

# Nothing But Nets 3v3 Basketball Challenge

## Questions and Answers

**Q.** Can we have five players on our team?

**A.** No. Rosters must include 3 or 4 players. No exceptions.

**Q.** Can we change the roster after we register?

**A.** Yes. Rosters can be changed anytime up to the first game played by the team by notifying the tournament organizers. You can make changes on the TeamSnap portal by signing in with your credentials or you can email or call us before tournament day. On the day of the tournament, you can make changes at the information table. If an injury occurs during the tournament, the team may petition the tournament organizers at the information desk to change players at that point. This will be granted in some instances. The added player could be someone who is was not registered for the tournament, or could be from a team already eliminated from the tournament.

**Q.** Can a player be on more than one team?

**A.** A player can never play on two teams in the same division. If a player plays on two teams that are in different divisions, then there is no guarantee that there will not be conflicts of game times, with the following exceptions. 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> boys play on Friday night, so younger players could play 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> on Friday night and in their "normal" division on Saturday and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders could play Friday night and in High School on Saturday. 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> girls will not play the same time as High School girls on Saturday, so 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade players could play 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> and in the High School division. Other than those two exceptions, if a player chooses to be in two divisions, tournament organizers will not be responsible if a timing conflict occurs.

**Q.** We only have one boy on our team with three girls. Do we play in the girls division since most of our players are girls?

**A.** No. Any team having at least one boy on the roster will play in the boy's division.

**Q.** Can my 3<sup>rd</sup> grader play in the tournament?

**A.** Yes. There is no age minimum as long as a parent/guardian has signed the waiver. The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade division is for teams whose oldest player is in Grade 4 or lower.

**Q.** I'm a senior in high school. Can I still play?

**A.** Yes. If you are enrolled and attending a high school, you can play in the high school division.

**Q.** How can we make sure our registration has been processed and we are in the tournament?

**A.** A confirmation email will be sent to you immediately on online registrations. Registrations submitted over the phone will be entered online within 24 hours. If you are still unsure, feel free to call, email, or message on Facebook. In some rare situations, we may limit the number of teams in a division, or we may hold a team's registration until an additional registration comes in in order to facilitate fair scheduling. If this is the case and you have registered online, your automated confirmation email will be followed within one day with another email notifying you of the situation. In all cases, your spot in the tournament is not secured until we have received your registration fee. If you pay online through the TeamSnap app, you will get an email confirmation immediately. If you send it by mail or take it to FUMC in Sedalia, you will receive an email confirmation within 24 hours of our receipt.

**Q.** Do all our players have to be from the same school?

**A.** No. This event is not affiliated with any school and there are no school requirements.

**Q.** Does participation in this event affect a player's eligibility to play in MSHSAA activities?

**A.** We are not aware of any limitations in this regard. However, if there is any concern regarding this, we suggest you discuss this with your school's Athletic Director.

- Q.** How many teams do you need for a division to “make”?
- A.** If we have four or more teams in a division, we will have that division. In some cases, if there are two or three teams registered, we will give those teams the option of still playing. But we would only play if all teams agree.
- Q.** When will we know our team’s schedule?
- A.** Schedules will be created as soon as possible after registrations close at midnight on Friday, March 9. Division approximate start and end times will be published on the preceding Monday. Individual team schedules should be available by Tuesday the next week for 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> boys, and by Wednesday for everyone else.
- Q.** Can we request our team play at specific times during the day?
- A.** We will accept your requests and consider these in the scheduling. However, due to the complexities of scheduling multiple divisions on multiple courts, rarely can we accommodate all these requests. When you register for the event, you understand you may be scheduled any time on that day (Friday is evening only). If your registration needs to be contingent on playing during specific times, please designate that on your registration and we will let you know if that can be accommodated. If we cannot accommodate a request that is made with the registration, you will be given the option of a refund of your payment.
- Q.** Are the rules being used published somewhere?
- A.** The rules are linked from the Facebook page as soon as they are final reviewed. They will also be linked to emails sent to registered teams as well as linked on our website.
- Q.** Do we have to have the same shirt for each player?
- A.** No. We do not have uniform requirements. However, you are encouraged to do so. We will have pinnies available and you may be asked to wear these if the referee determines that the two teams are wearing shirts such that there might be confusion.
- Q.** Do all teams advance to the single-elimination tournament?
- A.** Yes
- Q.** How do you determine the seeding for the single-elimination tournament?
- A.** This differs depending on the number of teams and the use of pools, etc. There is a document available on the website and Facebook page that goes into detail on this and there is a copy at the Information Desk as well.
- Q.** Cancellation
- A.** In the event that severe weather conditions or other situations beyond our control cause us to cancel the tournament, notification will be sent immediately upon that decision. This would be sent first through the TeamSnap mobile app, then posted on the Facebook page and then sent by email blast. If the cancellation is less than two hours before the start of play for a particular division, attempts will be made to text or call the phone numbers available. A full refund will be sent to teams in the event of a cancellation.
- Q.** Why do the 4<sup>th</sup> graders have to play on a 9 foot basket? My kids play the rest of the year on 10 foot baskets and do fine.
- A.** Some 4<sup>th</sup> graders do fine on 10 foot baskets. But that is more the exception than the norm. The information we have researched from experts in youth basketball predominantly support using shorter baskets up until at least 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Our hope is that the utilization of shorter baskets will increase, thus helping these young athletes develop proper skills to enjoy the game more in the future.
- Q.** What is your website?
- A.** <https://nothingbutnets3v3.weebly.com>

**Q.** What size ball will my division use?

**A.**

<b>Division</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Size Ball</b>
High School	Boys	7 (29.5")
High School	Girls	6 (28.5")
7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup>	Boys/Girls	7 (29.5")
7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup>	Girls	6 (28.5")
6 <sup>th</sup>	Boys/Girls	6 (28.5")
5 <sup>th</sup>	Boys/Girls	5 (27.5")
4 <sup>th</sup>	Boys/Girls	5 (27.5")

**Q.** Can we use a different size ball if both teams agree?

**A.** No. Tournament rules state the size of ball to be used. We feel this is best for the development of proper technique and form. We do not want a team to feel "pushed" into playing with a ball not specified in the rules.

**Q.** Why don't you allow 3 point shots in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade divisions? My kid's youth league counts those as three points.

**A.** We believe it is in the best interest for kids of that age to be shooting from closer range and not be shooting from distances that often require improper shooting form. Rewarding shots from beyond the arc is counter-productive.

**Q.** Will there be food available at the tournament?

**A.** Yes. We will have a concession stand with food, snacks, and drinks. There is also a restaurant in Smithton about four blocks away. There are also many restaurants in Sedalia within ten miles.

**Q.** Are the referees MSHSAA-certified referees?

**A.** The majority of games have MSHSAA-certified referees. Games that are not will be refereed by individuals who are carefully vetted to meet our standards.

**Q.** Can I buy extra t-shirts and hoodies for parents and others?

**A.** Yes. Enter the quantity desired on your registration in the Additional Notes or notify us via email or phone call.

**Q.** Will there be t-shirts and hoodies available at the tournament for those of us who didn't order them with our registration?

**A.** There will be a limited number of items available the day of the tournament.

**Q.** Can I exchange my t-shirt/hoodie for a different size at the tournament?

**A.** There will be a limited quantity available that can be exchanged for at the tournament. But there is no guarantee.

**Q.** What do the t-shirts and hoodies look like?

**A.** You can see a picture on our website and the Facebook page. They are black shirts with gold print.

**Q.** How do we get to the school in Smithton?

**A.** A map will be emailed to you the week before the tournament and will also be posted on the website and Facebook page.

**Q.** Where can we park?

**A.** Parking lots are marked on the map. Entrance to the school will be from the "High School (New) Gym" entrance on the east side of the school.

- Q.** Where did the name “Nothing But Nets” come from?
- A.** It started with Rick Reilly’s 2006 article in Sports Illustrated challenging those involved in sports with a net (basketball, soccer, tennis, hockey, volleyball, etc.) to give just \$10 to buy a mosquito net that would protect someone in Africa from this deadly disease. The movement took off and evolved into the “Nothing But Nets” campaign. We think the name is fitting for our tournament. All profits have gone to this excellent cause in the past. See the SI article linked from our Facebook page and website. This year we are splitting the profits with Strong Tower Haiti.
- Q.** How can I donate to Imagine No Malaria and / or Strong Tower Haiti?
- A.** There is a donation container at the Information Desk. 100% of donations will go to these great causes.
- Q.** The Smithton school has baskets in the Multi-purpose room. Will we have to play there?
- A.** The “Multi” has not been used the last couple of years. We do not expect to use it in 2018. If the number of teams is higher than expected, we may utilize it for overflow games. However, we are pretty certain that even if we do play games there, we would be able to manipulate the schedule such that no team has to play more than one game there. No tournament games past the first round will be played in the Multi.
- Q.** Where can we get the waiver form?
- A.** The waiver form will be attached to an email sent to you with your team’s schedule. It was also emailed with the division schedule. It can be downloaded from our website or from the Facebook page. Copies are also available at First UMC in Sedalia. The waiver must be on file with all signatures before a team will be allowed to participate.
- Q.** Can we just fill out a waiver form the day of the tournament?
- A.** Yes. But keep in mind that a parent / guardian will have to be there to sign for each player. Also, lines can get long at the Registration Desk, so make sure and get there plenty early. No team will be allowed to play until a complete waiver form is on file. This could result in forfeiture of one or more games with no refund of the registration fee.
- Q.** Do all our signatures need to be on the same waiver form, or can each player do their own form?
- A.** Either way is fine. Sometimes it is easier to send a form home with each player to get their parent’s / guardian’s signature. If your team is on multiple forms, please turn in all the forms at the same time to avoid an issue with getting them matched up at the Registration Desk and therefore avoiding needless delays.
- Q.** I see pictures of kids on your Facebook page. I don’t want my child’s picture posted. How can I keep that from happening?
- A.** In the online registration, there is a place to check if pictures of your team can be used. Do not check this box if you don’t want this.
- Q.** How can we provide feedback about the event?
- A.** A link will be emailed after the tournament to an online survey. There will also be paper copies available at the tournament.
- Q.** Does the event carry insurance to cover accidents?
- A.** The event has insurance to cover liabilities. It does not cover medical care to treat injuries as a result of participation in the event. You are encouraged to make sure personal insurance is in place to cover injuries that could be experienced.
- Q.** When will the date for next year’s tournament be set?
- A.** We cannot set the date until the school calendar is finalized. We typically know sometime in the late fall and will communicate this via the Facebook page as soon as it is decided. We encourage you to make sure someone on your team has liked our page so that you know the date as soon as it is announced.