



U.S. JUNIOR NATIONALS
Basketball Championships
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2026 USJN EVENT/GAME RULES

PLAYING RULES: All games are played using National Federation rules, and the following additions:

- 1 + 1 on the 10th foul of the half – 2 shot foul on the 14th foul.
- 10 second in backcourt
- Play the release of the ball on Free Throws
- 6 Fouls per player

**12u/11u/10u/9u is
14 min. halves**

TIMEOUTS: 1 full, 2 - 30 second TO per game

TIME: Games will be played with two 15 minute halves stopping clock on all whistles, 3 minute halftime. ****Once a team is up 20+ at any point inside 8 min. – stays RUNNING TIME til the end****

OVERTIME: Sudden Death (1 additional Full Timeout). If playoff/league game: 2 min for each OT / 3+ OT = 1 min

PRE-GAME WARM-UP TIME: As much time as available before the scheduled start time. 3 minutes if the game is starting after the scheduled start time. If this is a Division I recruiting period event ALL games may start no more than 2 minutes early.

TEAMS ARE TO SHAKE HANDS AT THE COMPLETION. Please use time at the end of the game to clean bench area & immediately exit the facility.

ROSTER: 15 players max, three coaches per team max PER NCAA Rules – All SIDELINE COACHES MUST PRESENT THEIR NCAA APPROVAL NUMBER FOR NCAA EVENTS PLEASE WEAR USJN BRACELET AT ALL TIMES DURING THE EVENT

FORMAT: See tournament format/welcome packet as each USJN event is different.

2 Way Tie: Goes to head to head result. **3 Way Tie:** goes + / - Total point differential first (Most you can receive is + / - 15 pts in a game). If record & point differential are same then go to least points given up – after that coin toss. There may be 'Wildcard' Entries to tournament play based on number of teams involved in the event – see event brackets.

FORFEIT RULE: 15 Minute forfeit time.

USJN site director has right to override forfeit rules due to extraordinary circumstances

If a team within a pool has to forfeit any games or a non-pool game is played for any reason that particular pool standing's will go to an AVERAGE point differential (not counting those extra games)

Coaches are responsible to confirm win/loss records which are posted online at event page under 'schedule'. Please note coaches are responsible to find out when all playoff games are scheduled and played. USJN does not notify teams of playoff status (it is posted on website).

*Each TEAM is responsible for 'warm up' balls & ONE scorekeeper at the official table during game
IF USJN does not provide a scorekeeper for the event *

There is no designated 'home team' as some teams only have one set of uniforms - please bring both sets to all games

COACHES MUST CHECK FINAL SCORE ON SCORE SHEET, INITIAL THE CORRECT FINAL SCORE FOR THEIR TEAM, & VOTE FOR POOL ALL-STARS