**39th ANNUAL JR. HIGH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

SPONSORED BY

EPIPHANY DAD’S CLUB

**TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS:**

**A.** **GENERAL**

 1. All games will be played at the Epiphany School, Sayre, Pa.

 2. A fifteen (15) minute grace period will be allowed from scheduled start of

 game. At expiration of grace period, team not having five (5) eligible

 players on court will lose by forfeit.

 3. Qualified officials will be used.

 4. All games shall consist of four (4) seven (7) minute quarters and four (4)

 minutes for each overtime period if needed.

 5. This is a double elimination tournament. Teams must play according to

 the schedule . . . No Postponements!!

 6. Any type defense may be played (man-to-man, zone).

 7. No team may be school affiliated (e.g., team must use club name, store,

 corporation, etc.).

 8. The tournament has been reviewed by the P.I.A.A. and by N.Y. State

 officials so that players will not lose high school eligibility if all rules are

 followed.

 9. Any player who meets the age and grade requirement may play in the

 tournament, provided that any player who has played in varsity competition

 plays only for a team from the school district he resides in. The only

 exception to that is for varsity players who compete for a private school.

 They must only compete with athletes from the school they attend.

1. Students may play in this tourney who otherwise compete in the same sport for

their school; unless specifically restricted by individual schools or teams. This is a 2005 change in PIAA rules Article IX section 1. The former rule allowed participation only after obtaining a waiver from school officials.

**B. PLAYERS AND TEAMS**

 1. Competition is open for players, ages 13-16, not having reached their 16th

 birthday before March 1, 2017, and all players must be in the 7th, 8th, or

 9th grade only.

 2. Each team may roster not less than seven (7) and not more than fifteen (15) players.

3. Anyone can coach, but they cannot play. Coaches are responsible for their own and their players’ conduct at all times.

 4. No additions to team rosters will be permitted after the first game.

5. Teams must supply their own numbered jerseys and practice balls. Two sets of jerseys (light and dark) is recommended

 6. School records signed by the school administration or school nurse showing each player

must be presented before the start of the team’s first game in order to verify birth dates. Birth certificates can be also be used. Any team using an ineligible player will be disqualified from the tournament.

7. Please be familiar with the rules and help your players and fans understand them. There are some differences between PA and NY. “Closely Guarded” is one. No shot clock, of course,

 is another. RULES CAN BE REVIEWED AT THE WEBSITE [WWW.PIAA.ORG](http://WWW.PIAA.ORG).

 8. Time outs, coaches’ box and Mercy rule:

 3 - Full Time-Outs

 2 – 30 Second Time-Outs (used in either half)

 Overtime(s) will be 4 minutes and each team gets 1 extra full time-out

Girl’s Free Throw rule differs from New York

 - Players on the line must wait for the ball to hit the rim

The Head Coach is allowed to stand and walk within the coaches’ box. This privilege will be revoked at the referees’ discretion if their behavior is unsportsmanlike.

The P.I.A.A ‘Mercy Rule’ will generally be enforced, except if the coaches and Tournament Director agree otherwise (to allow more playing time).

9. **Remember**:

PIAA SPORTSMANSHIP MESSAGE -

PIAA requires all registered sports’ officials to enforce the sportsmanship rules for coaches and contestants. Actions meant to de-mean opposing contestants, team, spectators, and officials are not in the highest ideals of interscholastic education and will not be tolerated. Let today’s contest reflect mutual respect.

Coaches: The Tournament Directors ask you to help communicate this message to fans. Disruptive fans will be asked to leave the gym.

**C. FEES AND PROTEST**

 1. Team entry fee is one hundred seventy five dollars ($175.00)

 2. Protest fee is ten dollars ($10.00)

 3. Protests must be submitted to the tournament director and his committee in writing,

 accompanied by the protest fee, within two (2) hours of the completion of the game in

 question.

**D. AWARDS**

 1. First Place: a. Team Trophy

 b. Champion Tee Shirts

 2. Second Place: Team Trophy

 3. Third Place: Team Trophy

 4. Fourth Place: Team Trophy

 5. All - Star Team Shirts seven (7)

 6. MVP Trophy

Start dates: Wednesday, February 15th for Boys
 Monday, February 20th for Girls

\*\*Entries must be received by Friday, February 3rd, 2017.

Mail all entries to: Kevin Horn or bring entries to: Epiphany School

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

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# HOPE TO SEE YOU IN SAYRE AT THE TOURNAMENT!