Keeping, Scoring and Overtime – All Divisions

a. Length of Game

The standard length of game is 25 minutes. The 25-minute clock is stopped during team time-outs (see Rule 26) and if the official stops play for a player injury (see Rule 28) or any other unusual circumstances. In those cases, the official will keep the official time for the court and inform the teams as to the time remaining in the game.



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b. Time Keeping and Scoring

If a score of 20 is achieved within 25 minutes the game is over. The team that first reaches 20 points does not need to have a winning margin of 2 points or greater.

c. Overtime Scoring

Overtime is only played if the game is tied at the end of regulation. For all brackets EXCLUDING grades 1 through 4, the first team to score a total of 2 points in the overtime session, or reach 20 points, will be declared the winner. A "coin" toss will determine who gets the ball at the take-back line in overtime.

SCORE EXAMPLES AT BEGINNING OF THE OVERTIME SESSION

Score 19 to 19: first team to 20 wins (no game goes beyond 20 points)

Score 18 to 18: first team to 20 wins

Score 17 to 17: first team to 19 wins

Score of 14 to 13: no overtime is necessary since the leading team has at least a 1-point lead

For the grades 1 through 4, the first team to score in the overtime session shall be declared the winner. A "coin" toss determines possession.

In all situations, the official shall declare a technical foul (see Rules 16a & 18) if it is determined that a team is intentionally stalling.

23. Jump Ball

In a jump ball situation, the ball will first go to the team that lost the opening coin toss, with alternating possessions thereafter.

24. Dunking

Dunking is not allowed at any time, including during warm-ups. Dunking is considered an unsportsmanlike act and will result in a technical foul.

25. Substitutions

Substitutions may only be made during a time-out or a "dead ball" situation.

26. Time-Outs

Each team is allowed a single one-minute time-out per game. The clock will stop running during a time-out.

27. Wheelchair Participants

Players in the wheelchair division should be aware that a liberal three-second in the key rule will be enforced. All wheelchair players not currently active in any game must stay positioned behind the back-court line and not inside the curbing along the sides of the court. Chair measurements are expected to be in accordance with established wheelchair rules.

28. Player Injury

A Tournament Official has the discretion to suspend play for the protection of an injured player. If a player is bleeding or has an open wound, that player will be directed to leave the game and properly bandage the wound. A player with any bloodstained clothing or bandage must remove the stained or saturated material prior to re-entering the game. If it is believed that a player has lost consciousness during a game, or is severely injured, See3Slam may require a written note from a medical doctor who has examined the player subsequent to the game injury and specifically authorizes that player to continue participation in the tournament.

29. Game Times

All schedules are effective through only the first game for all teams. Following the tournament's first game, each team is required to check the Master Scoreboard for all official schedules, times, courts, revisions, and general game information. Teams must be ready to begin play at their scheduled start time. Teams not at their court for their scheduled game are given a 5-minute grace period before a forfeit is enforced. Teams are encouraged to remain in contact with their court to observe the effects of scheduling changes that could occur mainly due to inclement weather or other unexpected delays. Inclement weather and non-playable situations may result in the modification or cancellation of the event. Under these unlikely circumstances team entry fees will not be refunded.

30. The Fine Print

Designated Tournament Officials shall have the power to make decisions on any points not specifically covered in the Rules and Regulations and shall also have the complete authorization to interpret the intent and purpose of these Rules and Regulations. See3Slam officials also reserve the right to disqualify any player and/or team for infractions of tournament policies, including the following:

Use of Illegal Players

The players listed on the team entry form as accepted by See3Slam are the only players eligible for play on that team. Player changes submitted on authorized Player Change Forms, and accepted by Tournament Officials, must be completed and approved by 8:00 a.m. on tournament Saturday. Under no circumstances will roster substitutions be allowed after the tournament begins. Before the beginning of each game, every player will sign a Release and Waiver and Sportsmanship Pledge and then again at the end of game to verify score accuracy. Any team using a player not properly registered will be disqualified from the tournament.

False Information

Information provided on a team entry form or accepted Player Change Form is the basis for bracket scheduling and is expected to be true, accurate and complete. Players listing false or inaccurate information on these forms may be disqualified from the tournament.



Thank you for participating in See3Slam!



SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY

Good sportsmanship and cooperation are both anticipated and expected. The team captain or designated coach, if applicable, is expected to aid in controlling teammates' and team followers' conduct and to represent his/her team as spokesperson in case of appeals to Tournament Officials. Poor sportsmanship could result in penalties against the team in terms of technical fouls and/or suspensions for a player, coach, team or spectator(s). Failure to comply with the Spirit of See3Slam, including acts such as fighting, taunting, intimidating or verbally attacking a tournament official, player or spectator may lead to removal of that player, team and/or spectator from the tournament. Any ejection from the tournament will result in a suspension from participating in a future See3Slam tournaments. Decisions made by tournament officials are FINAL and are not subject to review by video, other recordings, or any other sources