

# 3v3 Basketball Rules

## 1. Team Format

- 3 players on the court per team.
- Up to 2 substitutes allowed.
- Substitutions only on dead balls.

## 2. Game Length

- 8 minute running clock OR
- First to 15 points wins — win by any margin.

## 3. Scoring

- 1 point for any shot inside the arc.
- 2 points for shots beyond the arc.
- Free throws = 1 point.

## 4. Starting Play

- Rock–paper–scissors decides first possession.
- Game starts with a check ball at the top.

## 5. Possession Rules

- After a made basket → Defending team gets the ball to check.
- After a turnover, steal, or defensive rebound → ball must be cleared, both feet behind the arc.
- Ball must be checked after fouls and out-of-bounds.
- In the event of a jump ball, It will be a check-ball for the last defensive team.

## 6. Fouls (Social Grade)

- Contact at the discretion of the ref — no rough play.
- Shooting fouls = 1 free throw.
- Non-shooting fouls = check ball at the top.
- Excessive fouling may result in loss of possession or removal from the game.

## 7. Out of Bounds

- Any ball touching the lines or leaving the court = out.
- Check ball from the top.

## 8. Violations

- Travelling, double dribble, carrying, and 5-second check violations apply.
- No stalling — organiser may issue a shot-attempt warning.

## 9. Sportsmanship

- No trash talk, swearing, or aggressive behaviour.
- Respect all players and organisers.
- Games are social, friendly, and fun-focused.
- Refs on court make the final decision.

## 10. Substitutions

- Substitutions can only happen during Dead-ball situations (Check-Ball or Free-throw) and from behind the end line.