

**JURISDICTION OF SOUTHWESTERN FLORIDA
GATHERING OF THE SAINTS**

**2019 CHARLES DAVIS BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT**



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RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE AIM “Charles Davis Basketball Tournament”

- The fee for registration is \$70 per team (non-refundable) of 12 players. Additional players \$5.
- Each team must appoint a captain who will represent his team and is also responsible for his team’s conduct.
- The captain is the only person allowed to address any matters on the court with the referees or organization officials.
- The captain is the person responsible for sending information to the organizers as well as making sure all of the information is correct, and inform their team members of the Rules & Guidelines of the *AIM Convention 2014 “Charles Davis Basketball Tournament”*
- ***Each Participant on the team must be a member or representative of the respective church they are playing for and the church, pastor, and/or coordinator is ultimately responsible for each team member’s conduct and behavior.***
- Each team must supply and wear numbered uniforms (t-shirts or tank-tops with numbers will be fine). A team member without a uniform will not be able to play.
- Each player must have signed the team roster before entering any games. A two shot technical will be assessed for each player entering the game without signing the team roster and that player will not be able to participate in any tournament contests.
- Maximum of 15 players on each team roster.
- Each participating team shall fill out the waiver form and the registration form.
- Eligible, male/female players must be over the age of 13.
- ***MANDATORY: In order for the church to be officially registered, the team captain or a representative of the team MUST attend a meeting concerning rules and regulations.***

- A protest of a player's eligibility must be declared before or after the end of the respective game. If the tournament officials believe the protest is valid, then the team will not be allowed to continue with participation in the tournament. The team also will get a loss for that game played with the invalid player or players. The team will be disqualified from participating in the tournament, if the officials believe this is warranted. If the game did not start and the protest is brought about, the game will be allowed to resume without the invalid player or players. Once the game is finished and after the captain signs the scorer's sheet, and then the team cannot make any more protests regarding the game which was played.

- **Fighting will NOT be tolerated. Any team member involved in a fight will be ejected from the game and may be suspended from the tournament. Any team members leaving the bench onto the court during a fight will be ejected from the game and the tournament. Same will apply for any incidents that occur on Property. There will be no refund for any of the teams, should any of their team members get involved in any fights. Teams will suffer disqualification from the tournament and the ejection from the property if the organizers feel this is warranted. Fighting will also result in a lifetime ban from future tournaments for churches involved.**

- Alcoholic beverages, drugs found on or consumed by any player on the day, whether before or after the games on the premises will DISQUALIFY TEAM from further participation in the tournament and the team will not be permitted to play next year. We also reserve the right to inform your youth coordinator as well as the Pastor in charge of your church regarding your behavior.

- Teams should bring their own ball for warm-ups.
- All decisions made by tournament officials are final.
- Forfeit time is 5 minutes after scheduled game time.
- Tournament representatives will keep score. Captains may designate a team representative to oversee the score's table.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- Brackets and games will be determined weeks before the day of the tournament.
- The Captain or a team representative is required to attend a meeting before the tournament to review the rules/format and other issues.
- After each game both captains must sign the scorer's sheet.
- Teams will be placed in four brackets with three teams in each bracket. Every team is guaranteed at least 1 game.
- The two teams with the best records in each bracket will advance to the quarter-final round. From this point forward, it is **single elimination**.
- The higher seed will play the lower seed from another region.
- Once the first round is finished, the schedule for the quarter final, semi final and final will be determined and posted at the site.
- First tie breaker will be head to head competition; second tie breaker will be cumulative point differential; third tie breaker will be total points scored; fourth tie breaker will be free throws; final tie breaker will be coin toss.

(NOTE: TEAMS THAT FORFEIT OR GETS EJECTED WILL LOSE ALL TIE BREAKERS. THE REMAINING TWO TEAMS WILL ADVANCE)

GAME FORMAT (Special Note):

First round: Two 15 minute halves. The clock keeps running except for the last 2 minutes of the each half. During the last two minutes the clock will stop at each whistle. The officials of the tournament have the discretion to stop the clock at any time. Only a two minute half time is used in this round.

Quarter final round: Two 15 minute halves. The clock keeps running except for the last 2 minutes of the each half. During the last two minutes the clock will stop at each whistle. The officials of the tournament have the discretion to stop the clock at any time. Only a two minute half time is used in this round.

Semi final round: Two 15 minute halves. The clock keeps running except for the last 2 minutes of the each half. During the last two minutes the clock will stop at each whistle. The officials of the tournament have the discretion to stop the clock at any time. A five minute half time is used in this round.

Final round: Two 20 minute halves. The clock keeps running except for the last 2 minutes of the each half. During the last two minutes the clock will stop at each whistle.

The officials of the tournament have the discretion to stop the clock at any time. A five minute half time is used in this round.

The duration of a full timeout is one minute.

Each team is permitted two full timeout and one twenty second timeout per half, for the first and quarter-Final rounds.

In the Semi-Final and Final round each team is permitted one full timeout and two twenty second timeouts per half.

Only one twenty second timeout is permitted per overtime period.

If a team calls a timeout when they do not have one available to them, a technical foul will result (1 shot and the ball to opposition).

Teams in the tournament may or may not use the timeout apportioned for each half, but accumulation of the time-outs is not allowed under any circumstances.

Registration Form

Please be advised that all players will be required to show picture ID as indicated on the Rules and Regulations document. Please print and sign name on the space provided. Please provide all information. Players under the age of 18 **are required** to have a parent or guardian read the attached documents and give consent to participate in this tournament.

	Name of player	D.O.B.	Signature of player	Signature of Parent (if under 18 years of age)	Church Name Represented
	Player 1				
	Player 2				
	Player 3				
	Player 4				
	Player 5				
	Player 6				
	Player 7				
	Player 8				
	Player 9				
	Player 10				
	Player 11				
	Player 12				
	Player 13				
	Player 14				
	Player 15				

Team Captain Name: _____

Phone Number/e-mail: _____

Please provide Church information below:

Name of Church: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Pastor's name: _____

Signature of Team Captain: _____ Date: _____

Signature of the Pastor: _____ Date: _____

GAME RULES

1) High School Rules to Apply

A) **HIGH SCHOOL** rules shall govern all play except as determined by the officials in their discretion in light of special circumstances that occur.

B) The official(s) shall determine and advise the team captains of any special rules of play that may be required by virtue of unique architecture of the facility prior to a game. Such "house rules" shall be binding only as to the specific game then being played and may be altered as to any subsequent game, whether or not involving either team then participating or those officials.

2) If play is interrupted by an injury to a player or the loss of a contact lens, the referee may, in his discretion, stop the clock but in that event shall assess a time-out to the team responsible for the delay in play.

3) In the event of a tie at the end of the second half, an overtime period of five minutes shall be played. If, at the end of the overtime period, the score is still tied, then there will be a second overtime period of three minutes as well. A third overtime period of three minutes can be played if needed.

4) A team shall be allowed to commence and play a game with four players if a fifth is not available, but cannot start or play a game with 3 players.

5) Three-Point Goals

The three-point goal shall be used in the facility equipped with a three-point line, subject to the discretion of the officials.

6) Fouls and Free Throws

A. A player shall be disqualified upon committing his fifth foul of any type (including technical fouls), or his second technical foul. Any flagrant, unsportsmanlike foul shall result in two free throws for the opposite team, and loss of possession. A second flagrant foul by the same player results in automatic ejection, two free throws for the opposite team and loss of possession.

B. A player may use no more than ten seconds to shoot free throws.

C. Three Second Violations: If an offensive player has both feet in the paint for three (3) seconds, a violation will be called.

D. The seventh team fouls in a half result in a one-and-one situation for the opposing team player that was fouled.

E. The tenth team foul and every foul after that, in a half result in a two shot opportunity for the opposing team player that was fouled.

F. If in the unfortunate event of a team player that is fouled is not able to shoot the ensuing foul shots; any teammate currently on the floor may shoot them in his place.

G. Any shot made behind the three-point arch results in three points for that player's team; therefore, if a player is fouled in the act of shooting a three-pointer, such player is given the opportunity to shoot three free throws if the shot is missed. If the fouled player makes the three pointer then the player only receives one free throw.

H. If an offensive player is fouled in the act of shooting and he makes the shot, the basket is counted and the offensive player receives 1 free throw. If the player doesn't make the initial shot then he receives 2 free throws.

7) The game ball must be in-bounded within 5 seconds after received from the referees.

8) Substitutions:

Substitutions may be made following whistles in accordance with HIGH SCHOOL Rules but only after the substitute has sought permission to enter the game and has been "waived in" by an official

9) Officials and Protests The officials have authority and control over all aspects of the game, as defined by the HIGH SCHOOL Rules. Officials' decisions, even if in error, are not protestable.

BEHAVIOR AND CONDUCT

- Any violation of the listed or otherwise acknowledged conduct rules results in a technical foul.
- A technical foul by a single player will be assessed as a personal foul.
- A technical foul on any team personnel (player, coach, bench, etc.) results in the opposing team receiving one free throw.
- The receipt of two technical fouls by a single player or a team personnel result in an automatic ejection from the game.
- Any intentional foul will be assessed as a flagrant foul. If a player plays defense on the ball and fouls the opposing player that will be assessed as a personal foul.
- Any player receiving two flagrant fouls in a given game will also be automatically ejected from the game.
- A flagrant foul by a single player will also be assessed as a personal foul.
- The officials of each game have the authority to penalize (a) player(s) and/or team personnel for inappropriate behavior, body language, and/or inappropriate conversation, at their discretion.
- If a player(s) or team personnel(s) continues to act or conduct himself in an inappropriate manner, he (they) may be disqualified from further participation in the tournament.
- Conduct that results in a technical foul: (this list is not all inclusive)
 - Cursing at anyone including referees, opposing players, and coaches.
 - Taunting players.
 - Hanging on the rim except in an instance to prevent injury.
 - Calling timeouts when all have been exhausted.
 - The presence of more than five players on the floor once the game is in session.
 - The second of a delay of game violation.
- The referee has full discretion to call a technical foul for reasons, which may or may not fit within the listed items above.
- All decisions made by tournament officials are final.

WAIVER FORM

As an attendee for the *Jurisdiction of Southwestern Florida Annual Gathering of the Saints “Charles Davis Basketball Tournament”*, you are responsible to be aware of and observe the following rules:

1. I will be held personally liable for all of my actions at the tournament day.
By submitting registration, I am signing a liability waiver releasing all of Gathering of the Saints *Charles Davis Basketball Tournament* staff and the *Jurisdiction of Southwestern Florida* and its affiliates from being held liable for any of my actions. Upon registration I will be asked to sign a written copy of this liability agreement. If I do not sign the agreement I will not be able to participate in any of the related events.
2. I agree that prior to participating in this tournament, I will inspect the facilities and equipment to be used, and if I believe anything is unsafe, then I will immediately notify the tournament organizer, facility manager or referee of such condition(s) and refuse to participate.
3. I acknowledge and fully understand that I will be engaging in activities that involve risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and severe social and economic losses which might result not only from my own action, inactions or negligence but the actions, inactions or negligence of others, the rules of play, the condition of the premises or of any equipment used. Further, I acknowledge and fully understand that there may be other risks not known or not reasonably foreseeable by The Gathering of the Saints “*Charles Davis Basketball Tournament*” staff, *Jurisdiction of Southwestern Florida* and its affiliates. I also acknowledge that I will not hold the Gathering of the Saints “*Charles Davis Basketball Tournament* and *Jurisdiction of Southwestern Florida*, its staff, and its affiliates accountable for any risk.
4. I will provide written permission from my legal guardian to attend this sports day if I am under the age of 18, and I understand that I must provide this written permission for inspection if asked by appropriate authorities at any time during the tournament.
5. *Gathering of the Saints “Charles Davis Basketball Tournament”* organizers uphold a strict policy of no violence at any of the events. If any tournament personnel witness me engaging in any activity, which could be deemed as physically threatening to another person, my team may be removed from the tournament as well as from the premises of gym and forbidden from participating in any tournament related events. No refunds will be given if any such event occurs and my team may be disqualified.

6. In the event of an emergency, I will immediately notify tournament security or tournament personnel.
7. I understand that my registration may be revoked if organizers have not received my registration fee or the waiver form.
8. I agree to abide by any further policies set by *the Gathering of the Saints "Charles Davis Basketball Tournament"* committee, security, police or other appropriate authorities at anytime up to and during the *Gathering of the Saints Basketball Tournament* day.
8. I acknowledge and accept that my personal medical insurance provider will be charged for any injuries, which may be inflicted upon me during the *Gathering of the Saints "Charles Davis Basketball Tournament"*
9. Alcoholic beverages, drugs found on or consumed by me on the day, whether before or after the games on the premises will DISQUALIFY me from further participation in the tournament and the team will not be permitted to play next year. We also reserve the right to inform your youth coordinator as well as the Pastor in charge of your church regarding your behavior.

WAIVER FORM SIGNATURE PAGE

My signature or parent's signature affixed to this document is affirming the above statements are agreed upon and understood. Sign the waiver form, (if over 18) then sign your own name. Otherwise, please print the player's name and the parent's signature next to it.

Print Name	Signature	Parent Sign.(under 18)
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