**2023 Ontonagon Youth Basketball Tournament Rules & Guidelines:**

1. All games will be played **according to MHSAA Rules** except where modified:
2. Women’s size ball will be used for ALL games.
3. No pressing the back court until the last minute of each half.
4. Grades 3-4, games will be played in four 6-minute running time quarters. The clock will stop for shooting fouls and time-outs.
5. Grades 5-6, games will be played in four 8-minute running time quarters. The clock will stop for shooting fouls and time-outs.
6. **All losers brackets will be 6-minute running time quarters**.
7. The clock will stop for every whistle of the last minute of each half (2nd and 4th quarters).
8. Each team is allowed 3 one-minute timeouts per game.
9. There will be one minute between quarters and five minutes for half time. \* Subject to change if we fall behind in time.\*
10. **OVERTIME will be 2 minutes**- one 30 second timeout allowed per team. With every whistle, the clock will stop in overtime. One overtime per game, if there is no winner, then a free throw shoot-out takes place. **PLAYERS WHO ARE ON THE COURT AT THE END OF THE GAME MUST STAY ON THE COURT-(No substitutions are allowed)** and align around their basket and each player shoots one free throw, teams will alternate beginning with the visitor team. If there is still a tie, a coin toss is made with the “Visitor” team calling.
11. Players may play up a grade, but not down. NO CO-ED Teams. All teams are put in the division of the highest grade player(s).
12. For the teams that have only two teams, the second game will be played as the championship game. If there is a tie, then a free throw shoot-out will take place. **PLAYERS WHO ARE ON THE COURT AT THE END OF THE GAME MUST STAY ON THE COURT-(No substitutions are allowed)** and align around their basket and each player shoots one free throw, teams will alternate beginning with the visitor team. If there is still a tie, a coin toss is made with the “visitor” team calling.
13. **Every player on the roster must play 4 mins per game\*\***
14. Water is the only beverage allowed in the gym by players and spectators.
15. Good sportsmanship is mandatory by the spectators and the kids playing basketball. If any inappropriate behavior is observed, you will be asked to leave the premises.
16. Awards will be given to the winning team and runner up team in each bracket.
17. Games will be played as close to scheduled times as possible, but will continue as completed. Be at your court 20 minutes prior to your game. You will forfeit if your team is not ready to play at the scheduled time.