



TRIBE ATHLETICS SPORTS

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES, REGULATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

7th ANNUAL NATIVE AMERICAN JUNIOR NATIONALS | JUNE 26-28, 2026

REGISTRATION

Registration fee/s must be paid in full for your team to be entered onto the pool play schedule – NO EXCEPTIONS. Tribal Issued checks, PayPal, Money Order, Venmo, Electronic Transactions by phone of CC Authorization form are all accepted.

ATHLETE'S ELIGIBILITY | REQUIREMENTS

1. Athlete's must meet Indigenous eligibility requirements prior to participating in this event. Athlete's must be enrolled in a Federally Recognized Tribe, and provide proof of tribal enrollment via tribal identification card, and or letter of enrollment with the tribe's letterhead/tribal seal; If not enrolled, athletes must provide proof of Indian Blood, via Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB/CIB), and or descendance letter from the tribe with tribes letterhead/tribal seal; Other forms of verification i.e., Birth Certificate with parents name along with parent's tribal enrollment, CDIB/CIB for proof; Native American, Native Hawaiian, First Nation, Native Alaskan and Indigenous Polynesian People must provide proof by original birth certificate stating ethnicity.
2. Athlete's eligibility and participating divisions are based on the 2025-2026 grade school, middle school, junior high school, or high school year. Prep school students, online students, or homeschooled students are permitted to participate but must meet the same requirements as public or private school students.
3. Participants must provide documentation such as a school ID card, report card, transcripts, online school portal i.e. Infinite Campus. Documentation must identify the athlete's name, school name, school year, and school grade level.
4. Postgraduate students not eligible to participate. (Postgraduate is a student that is continuing formal education after graduation from high school or college.)
5. All documentation will be verified by our Eligibility Committee.

6. ALL DOCUMENTATION MUST BE THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS, CERTIFIED OR NOTARIZED. PHONE PICTURES OR SCREEN SHOTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

7. NO VALID PROOF OF INDIGENOUS BLOOD, OR SCHOOL = NO PLAY!

TEAM CHECK IN | TEAM ROSTERS

1. All teams and athletes are required to check in on Thursday June 25th, 2026. Player badges and Coach wristbands will be issued to each participant based on the submitted team roster. Badges and wristbands must be worn at all times while entering and exiting the event facility.

2. All athletes must be on the official roster before the first game is played. Athletes who may have missed the first pool play game, but are on the official roster can and must play by the second pool play game to be eligible to participate in event.
3. NO athlete can change teams or be added onto another team's roster after official rosters have been submitted.
4. Athletes can play on two (2) teams maximum but can only play up in one grade higher than their current grade division. NO athlete can play on two different teams in the same grade division. NO athlete can play in a division below their own grade level.
5. Coaches can enter a maximum of eleven (11) players on the official roster. Only a quantity of eleven (11) awards will be given to Champions, Finalist, and Final Four teams per division, in both Diamond and Platinum brackets (if applicable). Individual awards for MVP, and All-Star will be selected from teams in the Final Four and Championship round of bracket play.
6. Coaches are permitted to add one (1) additional player (for a maximum of twelve (12) players on the official roster) or make any change to the official roster for a one-time \$75.00 fee due at the time of check-in.
7. **COACHES ARE ENTIRELY RESPONSIBLE TO MAKE SURE THEIR ATHLETES MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS OF ELIGIBILITY DEEMED IN THESE RULES, REGULATIONS, & REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION.** If a Coach knowingly or unknowingly violates such requirements, the team will be disqualified from the event with no refund of entry fee(s). Coaches are also responsible to make sure that their players/staff/parents fully understand event rules, regulations, and requirements.

PLAYING RULES

The official rules will be the National Federation High School (NFHS) rules for the current year, except where modified within these TRIBE Athletics Sports Events Rules, Regulations & Requirements.

1. Have fun!
2. All teams must wear basketball jerseys or tops during every game. Each jersey or top must have the same color, and they must have numbers. No duplicate numbers. No modified jerseys i.e. no tapping numbers. Jerseys numbers must match official roster.
3. All jewelry must be removed. Necklaces, earrings, baller bands, rings and watches cannot be worn during the game, taping is not allowed to cover jewelry.
4. Teams must arrive one (1) to two (2) hours prior to their first game.
5. Each participating team must have an adult coach (18+) and graduated high school on the bench at all times. Only the Head Coach and the Assistant Coach that are listed on the official roster are allowed on each team bench when playing. Only one coach can stand up during the game. Only coaches and players that are participating in that game are allowed on the team bench.

COACHES AS A COURTESY TO OTHER TEAMS PLEASE PICK UP YOUR TRASH WHEN YOU LEAVE BEFORE THE NEXT TEAM PLAYS

6. Pool Play to Single Elimination Bracket Play Format: Each team will play 3 games or more (where applicable) in pool play going straight into Diamond or Platinum Single Elimination bracket play format. Diamond or Platinum brackets will be determined by pool play record and overall points allowed.
7. Score Sheets: Each team's coach is required to fill out score sheets with the players' number, First and Last name prior to every game. If the score sheet does not have this information at the beginning of the game a technical foul will be given. The coach will have an opportunity to make the change and if the update isn't made a second technical foul will be given and the coach will be asked to leave the game.
8. Bracket Seeding: Bracket seeding will be determined by win/loss record and total points allowed during the first three pool play games (where applicable).
9. Equipment - Basketball Size: Size 6/28.5 circumference size ball will be used for the Girl's division. Size 7/29.5 circumference size ball will be used for the Boy's division.
10. Warm-ups/Halftime: Each team will be allowed 3-minutes to warm-up and all games will have a 2-minute halftime.
11. Game Time: Pool Play Games for all divisions will be 16-minute running halves, with the clock stopping the last 2-minutes of the second half on all whistles. Bracket Play Games for all divisions will be 18-minute running halves, with the clock stopping the last 2-minutes of the second half on all whistles unless a team is winning by 30 points with five (5) minutes remaining in the game.
12. Time Outs: Each team is allowed two (2) 60-second (approximately) timeouts for each half. Use or lose, no carry-overs of timeouts allowed. In the first overtime, teams are given only one (1) 30-second timeout each. IF overtime continues, no timeouts will be given. Game clock will stop on all timeouts.

13. Grace Period: There will be NO GRACE PERIOD allowed for any tardiness or no show. A forfeit will be made for a team/s that doesn't show during their scheduled game time. Every team is required to be present ready to play one to two hours before each scheduled game to avoid a forfeit. Teams must start the game with four (4) players, but must finish the first half with five (5) players. The game may end with less than five (5) players.
14. Mercy Rule: No Mercy Rule for all pool play games, but Mercy Rule will be implemented during bracket play. Games will be stopped at 30 points lead with five (5) minutes left in the game to stay on schedule.
15. Overtime: First Overtime will consist of a 2-minute period until a winner is decided, with the clock stopping on all whistles. Any remaining timeouts will not carry over into overtime. Fouls will carry over into overtime periods. For the first overtime, teams will each receive one (1) 30-second timeout only. No timeouts will be issued to teams after the First overtime. 2nd Overtime will consist of a 1-minute period until a winner is decided. 3rd Overtime is sudden death; first team to score wins.
16. Fouls: Five (5) fouls (personal and technical combined) result in disqualification from play. A Second Technical foul infraction committed by a player will disqualify that player from that game. Bonus free throws will be on and after the 7th team foul, teams shoot 1-and-1 free throws, the team will be awarded 2 (two) double bonus free throws on teams 10th team foul.
17. Technical Fouls: All technical fouls will count as a personal foul. If a player receives a second technical foul during the same game, the player will be disqualified from that game. Coaches who receive their second technical foul during the same game will automatically be disqualified from coaching the current game and must exit the facility for the remainder of the game. IF a continuation of technical fouls trends for other games, Coaches and Players will be immediately ejected from the entire event. All Head Coaches are responsible for the management of their team, which includes players, parents, and fans. We understand the atmosphere in games can get intense, but if a technical foul issued to a parent or fan, the technical foul will be applied to the Head Coach. For more in depth rule on ejections, please see the Zero Tolerance Policy. Coaches allowing non-roster individuals on the team bench during game play will result in a technical foul after first warning is issued.
18. Technical Fouls (Flagrant): A Flagrant Technical Foul will result in an automatic ejection from the game or possibly the event. This decision will be discussed by officials and the Tournament Directors. If a second Flagrant foul occurs from the same player in another game, they will be indefinitely ejected from the event. IF a continuation of Flagrant fouls trends for other games, Coaches and Players will be immediately ejected from the entire event. For more in depth rule on ejections, please see the Zero Tolerance Policy.
19. This is a Drug and Alcohol-Free Event, however, for this event, alcoholic beverages are allowed and sold by the venue and allowed within the premises. **TRIBE ATHLETICS HIGHLY DISCOURAGES THE USE OF ALCOHOL.** Any coach or player(s) engage in the use of alcohol or drugs while coaching or playing will be disqualified from further participation in the tournament.

SPORTSMANSHIP | CONDUCT | ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

It is the obligation of coaches, players, administrators, volunteers, and other representatives of TRIBE ATHLETICS SPORTS to practice the highest principles of sportsmanship and to observe the ethics of competition. Good sportsmanship is defined as qualities of behavior, which are characterized by courtesy and genuine concern for others. The display of good sportsmanship is a statement of the individual's understanding and commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity.

TRIBE ATHLETICS SPORTS ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY for fighting, bullying, acts of aggression towards another, racial slurs, and discrimination by coaches, athletes, parents or spectators.

Coaches, athletes, parents and spectators are advised that any act of aggression will be met with severe consequences for your team and or club. Please know and understand that formal criminal charges could be pursued if need be. In addition, the team related could be suspended from any TRIBE ATHLETICS SPORTS that it hosts at our discretion.

It is the Coaches/Team Manager's responsibility to maintain their team's sportsmanship. Please share this policy, print and distribute it to your parents and athlete's. Reiterating fighting, bullying, acts of aggression towards another, racial slurs, and discrimination by coaches, athletes, parents or spectators will not be tolerated.

SPECTATOR BEHAVIOR

TRIBE ATHLETICS SPORTS requires that all parents and spectators maintain good sportsmanship throughout the course of the event. TRIBE ATHLETICS SPORTS does promote having a great sports atmosphere, and TRIBE ATHLETICS SPORTS encourages everyone to cheer, get loud, and support their athlete(s) and their team(s), but DO NOT let it get out of control.

THIS IS NOT JUST ANOTHER REZBALL TOURNAMENT!

TRIBE ATHLETICS SPORTS is providing a national platform for Indigenous athletes to compete and perform in front of College Coaches, College Scouts, and national media to expose their athletic gifts and talents, and to provide Indigenous athletes the

opportunities to succeed in their futures. College Coaches, and College Scouts look at all aspects when recruiting athletes, **this includes the parents also! Parents behavior can have an effect on their athlete, their team, and most importantly, the recruiting process.**

As an adult, please set a good example for all athletes at this great event. If you are asked to leave the event, you must leave immediately, no refunds will be given, your athlete may be asked to leave with you, and your athlete's team may also forfeit the game as a result of your unsportsmanlike manner.

TRIBE ATHLETICS SPORTS does not tolerate any of the following:

- Cursing by any parents, athletes
- Yelling at game officials regarding calls
- Yelling or arguing with event staff, fans of the opposing team
- Any negative or derogatory comments towards opposing players

MISBEHAVIOR | EJECTIONS

1. If a fight breaks out, the tournament supervisors will clear the court of all spectators if deemed necessary and no refunds will be given.
2. Any Coach or athlete ejected for fighting will be ineligible for the remainder of the tournament.
3. If a Coach or athlete is ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike behavior (not fighting), he/she will be ineligible to participate in the next scheduled game.
4. Coaches or athletes who leave the bench area to engage coaches, athletes or officials on the playing floor, may be suspended by the Tournament Directors for any period up to the duration of the tournament.
5. The Tournament Directors may impose suspensions or other penalties for misbehavior which occur at any time and at any location during the event.
6. The Tournament Directors has the final say on all suspensions.

MISCELLANEOUS

The TRIBE ATHELTICS SPORTS Directors and event staff, participating facilities will not be held liable for any accidents, injury, or theft while participating in this event.

The TRIBE ATHLETICS SPORTS Organization has the right to alter rules, bylaws and bracket structure as needed.