



Basketball 5x5



COMPETITION MANUAL

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International rules will be followed unless specified in WPFG Guidelines

EVENTS

Men: 18+ Division I
Division II
40+

Women: 18+

Age as of Date: 12/31/2027

Entry Deadline: 1/22/2027

TEAMS

Active-duty competitors from police and fire agencies may combine to form a team regardless of agency size **WITHIN THEIR COUNTRY OF EMPLOYMENT**. Retired competitors may combine to form a team in any manner they wish including across country lines with other eligible competitors regardless of police or fire agency.

Maximum of 12 players on a team plus one (1) non-playing coach.

A **MANDATORY** team captain meeting will be conducted the day prior to the start of the competition. Each team **SHALL** have a representative at this meeting. All final team rosters must be submitted at this meeting. There will be no exceptions to the roster once this meeting has been completed. **NO EXCEPTIONS**



A Competitors by Sport/Event (CSE) Report is mandatory for the Sport Coordinator to verify team members with final rosters being submitted by team captains. This will also be used to determine rosters for which medal ceremonies will be conducted.

EQUIPMENT

Game score records

Bracket Charts – signage with brackets/schedules printed

“Size 5” balls: 3 for each field (should be new balls)

Competitor Check-in Station (table, bench, etc.)

The Host shall provide water and/or liquid refreshment for competitors.

GENERAL SPORT RULES for Basketball – 5 on 5

BRACKETING:

A Round Robin tournament followed by a single elimination tournament. Groups (from 4 to 5 teams) shall be established. All teams will advance to a Single Elimination Finals Tournament and be placed in the tournament based on standings from Round Robin play.

SCHEDULING:

It is recommended to schedule 5 days of competition.

There is a 15-minute forfeit rule in effect.

DIVISIONAL PLAY: The following rules govern the placement of teams in either Division I or Division II

Members of a combined team can be from Law Enforcement and/or Firefighter Services.

DIVISION I:

Combined teams from states/provinces or similar region within a country, shall compete in Division I. Only the WPFGE can change a team from this Division.

Medal winners in Division I from the previous WPFGE. (See WPFGE General Rules)

Any team may elect to compete in Division I with WPFGE approval.

DIVISION II:

All other teams may compete in Division II.



PREVIOUS WPMFG DIV II WINNERS SHALL COMPETE IN DIV I.

WPMFGF reserves the right to place a team in either Division I/Division II.

SCORING:

The scoring for group play is:

Win = 3 points,

Loss = 1 point, including default

Forfeit= 0 points

All teams will advance to the Single Elimination Finals tournament. Teams will be placed in the tournament based on their standings from the group play.

Tiebreaker in Group Play

Ties in group play will be resolved by the following calculations:

Total win/loss points accumulated in group play

Team head-to-head games results

If three (3) or more teams are tied at the end of group play, the following format will be used to determine placing of the tied teams:

Higher game points difference of the games between them

Higher number of game points scored in the games between them

Higher game points difference of all games in the group

Higher number of game points scored in all games in the group

If a tie has not been reached based on the above, head-to-head of the remaining teams will take place. If this additional tiebreaker needs to be used, please contact the WPMFG Federation Director in charge of this sport.

Competitors may enter both the "5x5" and "3x3". However, if a conflict in game schedules occurs due to a competitor entering both sports, the competitor must choose in which sport he/she will compete. The Host shall NOT adjust game schedules to accommodate individual competitors or teams. The Host will not refund entry fees due to a competitor scheduling conflict.

A competitor may only play on one team in this sport. Competitors cannot play 18+ and 40+

A team must begin the game with five (5) players, but if it has no substitutes to replace disqualified players, it must continue with fewer than five (5). A team will forfeit the game if there are not at least 3 players on the court.



Each team shall designate an individual to function as the Team Captain for each game. If the team has a sworn Non-Playing Coach, that person may be the Team Captain.

Each game will consist of four 10-minute periods of running time. A 24-second shot-clock and 3-point line will be used in all games.

The game clock will be stopped during all dead-ball periods in the last 2 minutes of the 4th period and any extra periods. The game clock will be stopped during all time-outs.

All competitors must wear a team uniform. Uniform shirts must be numbered and identical in color. Each team must have two different colored uniform shirts available, preferably a light and dark color.

PLAYERS CONDUCT:

Note: Any serious violation of conduct, such as fighting or violence toward players or officials will result in the player(s) immediate ejection from that game and his/her automatic suspension from his/her team's next scheduled game. The sport coordinator shall immediately notify the WPFGF, who will investigate each incident to determine if additional discipline will be imposed.

AWARDING OF MEDALS TO ATHLETES AND COACHES

One Non-playing coaches can **ONLY** receive a medal if they are eligible to participate in the games. This means that the coach would has to meet the same requirements of an athlete to receive a medal. This coach will receive an Athlete's Credential when they register at the Accreditation Center and should do so at the Special Handling booth to receive the Athlete's Credential.

Coaches who do not meet the requirements to participate in the Games **will not** receive a medal. **Technical Support Personnel SHALL NOT** receive medals.

During the medal presentation, only athletes and eligible coaches are allowed to participate in this ceremony. Each athlete and one eligible coach **SHALL** present their Athlete's Credential. If the athlete or coach does not wear their Athlete's Credential, they **SHALL NOT** receive a medal. This is a mandatory requirement to receive a medal.

Technical Support Personnel and children are not allowed on the podium with the teams during the medal presentation.



The sport coordinator SHALL have in their possession a copy of the CSE Report and the team's final roster that was submitted at the team captains meeting to verify the athletes being awarded medals.