Official Lunch Time Basketball Tournament Rules

*v1.2*

# Decision Making

* Follows the official FIBA Rules
* If a decision cannot be decided by players on the court, decision goes to the sideline team
  + If a decision still cannot be made, the team that started the game *without* the ball regains possession (similar to a regular jump-ball)

# Flow of the Tournament

* Every win/loss and score must be recorded after each individual game
* The tournament starts 7 minutes after the start of each break, and finishes 5 minutes before the end
  + This means you will have approximately 5 minutes to warm up, and 5 minutes to get to class.
* At the end of the break:
  + The team with the highest win/loss % gets 3 points
  + The team with the second highest win/loss % gets 2 points
  + The team with the lowest win/loss % gets 1 point
  + In the final week, these points change to 4, 2.5, and 1 respectively
    - This makes the last week more influential than the others
* On the last day of the designated tournament, each team gains 1 point for each win
  + This means that the final day is by far the most important (it is possible to get 10 points in one day)
* After this day, the team with the most points win the tournament
* Three weeks before the designated ‘finals week’, GM’s cannot trade, sign, or waive any players
* The final week of the tournament are best-of-3, making it more exciting and interesting
* At the start of each tournament, excluding the Term 1 tournament, there will be a draft. You will have the first few weeks of break (before the draft) to prove yourself to the GM’s.
  + The draft will be performed in the ‘snake format’ and the winner of the previous tournament gets to decide the draft order.
  + Each team can keep one player of their choice before the draft
* The team who won the previous break gets to start with the ball the next day, against the team who lost the previous break.

# MVP’s/All-Teams

* At the end of each week, there is a vote for the MVP of the week.
  + Every player’s vote is worth one, with GM’s vote being worth two.
  + GM’s cannot be voted for.
* All-Teams are selected by Clarrie Jones each week. If you wish to collaborate with him, contact him.
* At the end of each season, the tournament MVP and All Teams are selected.
  + Everyone can vote, for both the MVP’s and All-Teams
  + For each week a player is on the MVP rankings of All-Teams, they receive an extra vote towards the final list
* In the case of a tie, the player on the better teams gets the placing.
* The team that has the player which is first for MVP rankings starts with the ball at the start of the next week.

# Unclear Rules

* If a team has more than 5 players, they must have a sub. This sub can be brought in at any stoppage during the game, at the GM’s decision.
  + E.g. A foul, The ball goes out
* You are expected to show up every break, or as many as you can. If you do not show up, expect to be waived or traded. Your team is trying to win, they need to do the best they can.
* If you have less than 5 players at a break, whether that is due to trades, or players not being able to make the break, you must play with what team you have. Do not expect to get ‘mercy players’ from other teams.
  + You may sign a player, if this occurs, but that player can only play 3 breaks (with any team) before they must officially join.

# Timeouts

* In the final week of the tournament, each team is allowed 2, 1-minute timeouts each break.
  + What you use this timeout for is completely up to the team
    - Ideas are: rest if you’ve played a lot of games, if you need to get a win and draw up a play, if you’re stuck and can’t pass the ball
  + To use a timeout, the GM of the team must call it loudly, and the ball must be held by one of the players on their team
    - The ball cannot be in the air, or in motion (i.e. dribbling)
  + Calling a timeout when you do not have one is an instant forfeit of the game. It is up to the GM to remember how many they have

# Fouls

* Every player is allowed to foul twice in one game.
  + If you foul three times, you must leave the court until your teams next game.
  + You are **not** allowed a substitution if you have three fouls
  + This is to encourage cleaner defence, and reward the offence more
* If you are fouled in the act of shooting, you get two options:
  + Option 1: A (single) free throw
    - Typical free throw rules apply
    - If you make the free throw, that is a win for your team
    - If you miss the free throw, the opposition team gets the ball as a check.
  + Option 2: A check at the top of the three
    - This is the same as the typical outcome of a foul
  + The chance of missing the free throw puts more pressure on the shooter, and makes them have to consider whether they can, consistently, make the free throw.

# Tiebreakers

* Order for ties on the ladder:
  + Whichever team received more points from the latest day
  + Whichever team had the better head-head record
  + Whichever team has the better head-head record (overall)
  + The team that has scored the most points
* Order for ties for a day:
  + Whichever team had the better head-head record
  + Whichever team had the longer win streak

Officially approved by the Lunch Time Basketball Organisation



*This Rule Book is subject to change. Changes will be announced on the official website. Changes will not occur after the fourth week of the tournament.*