

**6.5 Uniform/Apparel**

**6.5.1** All players must wear basketball attire with identifying numbers and flat rubber sole athletic shoes.

**6.5.2** Team uniform shirts and shorts must be identical in trim color and style.

**6.5.3** Undershirts, if worn, must match the color of the body of the uniform (not the trim) and must be identical in color. Undershirts may be worn by some or all of the players, and may be short sleeve or tank top (no cut or ragged edges are allowed).

**6.5.4** Head Coverings: Head coverings for religious reasons must be documented with prior to tournament play and meet the same safety standards as for a medical head covering. Head covering must be of a single, solid color unadorned. This includes, but not limited to, sequins, trimmings, or any other forms of decorations. The only exception is an athlete may wear a head band no wider than two in and made of nonabrasive, unadorned single colored cloth, elastic, fiber, soft leather or rubber. Rubber/cloth (elastic) bands may be used to control hair. They do not need to match uniform color. Sweatbands are also allowed. In the event an athlete is required by a licensed medical physician to cover his or her head with a covering or wrap, the physician's statement must be on file before it can approve a covering or wrap, which is not abrasive, hard, or dangerous to any other player and which is attached in such a way that is highly unlikely to come off during play.

**6.5.5** Individuals who do not adhere to uniform regulations will not be allowed to enter a game.

**7. HALF-COURT BASKETBALL: 3-ON-3 COMPETITION****7.1 Divisioning**

**7.1.1** The Head Coach must submit the scores from both of the Basketball Skills Assessment Tests (BSAT), e.g., dribbling and perimeter shooting, for each player on his/her roster prior to competition.

**7.1.2** The Head Coach must also identify his/her three best players in terms of their on-court playing ability by placing a star next to their names on the roster.

**7.1.3** The team score shall be determined by adding the top four players' scores and then dividing that total by four.

**7.1.4** Teams are initially grouped in divisions according to their BSAT team score.

**7.1.5** A classification round of games shall then be conducted as a means of finalizing the divisioning process.

**7.1.5.1** In the classification round, teams will play one or more games with each game lasting no longer than six minutes.

**7.1.5.1.1** Teams may be moved from any pool throughout the pool play process in order to maintain competitive balance. The Divisioning Committee reserves the right to adjust the divisioning prior to the medal round.

**7.1.5.1.2** Every effort will be made to guarantee the integrity of the games and divisioning process. The ultimate goal of the Committee is to select divisions with teams of similar ability. The decision of the Committee is final and may not be appealed/protested.

**7.1.6** Each team will be required to play all team members.

**7.2 The Goal**

**7.2.1** Half-court basketball may be used as a means of increasing the number of teams for Special Olympics basketball competition.

**7.2.2** It is also a means of assisting athletes with lower ability levels to progress to full court play.

**7.2.3** However, efforts must be made to play regulation team basketball whenever possible.

**7.3 Playing Area and Equipment**