

Sunshine Christian League Basketball Tournament Guidelines

- The tournament will be double-elimination until the championship game. The championship round is winner-take-all, single-elimination.
- All early-round games will consist of four 6-minute quarters with each team receiving 2 full timeouts and 1 thirty-second timeouts.
- The championship game will be four 8-minute quarters with each team receiving 3 full timeouts and 2 thirty-second timeouts.
- There is a 25-point-lead mercy rule for all 6 minute quarter games. 35-point-lead mercy rule for 8 minute championship games. Mercy Rule: Automatic running clock; clock only stops on timeouts.
- Home team throughout the tournament will be determined by seeding. The higher seed is always home. If teams meet with equal seeding, representatives from the schools along with a league director shall flip a coin to determine home team. In the championship game, the team that has won all their games will automatically be the home team regardless of seeding.
- Home teams shall wear white/light colored jerseys. Visiting teams shall wear dark colored jerseys. If this is not possible, both teams should have representatives meet and agree on which team will wear the dark or the lighter uniform.
- In order for the games to continue without delay, teams should be present by the beginning of the game prior to theirs. Teams will receive a forfeit if they are not present within 10 minutes of their game's official start time, unless an allowance is made by the SCL Board of Directors.
- Teams will need to warm up during half-time of the game prior to their game. Teams will also receive a (minimum) 5 minute warm-up before their games.
- Home team will be the official book unless the referees specifically state otherwise.
- Home and Visiting team locker rooms will be determined at the facility. Teams will be able to use locker rooms from the beginning of the 3rd quarter of the preceding game to the end of the half-time of their game. All items must be removed from the locker rooms as you leave your half-time.
- Teams must be properly attired to participate at the state tournament. Any violation will result in the disqualification of a player from the tournament.
- Both Home and Visiting scorebooks need to be filled out prior the 5-minute warm-up. Bookkeepers should get with the other team to have this done in advance to keep the tournament moving forward.
- At the end of each game, please make sure your team cleans up their bench area promptly for the next teams to be able to participate.
- Make sure all liquids remain off the playing court during timeouts and dead ball situations. Any wet spots should be wiped up immediately.
- On the court, the referees are the authority and teams, individual players, coaches, and fans will be expected to respect and honor their authority, even if they don't agree with the referee or the call.