

SPRING BASKETBALL FEST 2025

Hosted in Conjunction with the Jr All Native Basketball Tournament

March 16 to 21, 2025 | Kelowna, British Columbia

The Spring Basketball Fest is an All-Native Provincial Basketball Tournament being held in conjunction with the 2025 Jr All Native Basketball Tournament. Registration for 13U boys' and girls' divisions is open to all eligible teams on a first-come, first-serve basis while capacity permits. We will be having a two tier system for the 13U Gold and Silver divisions, so based teams will be able to choose if they would like to be in the competitive division or less competitive division.

This year we are pleased to announce that we will be hosting a small 10U co-ed division, interested teams must apply to play in this tournament. The Spring Basketball Fest will take place March 16 – 21, 2025 in Kelowna, BC.

RULES, REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES – 13 U DIVISION

REGISTRATION

- Registration opens December 1, 2024, and closes January 15, 2025
- Rosters must be submitted by February 15, 2025, any changes to the roster after this date must be done in person at the Team Check-In.
- Player's guardian of all rostered athletes must sign the tournament waiver. Signed Rosters (waivers) to be handed in at Team Check- In March 15/16, 2025
- 12 players per team
- Non- refundable entry fee of \$300.00 is payable upon registration. EMT's are accepted to honourtheland@gmail.com the message must include team name and division (i.e. U13 Girls Prince Rupert Tigers)
- Please ensure you indicate which division you will be entering on your registration form.

TEAM REQUIREMENTS

The purpose of the tournament is to develop young athletes, promote community pride, and develop the game of basketball. Therefore, it is encouraged that teams have players from one community/village.

***It is not the intention of the tournament to have Coaches "stacking" their teams.*

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- 13 and under (Be 13 years of age by December 31, 2024) and must be at least 9 years of age at the time of the tournament. No exceptions.
- Must be First Nations - Indian status card number to be on roster form or Parent Indian Status card number will be accepted
- Must reside in British Columbia or be registered to a BC Nation and be playing for that team/community.

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PLAYER ELIGIBILITY CHALLENGES

- Only head coaches can challenge the eligibility of opposing team players: age or First Nation status.
- All challenges must be brought to the attention of Tournament staff or official 15 minutes prior to the start of the game.
- All coaches must carry in their possession: player's proof of age, and proof of Indian Status
- If a challenge is imposed and the coach cannot provide player eligibility, the player will be disqualified from the entire tournament.

Team Check-In

All coaches are required to check-in at Registration on March 15th or 16th at the Kelowna Secondary School located at 1079 Raymer Ave, Kelowna, BC V1Y 4Z7. Keep posted for times.

TOURNAMENT PLAY 13U

- There will be 2 tiers for the 13U this year – Gold and Silver.
- Depending on the number of teams in each division determines the format, each team will be guaranteed a minimum of 3 games.
- Basketball size will be 28.5
- This is a FUN tournament

TOURNAMENT RULES

The FIBA are the official rules of the game with the following special exceptions:

- All games shall consist of four 8 minute quarters. The 4 quarters shall be stop time (clock stops at dead ball).
- Maximum warm-up time of 10 minutes with no less than 5 minutes of warm-up time.
- Half time breaks shall be 5 minutes.
- Maximum of 3 (1) minute timeouts per game, they can be used at anytime during the game. (plus one in O/T, if the game goes into OT)
- There shall be no 24/30 second clock. However, referees may use a silent count of 24 seconds for girls, 30 seconds for boys.
- Overtime first period 2 minutes. Second and subsequent periods - 1 minute. All stop time. 4th quarter team fouls to carry over to all O/T periods. One timeout total for all O/T periods. All O/T periods will start with a jump ball.
- Full court pressure must be removed by the team with a 10 point lead.
- Double-teaming and traps are not allowed outside the 3 point line. Inside the 3 point line, help defense is encouraged, this may result in double teaming and is legal.
- There is no zone defense permitted.
- All players must have their uniform tucked in or they will be asked to substitute.
- All players are required to wear non-marking running shoes and a uniform with a number. Only players with uniforms may play.
- The referee is the sole judge of the game.

- As per FIBA rules: the clock will stop after a made basket in the last two minutes of the game and restart when the applicable referee lowers his/her hand signaling that the ball is in play.

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- If a player/coach receives 2 technical fouls he/she will be ejected for the remainder of the “in process” game; the player/coach is eligible to participate in the next scheduled game.
- Only team and coaches/Manager with Tournament Credentials can sit on the team bench. No exceptions.
- If a player/coach does not have his/her player pass, they must pay the admission price.
- All teams must report to team Check-In to participate in the tournament.
- Teams and/or a head coach who arrive 10 minutes after their listed game start time will forfeit his/her game. Officials to make final decision.

*** see opening ceremonies and code of conduct at the end of this document*

RULES, REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES – 10 U CO-ED DIVISION

Tournament Purpose and Structure

The purpose of this tournament is to develop the game in communities and to provide an experience for siblings/family members of players already attending the tournament. This tournament is strictly for fun, there will be no awards at the end of the tournament and no play off bracket. There will be heart and hustle awards and “team fun” bags provided to coaches at the beginning of the tournament along with reversible jerseys for each player to keep.

Teams will apply to be accepted. All teams who have been accepted will be notified by January 15th if they have been selected to enter. Teams will have until January 30th to submit their entry fee. Should they not submit we will select another team. We will be taking a maximum of 12 teams.

Each team will get to play a minimum of 4 games each in a round robin style of play.

Player and Team Eligibility

- Players must be of First Nations Ancestry
- Must be 10 years old as of December 31, 2024, and no younger than 6 years old as of this date.
- The teams are co-ed and each team must consist of at least 5 girls and 7 boys, the maximum amount of players allowed on the roster is 12.

Equipment Specifications:

- Ball Size 28.5
- Hoop Height 9'
- Uniforms: each team will receive an official Rising Stars reversible jersey from the host tournament committee that they will be REQUIRED to wear to play.

Scoring:

All field goals are worth two points to encourage children to shoot within a developmentally-appropriate range. This allows for proper mechanics and form. While these age segments may attempt a shot behind the 3-point arc, any field goal made behind the arc will only count as two points.

Game Structure:

- Eight 4 Minute Shifts, 2 Minute Halftime
- One minute between each 2nd shift
- Substitution: Only between shifts unless an injury or disqualification occurs
- Two 60-second timeouts permitted in the first half of play. Two 60-second timeouts permitted in the second half of play
- Unused timeouts may not carry over to the next half or into extra periods
- Start of Game Possession: Coin flip. Team awarded possession starts with throw-in at half court
- Clock Stopped on any dead ball

Game Play

- Equal playing time in periods 1-3. Coaches' discretion in the fourth period.
- Each shift must consist of a minimum of 1 girl on the floor.
- Only player-to-player defense throughout the competition
- Player-to-player defense may be extended full court in the fourth period
- Leading team may not extend the defense over half court when leading by 20 points or more
- Double-team/crowding is not allowed throughout the competition
- Slow Break Rule:
 - No fast breaks by the offense and no backcourt pressing by the defense for the first 3 quarters. The 4th quarter is straight basketball.
 - The offensive team must allow the defense necessary time to get across mid-court and set up before advancing the ball past mid-court.
 - The defense must allow the offense to cross mid-court before leaving the area of the 3 pt. arc.
- Mercy Rule:
 - If a team is ahead by ten (10) or more points at any time in the game, there will be NO back court pressing by the team in the lead.
 - One warning, then a 2 shot technical foul and possession will be awarded.
 - There will be no fast breaks by the team in the lead. One warning, and then a 2 shot technical foul and possession will be awarded.
 - Note—If you are the team trailing by 10 or more and you choose to press in the back court, this rule is nullified.
 - The mercy rule is nullified when the trailing team has cut the lead down to single digits.

Additional Rules

- All teams will arrive 20 minutes in advance of their scheduled game time
- Each team will be given a 5-minute warm up
- Each team is responsible for cleaning the bench area after games.
- Each team is permitted a maximum of Three coaches/managers for free admission
- A player may only play for one team and cannot play in both the 13U and 10U divisions

Definitions:

- Player-to-Player Defense –
 - Each player is responsible for guarding and moving with one offensive player. This requires the defensive player to move according to the offensive player's movements with or without the ball.
 - The defensive player must stay on the same side of the court as the offensive player, divided by the rim line.
 - If an offensive player with the ball advances past their defensive player, another defender may rotate to guard that offensive player.
- Pressing Defense – Defensive guarding, either on or off the ball, within the backcourt.
- Double-Team/Crowding – Two or more defensive players guarding a single offensive player

The following apply to all Spring Basketball Fest Divisions.

OPENING CEREMONY

- There will be an Opening Ceremony on March 16th, all teams are encouraged to attend. Further information will be available closer to the date.

ZERO TOLERANCE

There is a zero-tolerance policy in effect for the treatment of staff/refs/officials. If it is found that an individual(s) has been abusive (verbally or physically), he/she will be asked to leave the venue and will not be permitted to return for that session as well as all other Spring Break Basketball Fest and JANT activities and events.

CODE OF CONDUCT

****This tournament will follow the JANT Code of Conduct**

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to ensure a safe and positive environment by instituting a Zero Tolerance Policy. JANT is committed to providing a sport environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. All Individuals will be aware that there is an expectation, at all times, of appropriate behavior consistent with the values of the tournament. Conduct that violates this Code may be subject to disciplinary action enforced by the host committee. This Code of Conduct applies to conduct that may arise during JANT games. (See Appendix A for Spectator Code of Conduct)

- a. Consistently demonstrating the spirit of sportsmanship, sport leadership and ethical conduct.
- b. Consistently treating individuals fairly and respectfully.
- c. Refrain from any behavior that constitutes harassment, where harassment is defined as comment or conduct directed towards an individual or group, which is offensive, abusive, racist, sexist, degrading, or malicious.

Players, Officials, Coaches and Managers should show respect to everyone involved in the game, including coaches, officials, volunteers, staff and other players this includes

- Any players, coaches, managers, referees, scorekeepers or timekeepers found under the influence of alcohol or drugs during the game or in a JANT facility or at a JANT event will automatically be suspended from the tournament.
- Foul and abusive language will draw a technical foul.
- Any player, coaches, or managers who obstruct a referee or minor official by way of verbal threats, pushing or fighting will be ejected for the balance of the tournament. The team in question will have to make an appeal to the host committee to get reinstated back for the following JANT tournament.
- A player or coach is ejected from the game if he accumulates two technical fouls of an unsportsmanlike nature over the course of the game. A coach can be ejected upon having incurred two coach technical fouls, or a combination of three bench and coach technical fouls.
- Participants who commit violent fouls or enter the stands are immediately ejected, regardless of any technical fouls already accumulated, and will be suspended from the following game. Depending on the severity of the foul, they face further suspension or potentially being barred from the entire tournament at the discretion of the Provincial tournament Representatives

Committee. Ejected players, coaches, managers must promptly leave the court area for the remainder of the game.

- In the event there is no Assistant Coach or Manager to coach the team for the remainder of the game, the game is forfeited.

For More Information Contact:

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APPENDIX A

SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Good behavior from spectators helps ensure a positive sports experience for every athlete.

The Spectator Code of Conduct reminds spectators of:

Respectful Behaviour:

- Spectators are expected to behave respectfully towards all participants, including athletes, coaches, staff, officials, and other spectators.
- Abusive language, taunting, and inappropriate comments are prohibited.

Positive Support:

- Cheer in a supportive and positive manner.
- Avoid negative or disruptive behaviour that could detract from the enjoyment and fairness of the event.

Compliance with Rules:

- Follow all event-specific rules and guidelines set out by the organizers and officials.
- Respect the decisions of referees and other event officials.

Safety and Conduct:

- Ensure that behaviour does not compromise the safety of participants or other spectators.
- Avoid actions that could lead to conflicts or endanger others.

Respect for Property:

- Treat all facilities, equipment, and property with respect.
- Ensure that all garbage and personal belongings are disposed of properly.

The following addresses conduct that is inconsistent with JANT:

- Interfering with the competition, including entering the field of play, throwing objects of any kind, incidents of distraction.
 - Noisemaker Stipulation:
The following shall be in effect for all games:
 - Aerosol air horns, loudspeakers (megaphones), whistles, and laser pointers shall not be permitted at any time.
 - Should a situation arise with regards to the above; the game shall be stopped (at the appropriate time) and it shall be the sole responsibility of the home team administration or games director (if applicable) to immediately deal with the problem at hand. There shall be no penalty sanctioned regardless.
- Behaviour that is unruly, disruptive, threatening or violent in nature, including verbal or physical harassment of officials, athletes, coaches, staff, volunteers or other spectators.
- Any disruptive, harmful, or disorderly behaviour or any act which presents a risk to the safety of other individuals interferes with the competition, or otherwise targets other spectators or other spectators' enjoyment of the competition.
- Posting any images/videos on social media to harass, harm or threaten athletes, staff, officials, or other spectators.

- Displaying signs, symbols, images (including those associated with hate-based organizations), using language or making gestures that are threatening, abusive, or discriminatory, including based on race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, gender identity, ability, and/or sexual orientation.
- Failing to follow requests regarding event operations, policies, and emergency response procedures.
- Consumption or being under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or drugs, other than medication prescribed by a medical doctor, whether of legal age or not, at any time during a JANT event.
- Conduct that results in damage to the facility or other personal property. Any damages found to be done to any hotels, motels, and gymnasiums will be paid for by the team that has done the damage. If the team does not pay for its damages, then the provincial reps will rule on the community/club team regarding suspensions and for how long.
- Conduct that is illegal.

Failure to comply with the Spectator Code of Conduct may lead to actions such as: Suspension of entry privileges, ejection, notification of local authorities including police, notification to appropriate sport governing bodies and potentially refusal of entry privileges at subsequent JANT tournaments. All rules, regulations and guideline violations will be dealt/acted upon accordingly. Athlete spectators failing to comply are subject to appropriate discipline which may include suspension and/or expulsion from the tournament. JANT tournaments will not tolerate unsafe, abusive, unlawful or offensive conduct at our events.