

# Whoopers & Hoopers Junior Information & Rules

## Facility Policies

All YMCA grounds & facilities and leased facilities are SMOKE-FREE, TOBACCO-FREE, ALCOHOL-FREE, and PET-FREE zones. Violators will be prosecuted. The YMCA is not the owner of all of the leased gyms, so we ask that you be respectful at every facility/gym/game location of such equipment and property. Any damage to courts facilities, or backboards and rims will result in the individual's responsibility to reimburse any locations involved.

**To Register:** <https://tourneymachine.com/E152865>

**Questions? Tournament Director, Ty LeBar, [tlebar@hastingsymca.net](mailto:tlebar@hastingsymca.net)**

## Information

- Boys, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades, Gold and Silver Divisions, December 7th.
- Girls, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades, Gold and Silver Divisions, December 8th.
- All brackets will consist of 8 teams maximum. Each bracket will be single elimination.
- All teams are guaranteed 3 games, as consolation games are played to determine 3rd, 5th & 7th.
- T-shirts will be given to all participants as part of the registration.
- Hastings-area gyms will be used.
- Tourney Machine is used to register, schedule, and score games.
- \$200 per team.
- Players must compete in their grade classification. However, younger players may participate in older divisions. Players can only compete on one team in the tournament per grade level. If incorrect information is provided, the player and team may be ineligible. No changes in rosters will be allowed after the first game unless approved by the Tournament Directors. The roster in the scorebook for the first game will be the certified roster for the tournament. Coaches are responsible for verifying players and numbers in the official scorebook before each game.
- Registration Deadline: November 24th. Teams are limited, so register early. Please note that divisions may fill up before this date. After this date, contact one of the tournament directors to inquire about any open spots. Brackets will be emailed to coaches and posted on Tourney Machine by December 2nd.
- A women's sized ball (28.5") will be used for all divisions. Each team must provide their own warm-up balls. A game ball will be chosen by the referees from one of the teams.
- Rings will be presented to 1st place teams. Medals will be presented to the 2nd and 3rd place teams in 6 and 8 team brackets. Medals will be presented to the 1st and 2nd Place teams in 4-team and 5-team brackets.
- Good sportsmanship is expected by the athletes, coaches, and spectators. We request your cooperation by supporting the participants and officials in a positive manner. Inappropriate comments or actions directed at the officials, athletes, coaches, or team representatives will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from the tournament.
- Two paid officials will be provided for each game.
- There will be a gate fee of \$5 per adult 18+ each day. 17 and younger are free.

## Game Rules

- Teams should be at the game site ready to play 20 minutes prior to game time. Games may run ahead of schedule, please have your team ready to play.
- Games will consist of four - 8 minute quarters. Clock will stop on all free throws, timeouts, injury, and the last minute of each quarter. Clock will not stop at the end of the fourth quarter if one team is leading by 15 or more points. Halftime is 4 minutes.
- Only shooting foul free throws will be shot in the 1st half and 3rd quarter. Normal free throw shooting rules will apply in the 4th quarter (2 free throws after 5 team fouls). All other high school rules will apply.
- 2 timeouts per half are available for each team. Each team receives 1 timeout if games go into overtime – no carryover.
- Overtime will be 2 minutes in length, clock stopping in the last minute. Second overtime will be sudden death. The first team to score wins.
- 3rd grade will shoot from a 12' free throw line. Both boys and girls will play on 8ft. hoops.
- 4th grade boys and girls will play on 9ft. hoops.
- 4th grade can cross the line on free throws if no rebound advantage is gained by the shooter.
- 3rd grade boys and 3rd, 4th, 5th grade girls cannot full court press at any time.
- Full-court press is not allowed at any age after a 15 point lead.
- No Zone Defense. Only man defense is allowed in all divisions.
- Clock rules in games with no press allowed: In last minute of game, if the score is within 5 points, after a dead ball the clock does not start until the ball is controlled in front court. This rule also applies after a missed free throw in last minute of game. \*\*If score is above 5 points, the clock runs normally when ball is in play, if score then gets below 5 points the clock will not run until ball is in front court.
- Tie breaker rules, if needed, are as follows: 1. Head to Head (if only 2 teams involved) 2. Fewest Points Allowed 3. Most Points Scored 4. Coin Flip
- Home team will be the top team on the bracket format or the first team listed in pool play format and wear white/light-colored uniforms.
- Teams are responsible for their own valuables.

Coaches, we are asking for your help in making this a great tournament. Please use appropriate behavior when dealing with officials and the scorer's table. In the event a coach should receive a technical, they will be asked to remain seated the remainder of the game. A second technical will result in removal from the game and possibly the tournament.