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2015 GENERAL INFORMATION

- 2014 Tournament Dates:** February 5 - 8, 2015 (Thurs – Sun)
- Teams:** Boys 3rd grade, 4th grade (A and B), 5th grade (A and B), 6th grade (A and B) brackets.
- Location:** Jackson High School, Jackson Middle School & Jackson Strausser Elementary All gyms within a 5 minute drive. 3 games guaranteed.
- Entry Fee:** **\$210.00** per team. Make check payable to “JYBA”
Mail check and roster to:
JYBA Attn: Walt Stanislawski, P.O. Box 36046 Canton, Ohio 44735
- Registration Deadline:** **January 23, 2015 or first come basis until full.** We will take a maximum of 16 teams in each division. All division brackets and game schedules will be posted on our website (www.jacksonbasketball.com) the weekend prior to the tournament. No mailings will be sent.
- Team Eligibility:** Community teams comprised of players living (a) in the same public high school district or (b) residing within the limits of the same city, village, township, or other geographic district or (c) attending the same church. The tournament director reserves the right to review all rosters and make the final determination as to compliance with this rule. Players must be in the designated grade or younger (i.e., a 5th grade player may play on a 6th grade team). **Report cards or other info may be requested for verification.**
- Tournament Rosters:** Must be filled out completely on the JYBA roster/registration form (available on website) by the registration deadline. Team rosters are limited to 12 players and 3 coaches per team.
- Awards:** Team and individual trophies will be awarded to the champion and runners up in each division.
- Spectator Fee:** \$4.00 daily fee for adults. \$2.00 for all students and senior citizens. All roster players, two coaches, one scorekeeper per team admitted free.
- Boys Tournament Director:** **Randy Feucht**
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2015 TOURNAMENT RULES

- Format:** Pool – Play Format
Each team guaranteed 3 games
Pool champion automatically advances to playoff round.
The Tournament Director reserves the right to cancel games if weather or unforeseen circumstances arise.
- Insurance:** Each organization and individual participant in the tournament must be covered by their own organization's and their own individual insurance policy(ies).
- Uniforms:** Each team must supply their own jerseys with numbers on both front and back, if possible. If two teams have the same color jersey, the visiting team must change color. Home team will be listed first on schedule.
- Equipment:** Ten (10) foot baskets will be used in all divisions.
Youth basketballs (28.5" high school girls) will be used.
Each player must carry their game shoes into the gym.
- Reporting:** Each coach should report to scheduled game location thirty (30) minutes before game time. Tournament officials reserve the right to start any game up to ten (10) minutes early so long as the teams have received sufficient warm up time. No grace period. If unforeseen circumstances arise, you must contact the tournament director immediately.
- Tie Breakers/Pool Play:**
- Head to head results
 - Least amount of points given up during pool play
 - Coin flip
- (In case of a forfeit, the winning team's total points given up in pool play will be determined by taking an average of the other pool games' points given up and added to the total points given up in those 2 games.)*
- Scheduling:** Game schedules will be updates and posted on our website www.jacksonbasketball.com. We will post all results at the conclusion of each game. It will be your responsibility to check the website for the time and location of your next game. There is a line on our roster/registration form for indicating special scheduling requests. We will attempt to schedule around reasonable requests that are indicated on our form, such as personal obligations or other league games. However, we cannot attempt to schedule around another weekend tournament or make changes after our schedule is finalized. Any team forfeiting a game due to another basketball tournament conflict will not be permitted to enter our tournament the following year.
- Ejections:** Any player, coach, or fan ejected from a game will be asked to leave the gymnasium for the balance of that particular game and will be suspended for the following game and may not be in the gym during that game.



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2015 GAME RULES

- Rules:** Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) rules apply, except where noted.
- Officials:** All officials will be OHSAA-certified. Once the game begins, the officials control the game. The Tournament Director has no authority to overrule an official's ruling except in interpretation of tournament rules. No protests!
- Scorekeepers:** The tournament will provide a timekeeper and scorekeeper for each game. The official scorebook will be kept at the scorer's table.
- Length of Game:** Games shall consist of two (2) 12 minute halves with a 4-minute halftime.
The clock will stop on all whistles.
The first overtime period shall be 2-minutes. In pool play, the second overtime period shall be sudden death. The first team to score in the second overtime wins. In bracket play, teams play as many 2-minute overtime periods as necessary.
- Timeouts:** Each team receives three (3) full time-outs per game and one additional time-out for each overtime period.
- Defenses:**
3rd and 4th grade divisions
Any form of defense is permitted. Full court press is only allowed in the 2nd half. However, a team may not press if it is leading by 15 points or more.
5th grade division
Any form of defense is permitted. Full court press is only allowed in the 2nd half. However, a team may not press if it is leading by 15 points or more.
6th grade division
Any form of defense is permitted. Full court press is permitted the entire game. However, a team may not press if it is leading by 15 points or more.
All divisions: When pressing is not permitted, the first illegal attempt to do so will result in a warning. The second and all subsequent violations will result in a 2-shot technical foul.
- Mercy Rule:** If the lead exceeds 20 points in the 2nd half, the clock will run continuously until the team reduces the deficit to less than 20 points.
- Foul shooting:** All divisions shoot from the regulation 15-foot foul line. However, 3rd and 4th grade teams will be permitted cross the line on a follow-thru, but the shooter cannot be the first player to touch the rebound. 5th grade and 6th grade teams may not cross the line on a follow-thru.