

WTA TOURNEY RULES

GAME TIME:

1. Two 22 minutes running clock halves unless otherwise stated
2. stop clock last two minutes of each half unless a team is ahead by 20 pts
3. clock will not be allowed to run out on a free throw
4. clock stops on all timeouts and player injuries

TIMEOUTS:

1. Four timeouts per game. 2 full and 2--30 second timeouts. Use them anytime during regular play time
2. *Clock will not start on a free throw until ball is back in play. (Not when player is handed the ball by ref)*
3. *A warning and technical foul will be given to a coach or a player for calling an extra timeout during a game. If a coach or a player calls a 2nd timeout over the limit during the game, it will lead to a FORFEIT game for his or her team.*
4. Timeouts do not carry over to overtime. Each team will be given one timeout in the first overtime
5. No timeouts in the sudden death overtime

OVERTIMES:

1. First overtime is 3 minutes—*2 Minute running clock and 1 Minute stop clock. 1 Time out no carry overs*
2. 2nd overtime is sudden death**: First team to score—No Timeouts
3. ***Championship Tournament Game will not end in Sudden Death play. The game will continue to play using 3-minute overtime(s) till a team wins. Time outs do not carry over. One timeout per overtime.*

GAME RULES FORMAT:

1. WTA uses high school federation rules for all games
2. exception is no 30 second shot clock. 10 second back court rules will be used. Double bonus will be shot on the 10th team foul each half

PRESS ON/OFF RULE:

1. teams may full court press until they are ahead by 20 points
2. teams may return to full court pressing once the score drops to 15 or below
3. half court pressing or half court trapping is always allowed

WARM-UPS AND HALF TIMES:

1. normal warm-up and half times are 3 TO 5 minutes. Warm-up times may be longer if time permits
2. tournament/gym director may change length of warm-up and half times during any tourney

FOULS AND TECHNICAL FOULS:

1. players will be disqualified on the 5th personal foul
2. double bonus will be shot on the 10th team foul each half—(NO one and one bonus)
3. technical fouls will result in two points and loss of possession of ball
4. technical fouls count as team fouls, and personal foul
5. flagrant fouls are same as technical fouls

BALL SIZE:

1. all girls' games will use the 28.5 size ball
2. 3rd to 6th grade boys' teams will use the 28.5 size ball unless both coaches agree to use boys size ball

GAME JERSEYS:

1. teams listed on the bottom of the schedule or on right will be designated home team and must provide a different color jersey in case both teams are wearing same color
2. exception – if referees and visiting coach agree then game may be played anyway
3. WTA does not provide penny's

TIE BREAKERS:

1. Tie breaker between 2 teams:
If they have played each other, it is head-to-head
If they have not played each other -- point differential will be used (15 points maximum per game)
If still tied least number of points scored against them verses teams involved in tie breaker.
If still tied, then odd man advances; coin flip will be used.
2. Tie breaker between 3 teams:
If all teams in tie have played each other:
To establish 1st place--point differential will be used in games played, only against teams involved in the tie breaker (15 points maximum per game).
After 1st place is established then head-to-head applies to 2nd and 3rd places.
If all 3 teams in tie have not all played each other: Then point differential will be used for all places.

GAME DISPUTES:

tourney director(s) will settle all disputes at the time of the disputes
coaches will not be allowed to file protests

SPORTSMANSHIP:

1. officials or tournament director may remove any player, coach, or fan whom he or she feels is demonstrating unsportsmanlike conduct. There are no refunds to anyone who is removed from the gym
2. anyone receiving two technical or two flagrant fouls will be removed from the gym and will not be allowed to participate in the balance of that tournament (Tournament director has the right to make a ruling)
3. *any fan asked to leave the gym will be banned for that game and any other amount of time the tournament director feels fit, for the incident*
4. anyone that causes the gym director or tournament director to call 911 to remove them will be banned from all future WTA tournaments

ADMISSIONS & CONCESSIONS:

1. \$10 adults and \$5 for seniors 65 and older/students 8-18 will be charged each day of the tournament
2. concessions will be provided at most WTA tournaments
3. At all WTA events each team must provide one parent/coach to work at the score table for each of their games. That person and one coach (normally the head coach) will not have to pay admission. WTA allows 2 people admitted FREE per day, all others must pay admission each day.

PLAYERS:

1. players may play up a grade but never down a grade
2. players may only play on one team in a WTA tourney and only play in one age division in a WTA tourney *Exception to this rule: The director approves a player to play on 2 teams for a specific tournament, prior to the start of that tournament.*
3. Teams having multiple grades on their team must play at the highest grade level. Ex: you have nine 5th graders on your team and one 6th grader you must play in the 6th grade division. Exception would be allowed by director only.

ROSTERS, AAU #'S AND CHALLENGES:

1. AAU team rosters must be submitted to the tournament director prior to the teams first game
2. players may not be added to a team after the roster is submitted. we suggest you make sure you add all players that might play for you during that weekend
3. the first game a player plays in during any tournament is determined to be the only team he/she may play for during that tournament. this is to prevent two or more teams listing the same player on their roster/s. *Unless exception has been made by the director before the tournament starts.*
4. AAU cards are required for all coaches and players participating in a WTA tournament
5. should a player's age/grade be challenged their coach must provide one or all the following
a) ASB card, b) birth certificate, and/or c) AAU card.

AWARDS:

1. WTA provides 12 t-shirts to the first and second place teams in a division with 5 or more teams participating.
2. WTA provides 12 t-shirts to the first-place team in a division with 4 teams participating.

COVID RULES:

1. WTA will follow all state, school district, and gym facility regulations in regard to requirements for COVID all participants, coaches, referees, and fans must abide or will be removed from gym.

MISC:

1. every year teams come up with new issues that are not covered in general tournament rules
2. We reserve the right to make any decision, we feel fair and appropriate, should an issue arise not covered in the rules above

Thank you – Jay and Kim Gahan and Jessica Hook – WTA Tournament Directors