

Union for Reform Judaism's Nothing But Nets Initiative

Guide to Hosting a 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

How To Run a Fundraiser Basketball Tournament:

Running a URJ-"Nothing But Nets" Basketball Tournament is an easy way to raise money and awareness for an important global health initiative. It can be done by a local youth group or synagogue, a regional youth group, or even coordinated through several temples. Here is an easy way to set-up your tournament and raise money for Nothing But Nets at the same time:

- 1. Register Teams of 3-5 people and require each team be responsible for raising funds for a specific number of nets say ten nets, or \$100. For teams of 3, that means each team member needs donate themselves and get 2 friends to donate too. For teams of 5 its even less. Encourage teams to donate more if they can.
- 2. Create a "bracket" (included on the next page) on poster board or somewhere so it is big enough for people to see. Ideally if you have a full court, two half-court games can be going on at the same time. If you can find a place (like a local elementary school or park) with two or three full courts that's even better. Realize that the smaller number of courts the less teams you can accommodate. Have the winner of Game 1 play the Winner of Game 2 and so on. If you have an odd number of teams consider giving the team that raised the most money a "bye" in the first round.
- **3.** Find a prize donation (from a synagogue member or local business) to be given to the winning team so that all the proceeds can go to Nothing but Nets.

Basic Rules

Note: It's important that the rules you use in your tournament be consistent, not necessarily that they are these particular rules. Here is at least a basic set and you can change them if you like.

- 1. Officiating: All games are self-officiated. The two teams involved should mediate questions of judgment.
- 2. Team Make-up: Each team may contain no less than 3 players and no more than 5. If more than 3 players are on a team they can be substituted in during any stoppage in play.
- 3. Scoring: The first team to 11 points (by 1s) wins. The Winner must win by 2 points or be the first team to 15 points, which ever comes first.
- 4. Game Play:
 - a. Possession changes after every basket (NOT "make it-take it")
 - b. If 3-point line exists, all shots behind it are worth 2 points.
 - c. "Take Backs": On defensive rebounds (including airballs) and steals, the ball must be passed or dribbled beyond the arc. The ball does not need to be given to a

- different player. As long as the ball goes beyond the arc, there are no limitations on who can shoot it.
- d. If the ball is knocked out of bounds or goes across the mid court line it shall be awarded to the opposing team (the team that did not knock it out).
- e. The offensive team must "pass the ball in" before a shot is attempted (make one pass before a shot is taken).
- f. Out-Of-Bounds. If the ball goes out-of-bounds the offensive team must check the ball with the defensive team at the top of the key.

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Tips for Success

Here are some easy ways to raise even more money as part of your tournament.

- 1. Encourage people to donate one net (\$10) as an entrance fee to watch the tournament.
- 2. Get additional prizes (e.g. one for the team that wins the tournament, and another for the team who is able to raise the most money).
- 3. If being held in a Synagogue community encourage wide-participation. Get your youth groups involved, the Temple Brotherhood and Sisterhood, encourage the Rabbi, Cantor, Educator or President to have a team to boost participation.
- 4. If a temple organization wants to help out, but not have a team, hold the tournament after Religious School and have them sell food with the proceeds going toward Nothing but Nets.
- 5. Make it informational and fun! Have an information table with resources about Malaria and the Nothing But Nets program available.