# UNIFIED 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL COMPETITION RULES

## Game Play

1. Games are played to **15 points** (using 1-point and 2-point scoring) or **10 minutes**, whichever comes first.
2. **Shooting fouls** are awarded **one free throw**. If the free throw is missed, play continues live.
3. **No timeouts** are allowed except in the case of an injury.
4. The game clock stops on all whistles during the **final 30 seconds** of play.

## Division-Specific Rules

1. **Level 1:** Players may not run with the ball.
2. **Level 2:** Repeated double dribbles and traveling violations will be called after an initial warning.
3. **Level 3:** Regular basketball rules apply.

## Possession and Scoring

1. On a change of possession, the ball must be taken **behind the 3-point line** before the offense can attack the basket.
2. After a made basket, the ball must be **checked at the top of the key**.

## Unified Sports Requirements

1. **Two Special Olympics athletes** must be on the court at all times.
2. **Unified Partners may not dominate play.** Guidelines include:
    - A partner should not score more than **two consecutive baskets**.
    - A partner should not score more than **60% of the team's total points**.
    - Partners should not focus on blocking shots or stealing the ball from Special Olympics athletes.
    - Coaches are responsible for helping enforce this rule.

## Substitutions

1. Substitutions may be made on a **dead ball** or after a basket. Notify the referee before entering the game.

## Sportsmanship

1. **No arguing with referees** by players or coaches.

## Team Composition

1. A team consists of **2 athletes and 1 Unified Partner** on the court.
    - Teams may have up to **4 athletes** and **2 Unified Partners** available for substitutions.
    - Maximum roster size is **6 players**.

**Remember:** Respect officials, support teammates, and promote inclusive participation throughout the competition.0