



EMS League Rules & Admission Fees – COVID Compliant

FORMAT: Games will include two **12-minute** halves for all Grades, with stop clock & 3-minute half-time. End of League Playoffs Tournament is via two-game guarantee, single- elimination bracket; seeding will be determined by best record, point spread, and/or head- to-head rules. Game time is forfeit time; teams must be ready to start 10 minutes before posted start time. Awards will be given to each Division Champion.

COVID COMPLIANCE: To meet state-mandated venue load limits for the purpose of better protecting patrons from the *COVID* threat, games will be controlled to last no more than one hour each from scheduled start time. To achieve this, a running clock or mixed normal/running clock format may be appropriately imposed in the second half of any game to ensure on-time conclusion.

RULES: High School Federation Rules, to include rebounding after release of ball on free throw. Free-throws will be taken after 10 fouls as double-bonus.

OVERTIME: If required, three (3) minute overtime period will be played with running clock, per *COVID* compliance. Double overtime is decided by sudden death. One time-out for first overtime period only.

HOME/VISITOR: First Team listed is the “Home Team” and provides game ball and, if necessary, bookkeeper. “Visitor Team” provides clock operator if necessary. ACA will provide the Bookkeeper/ Clock operator when available.

20-POINT RULE: If a team falls behind by 20 points any time during the game the clock will become a running clock, excluding time-outs, for the remainder of the game until the margin gets back to 12 points and then the clock becomes a stop clock.

10-SECOND & 5-SECOND RULES: The 10-second back court rule and 5-second closely guarded rule are in effect.

TIME-OUTS: Two 1-minute time-outs per half. Time-outs **cannot** be carried over. One 1- minute time-out is allowed for initial overtime period only.

PROTESTS: Coaches must file protests against suspected ineligible players prior to start of game. ACA staff only will handle protests.

ENTRY FEES: Daily Pass - \$6.00 for adults/HS students and \$4.00 for students (1st -8th). Coaches - two coaches per team will be admitted free with Coach’s ID/stamp. Team-provided bookkeeper and clock operator, if needed, will also receive free admittance.