

Oswego State

Campus Recreation – Intramural Sports

3 on 3 Basketball Rules

The Game:

Three on Three Basketball is a half court game played by two teams of three players each, including a maximum of one substitute.

Timing and Substitutions:

Playing time consists of two halves of 8 minutes running clock, with an intermission of 1 minute. A tie score at the end of regulation time shall, whenever possible, result in a 2 minute running clock overtime period, with ball possession determined by a coin toss. If the score remains tied after overtime, the Tournament Director shall determine the tie breaking procedure. Time-outs can only be called by the referee for injuries and special circumstances. Substitutions may be made after a basket, a foul shot, or a stoppage of play. The winner of the coin toss shall take first half ball possession, and the loser shall take ball possession to start the second half. Ball possession changes hands after each basket, unless a foul is awarded. **Deliberate stalling or attempts to freeze the ball shall result in loss of ball possession. If a team is warned for stalling, the official will administer a 1-second count during which a shot must be attempted. If a shot is not attempted, ball possession is lost.**

Check Line:

The “check line” shall be the three-point line. A player must pass the ball in from the check line at the start of each half, after a score or after a foul is awarded. On defensive rebounds or steals, the ball must be returned to the check line, with two feet behind the check line, and the player in possession of the ball may retain control and attempt to score.

Fouling:

All common, personal, and technical fouls shall be counted against a team total. An individual player cannot foul out of a game, but may be ejected by the official for a cause.

Prior to the fifth team foul:

- a) Any common foul shall result in retained possession for the offended team;
- b) Any offensive foul shall result in disallowing a converted basket and loss of possession;
- c) Any shooting foul with a missed basket shall result in a retained possession; and
- d) Any shooting foul with a converted basket shall result in the basket being awarded and a change of possession

On and after the 5th team foul:

- a) Any common foul shall result in a single foul shot and retained possession;
- b) Any offensive foul shall result in disallowing a converted basket and a single foul shot for the offended team and retained possession;
- c) Any shooting four with a missed basket shall result in two foul shots and a change of possession;
- d) Any shooting foul with a converted basket shall result in the basket being awarded and a single foul shot and a change of possession.

The Supervisor:

Players will call their own fouls. The duties of the official shall include scoring and time keeping. The officials shall conduct the game in accordance with the official rules. The officials shall penalize any player, substitute or coach for unsportsmanlike conduct by immediate ejection and be asked to leave the playing area. Prior to the game, the official shall signal the ball in play to begin both halves, indicate attempted free throws, and call all other violations. The official shall have the power to make decisions on any point not specifically covered in the rules.