

MARSHALLTOWN OPTIMIST BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL (MOBI)

2008 Rules and Guidelines

1. Girls' and boys' teams in grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 are invited to MOBI. Girls' MOBI is Saturday and Sunday, January 26-27. Boys' MOBI will be Saturday and Sunday, March 8-9.
2. If there are six or more teams entered in a grade division, they will compete in pool play. The winners and some runners-up in each pool will advance to the single-elimination tournament. For less than six teams, the teams will play a round-robin tournament with the team with the best record being the champion and the next best record will be second place.
3. Teams advance to, and are seeded by the following formula:
 - a) Overall record;
 - b) Total margin of victory/loss not to exceed +20 or -20 for any one game.
 - c) Coin flip.
 - d) MOBI Officials may revise seeding so that teams which meet in pool play will not play each other in the first round of the single-elimination tournament.
4. **In the past, coaches' conduct resulting in the assessment of technical fouls has been a problem. Consequently, a game shall immediately end should a bench be assessed a second technical foul during that particular game and if such team be ahead, it will be deemed to have forfeited the game. Upon such event the offending team will also be assessed a score of -20 for purposes of paragraph 3 above.**
5. **At most two coaches will be permitted to be on or in the vicinity of the team bench during the game.**
6. All divisions will use the small ball.
7. The three-point rule will be used in eighth grade only. In all other divisions there will be no three-point goals.
8. All divisions will play eight-minute quarters with the clock stopped only for free throws and time outs but not violations. During the final minute of each half, the clock will be stopped on violations and all fouls.
9. There are no special defensive rules for the tournament except **there will be no backcourt pressing for fifth and sixth grade girls.**
10. Teams are allowed three time-outs per game and one extra time-out per overtime.
11. The first overtime period will be two minutes. If needed, a second untimed sudden death period will be played.
12. A one and one free throw opportunity will be awarded after the seventh foul in each half. On the tenth foul, two free throws will be awarded.
13. Each team will be allowed five minutes to warm up prior to their game. There will be a five-minute half-time intermission. Tournament officials have the right to change warm-up time limits, the length of intermission or the length of quarters if necessary to stay on schedule.
14. **Teams will supply their own basketballs for warm-up.**
15. A team must be ready to play within five minutes of their scheduled starting time or risk forfeit. A team must have five players on the floor to start the game.
16. A player may play up a grade but not down. A player may play on only one team in MOBI.
17. **Teams must bring both dark and light jerseys, preferably with numbers on both front and back. This greatly aids the game officials and volunteer scorekeepers.**
18. MOBI awards will be given to each player on the championship and second place team for each grade, with a maximum of ten awards per team.
19. Tournament officials have the right to change schedules because of any major conflicts, weather conditions or any other necessary reason.
20. The tournament is sponsored by the Marshalltown Noon Optimist Club and not by the Marshalltown Community School District. Neither the Marshalltown Noon Optimist Club nor the Marshalltown Community School District will be responsible for any injuries or thefts of personal possessions during the tournament. Coaches will be responsible for their players while on school property.
21. A team canceling or not showing up for a game will not receive any type of monetary refund and will be assessed a score of -20 for purposes of paragraph 3 above.