

CFU National Basketball Tournament Rules

1. The management of this tournament shall be vested with the Executive Board and the Director of Fraternal Programs.
2. The management shall enforce all objectives for which this tournament was organized. It is their duty to assign the necessary fees and expenses to maintain the tournament. It shall also be their duty to decide any dispute or protest occurring and arising between individuals or teams in a tournament. The management shall have the power to discipline any participants for violation of the rules and regulations of this tournament, or for conduct derogatory to the best interest of the CFU and its sports programs.
3. All participants on the front side of this entry must be active CFU Nest or Lodge members prior to **March 23rd, 2018**.
4. Lodge or nest teams participating in the annual tournament may recruit two (2) CFU members from another lodge or nest for any one tournament team.
5. All entries for the tournament shall close at **midnight March 23rd, 2018**. Extended privileges will only be granted to newly organized lodges.
6. The tournament schedule will be drawn by the Director of Sports & Education and will be published in the **Zajedničar**. The schedule shall designate the names of the teams entered and the day, time and location that each team shall begin play.
7. If a team fails to arrive as per the official scheduled time, a delay of fifteen (15) minutes only will be granted before a forfeit is declared to the opposing team.
8. If a team does not show up for a game and forfeits that contest, that teams lodge will be sent a letter stating that the tournament entered team did not participate at the event and that lodge will have to pay the referee fees for those forfeited games.
9. No change to the official schedule will be made without sufficient reason and approval of the Director of Fraternal Programs.
10. If any player is found to be playing under an assumed name, both the player individually and the team collectively shall forfeit its entry. Any team that is found to be using an illegal player or a player not of age, will automatically be thrown out of the tournament and their home lodge will have to pay for the referees for that game.
11. The tournament shall have four (4) divisions for females and five (5) divisions for males. Men in the Over 35+ division must be 35 years old or older at the start of the tournament. Men's Open entry consists of members eighteen (18) and over. Junior members in the 16-18 division can compete if they have not reached their 19th birthday prior to the start of the tournament. Junior members in the 13-15 division can compete if they have not reached their 16th birthday prior to the start of the tournament. Junior members in the 10-12 division can compete if they have not reached their 13th birthday prior to the start of the tournament. All members must be of age to play in their respective divisions as of the start of the tournament.
12. Members can play up a in a division, but not play down in a division. Once a player moves up in a division, they will not be allowed to move back down and play in their age bracket.
13. Referees shall abide in strict conformity with the Amateur Athletic Union's rules and regulations governing basketball. All referees must be PIAA or WPIAL referees in good standing.
14. Games in the 10-12 and 13-15 boys and girls divisions will play six (6) minute quarters. All games in the 16-18, Over 35+, Men's and Women's Open divisions will play eight (8) minute quarters. The lengths of the games will also include all championship games for each division.
15. All teams must be suitably attired in uniforms with the Lodge or Nest number, the initials CFU and number of the player. No team may have double numbers.
16. In cases where opposing teams have the same colors, uniform tops will be provided by the Director of Fraternal Programs.
17. Teams must report to the gymnasium at least one-half hour before tip-off.
18. There will be no dunking during the warm-up period before the game or during halftime. Any team caught dunking during these periods, will be assessed a two (2) shot technical foul, plus the opposing team will be awarded the ball at center court to start the game.
19. The Executive Board of the Croatian Fraternal Union and the Director of Fraternal Programs reserve the right to change, amend or interpret the above rules and regulations to ensure the fairness, competitiveness and fraternalism.
20. All girls and women's games will use a licensed women's basketball. All boy's and men's games will use a licensed men's basketball.