

Information for Teams

Tournament Sites

Skowhegan Area High School
61 Academy Circle, Skowhegan, ME
Bracket Designation (HS)

Skowhegan Area Middle School
155 Academy Circle, Skowhegan, ME
Bracket Designation (MS)

Skowhegan Community Center
39 Poulin Dr, Skowhegan, ME
Bracket Designation (CC)



Tournament Program

The program will be available the week of March 9, 2020, at skowheganmaplefest.com/maple-madness.

Hold Harmless Agreement

All players on team rosters must submit a hold harmless waiver agreement signed by parent or legal guardian (agreement at the end of this document, on page 6).

Players' Night

Teams must register for Players' Night attendance by March 9, 2020, to guarantee seats for team members and chaperones. Register at this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfDw_zVBwgtOmefzji_gM-CA_LtMEsjorDKcMG6AahYWtLRXQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1

Maple Festival

We encourage teams and fans to attend the Maple Festival activities in downtown Skowhegan on March 21, 2020. Learn more at skowheganmaplefest.com.

Team Sponsorships

Main Street Skowhegan is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and offers the platform for sponsorships. We encourage teams to solicit sponsorships from their own local businesses (consider maple syrup producers). This can offset tournament fees and travel expenses. We can assist with the sponsor package, which includes promotion of the sponsor. Proceeds benefit Main Street Skowhegan, an organization focused on ongoing revitalization in historic Skowhegan, Maine.

Note: Teams must bring their own warm-up balls, scorekeeper, and home and away jerseys in accordance with details listed in tournament information.

IMPORTANT GAME RULES & TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

GAMES

1. Games will be 20 minute running halves with stop time the last 2 minutes of each half.
2. If the lead reaches 20 or more points, the clock will run through the last 2 minutes of the second half, even if the lead drops below 20 points. If the clock is stopped during a free throw situation, it will restart when the ball becomes live; not when the ball is handed to the shooter.
3. Full court pressure is not allowed in the 1st half. Pressing is allowed in the 2nd half when a team's lead is less than 20 points. Warnings will be used to manage, unless continued abuse requires unsporting technical foul.
4. All shooting fouls are one shot for two points on a two shot foul and one shot for three points on a three shot foul, until the last 2 minutes of each half, where National High School Federation (NHSFA) rules will then apply.
5. Three full time outs per game only. There are no timeouts in sudden death overtime. After a timeout during a free throw situation, the clock starts when the ball is back in play. This means someone in play must touch the ball after the free throw situation ends for the clock to start.
6. Except for SemiFinal and Championship games, overtimes are sudden death. First team to score wins. There will be no time put on the clock. There are no timeouts in sudden death overtime. The overtime will start with a center jump. Championship and semifinal games will be a 2-minute overtime, with one minute of running clock and one minute of stop time. There is one full timeout in championship overtime, and no carryover of time outs from regulation. All fouls carry over from the second half.
7. If a player or coach is assessed two technical fouls, and or they are disqualified from a game they must leave the gym. They must then meet with the tournament director before being allowed to coach in subsequent games.
8. All other rules that are not stated above will follow the NHSFA rules.
9. Pre-game and halftime are usually 3-5 minutes, but may be shortened at the discretion of the referees and tournament officials in order to keep games on time. Come stretched and prepared to play by your scheduled time.
10. Each team will play a minimum of three games
11. Pool play tie breakers if same records: Tie breakers will be determined by the following methods if records of teams are the same:
 - A. Record of teams head-to-head.
 - B. Coin Flip

TOURNAMENT

1. All teams must have a matching set of jerseys with numbers on both the front and back. Numbers are requested to be in accordance with standard National High School Federation rules if at all possible. This means numbers should begin or end with 0 through 5, such as 0, 1, 2, ...10, 11, 12, ...21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 32, etc...through 55. **Teams must have reversible jerseys or a home and an away set.** The tournament will not provide pinneys. Matching shorts are not necessary.
2. EACH TEAM MUST BRING ONE PERSON TO HELP WITH SCOREKEEPING OR TIMEKEEPING. This person will receive a pass for free entry for the entire tournament. It is preferred that the same person perform these duties at each of the team's games. This person MUST be present to receive this pass when the coach checks in his/her team before your first game. Those teams not providing this person will forfeit that game, all subsequent games, and all fees paid. This person MUST be knowledgeable of scoring and time procedures. Substitute scorekeepers are allowed but multiple entry passes for scorers will not be given. Coaches and scorekeepers MUST wear their wristbands or have a ticket or stamp at all times. Any that are removed or lost will cause that coach/scorekeeper to have to pay admission each day.
3. Coaches may not be the scorer/timer and coach on the bench at the same time. No games may begin without a coach!
4. There are no protests. All referee and tournament staff decisions are final. Any coach/player/parent/fan who berates a tournament official, staff member, other coach, player, parent, referee, or fan will be ejected immediately from the tournament. Those who do not leave immediately will be removed by authorities.
5. Disorderly conduct, damage to facilities, or violations of rules in the opinion of the tournament staff will cause you and your team to be ejected from the tournament. You will immediately forfeit all subsequent games and all fees/admissions paid.
6. DO NOT CALL US WITH ROSTER CHANGES! Make these on your final roster form, which you will present at the check-in table prior to your first game. At this time, your roster will be frozen.
7. ALL PLAYERS ON EACH ROSTER MUST PROVIDE A HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT SIGNED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN (The agreement is enclosed in this document).
8. Awards are given to 1st place in each bracket and for a maximum of 12 players. Each bracket will also award 5 all tournament team selections. Selections based on voting by coaches. Ties decided by 1. team record of applicable players, 2. Discretion of tournament officials
9. Passes will be issued at the tournament upon check in for a maximum of the uniformed players on the roster, 2 coaches, and 1 scorekeeper per team, not for ballpersons, or managers, etc...
10. **Maple Madness will not refund any tournament fees paid if a tournament is cancelled for reasons beyond our control including, but not limited to, floods, acts of war, bomb threats, gym reservations cancelled without adequate notice to Maple Madness, natural disasters, etc.**

11. You must bring your own balls for warm-ups. The tournament will supply game balls or a ball will be chosen from the two teams supply of warm up balls. Boys 7th/8th grade will use regulation men's ball. All other brackets will use 28.5 ball.
12. Any forfeits will count as a game towards your three game minimum. Any team which forfeits a game is subject to forfeiting all subsequent games and all fees/admissions paid and be removed from the tournament. The tournament will try to replace a game lost due to forfeit by another team. This is not guaranteed, however, we will make every effort to do so.
13. Maple Madness, Main Street Skowhegan, the host site and all staff members are not responsible for injuries to players, coaches, spectators, or guests. We do not carry health insurance. Injuries are the responsibility of the player's own health insurance.
14. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHECKING FOR CHANGES IN THE BRACKETS OR RULES POSTED AT THE TOURNAMENT AT ALL TIMES! GO BY THE POSTED SCHEDULE
15. **ALL ENTRY FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE** once we receive your fee at the Main Street Skowhegan office. If we do not run a bracket and cannot combine brackets, only then will we refund an entry fee. All fees will be refunded via a check in the mail.
16. Make sure your roster is in agreement with the rules for out-of-season play that are listed by your state athletic association. Maple Madness is not responsible for errors causing a player to lose eligibility.
17. Tournament staff reserves the right to combine brackets for the good of the tournament. We also reserve the right to shorten the length of halves, halftime, or time between games to keep the schedule on time or in cases out of our control such as a power outage at a gym site.
18. The tournament committee reserves the right to modify all or any of these rules for the good of all teams involved.
19. YOU MUST COMPLETE A FINAL ROSTER FORM AND PRESENT IT UPON CHECK-IN IN ORDER TO RECEIVE YOUR PASSES.
20. Players may not be more than 2 years older than the age of the players in that typical grade level, unless tournament advance approval is granted.. For example, An 8th grader is 13 years old. A 16 year old 8th grader cannot play in the 8th grade bracket absent prior approval.
21. If you must leave the tournament early or will miss a game, please notify the tournament director. This allows us to give your games to others who wish to play, and helps avoid forfeits.
22. The 4th-5th grade boys brackets, and all girls brackets will use the women's ball size (28.5" ball) This ball will be used by the entire bracket for the entire tournament. The 7th/8th grade boys bracket will use a regulation men's ball.
23. Players MUST be wearing their jerseys to be admitted to the tournament at all times, absent an admission ticket, or wristband.
24. Teams MUST bring their own medical supplies. This includes ice, bandages, tape, etc... As a coach, please be responsible and bring a medical kit for your team's protection

25. Maple Madness cannot be responsible for teams that do not show at tournaments or fail to call in advance to cancel. **ALL BRACKETS AND SCHEDULES WILL BE POSTED ONLINE or EMAILED TO COACHES THE WEEK OF THE TOURNAMENT!** These scheduled games do count toward your guaranteed amount of games. Tournament directors will work with you to try to make up these games. If Maple Madness is unable to supply you with a tournament by not having enough teams at the entry deadline, you will receive a full refund. Under no other circumstances are refunds awarded once a tournament schedule is released.

**Main Street Skowhegan - Maple Madness Tournament
Liability Waiver & Hold Harmless Agreement**

PARENTS OR GUARDIANS MUST READ BEFORE SIGNING

DATE ____ / ____ / _____

In consideration of the services of Main Street Skowhegan, and their agents, owners, offers, volunteers, participants, employees, and all other persons or entities in any capacity on their behalf (herein after collectively referred to as MSS et al). I hereby agree to release, indemnify and discharge MSS et al on behalf of myself, my children, my parents, my heirs, assignees, personal representatives and estate, as follows:

1. I acknowledge that basketball entails known and unanticipated risks which could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis, death or damage to myself, to property, or to third parties. I understand that such risks simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity.
2. I expressly agree and promise to accept and assume all of the risks existing in any of these activities. My participation in any of these activities is purely voluntary and I elect to participate in spite of the risks.
3. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless MSS et al from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action, which are in any way connected with my participation in any of these activities, or my use of MSS et al equipment or facilities, including any such claims which allege negligent acts or omissions of MSS et al.
4. Should MSS et al or anyone acting on their behalf, be required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement. I agree to indemnify and hold them harmless for all such fees and costs.
5. I certify that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage I may cause or suffer while participating, or else I agree to bear the costs of injury or damage myself. I further certify that I have no medical or physical conditions which could interfere with my safety in this activity, or else I am willing to assume – and bear the costs of – all risks that may be created, directly or indirectly, by such condition.
6. In the event that I file a lawsuit against MSS et al I agree to do so solely in the state of Maine and I further agree that the substantive law of that state shall apply in that action without regard conflict of law rules of the state. I agree that if any portion of this agreement to be void or enforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.
7. I hereby grant permission to MSS to use photographs and/or video of you and the participants listed on this document, taken on March 21 and 22, 2020 at Skowhegan, Maine, in publications, news releases, online, and in other communications related to the mission of MSS.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged during my participation in this activity, I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against MSS et al on the basis of any claim from which I have released herein.

Name (Participant, Parent or Legal Guardian): _____

Signature _____

Participant(s) under 18

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____