



MAINE RECREATION & PARKS ASSOCIATION/ RED CLAWS HOT SHOT COMPETITION



OFFICIAL 2018 RULE BOOK & MANUAL

To: Recreation Professionals & Basketball Enthusiasts:

The **Maine Recreation and Parks Association** continues to team up with the **Maine Red Claws** to offer the **Hot Shot Competition** for boys and girls ages 9-15. From Fort Kent to Kittery this program gives Maine's youth a chance to compete against the best across the state while learning valuable lifelong lessons. Many past participants and local coordinators carry fond memories with them from their experiences in the annual Hot Shot Competition.

This document is the **Official MRPA/Red Claws Hot Shot Rule Book & Manual**. Please take the time to read it. The document is designed to answer your questions and assist you in hosting a local, regional or state competition.

We would encourage you to join in on the fun and become a member of this year MRPA/Red Claws Hot Shot Competition. If you have questions or feedback about the program, please contact **Andy** or **Hillary**. Their emails are below.

We hope you and your community help us in growing the great sport of basketball for Maine's Youth.

Sincerely,

MRPA Hotshot State Coordinators

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INTRODUCTION

The **Maine Recreation Parks Association (M.R.P.A.)/Red Claws Hotshot** competition is a basketball skills competition for boys and girls ages 9-15. Hot Shot involves shooting from five (5) "hot spots" marked on one end of the basketball court. The competition tests each contestant's speed, shooting, dribbling and rebounding ability.

For a child to be eligible to participate in the State MRPA/Maine Red Claws competition he/she must:

- 1. compete in a local Hot Shot event sponsored by a community recreation department and finish in 1st or 2nd place**
- 2. compete in one of the regional hot shot contests and finish in 1st or 2nd place**

If the 1st or 2nd place winner in a regional competition cannot attend the state competition the 3rd place finisher in the age group and of the same gender shall be invited to the state championship.

The Hot Shot regional host sites provided in : 1) Northern Maine/Caribou 2) Eastern Maine/Bangor 3) Central Maine/Lewiston and 4) Southern Maine/Portland.

After the completion of the regional events, the winners and runners-up of each age category and gender advance to the State Hot Shot Competition. Participants at the state competition, compete for first place and runner up awards.

NOTE: At all Local and Regional Competitions if there is a tie for first or second place, you may have a shoot-off to determine the final standings, but both contestants - regardless of place after shoot-off - will be invited to the next level of competition. At the State Competitions, a shoot-off will determine the final order and award recipients.

THE ROLE OF YOUR LOCAL ORGANIZATION

All MRPA communities can administer the Hot Shot competition. As an affiliated organization, you are expected to make the following commitment:

A. Conduct a local between late December and the last week in January.

B. All entry forms must be properly completed and on file at local sites for the duration of the competition.

C. An official Hot Shot Score sheet must be completed and on file at local sites for the duration of the competition.

D. Winners and scores of each division should be forwarded (via email or fax) to the State Coordinator. (See Attachment)

E. Local Winners should be notified by their Local Director on information for Regional Competition. The State Hot Shot Coordinator will only notify the Regional Winner and Runners-up about the State Competition.

If you are not sure of where your winners will compete at the regional level or if you have questions or feedback on the program, please contact:

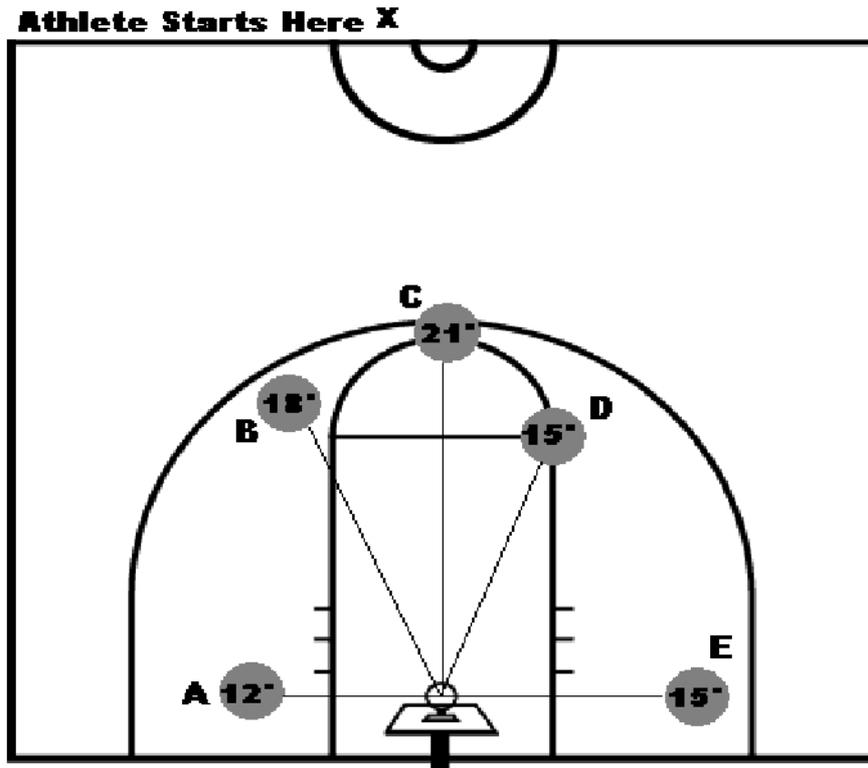
OFFICIAL COURT SET-UP FOR COMPETITION

Each "hot spot" will be two (2) feet in diameter. It can be marked with chalk, tape or other appropriate and safe materials.

The measurements for the five (5) hot spots will be measured from the point directly under the center of the basket to the center of each hot spot. The right and left sides are determined by standing directly under the basket facing center court. The following are each "hot spot" distance and location:

- A. Hot Spot A is located in the left corner at 12 feet
- B. Hot Spot B is located left of key or elbow of lane at 18 feet
- C. Hot Spot C is located top of key or foul circle at 21 feet
- D. Hot Spot D is located right of key or right elbow at 15 feet
- E. Hot Spot E is located right corner at 15 feet.

NOTE: The court dimensions will be adapted for the age category of 9-10 year olds. All five (5) spots will be moved in three (3) feet toward the center point directly under the basket.
9-10 year olds: A - 9 ft, B - 15 ft, C - 18 ft, D - 12 ft, E - 12 ft



Official Timing:

1. The M.R.P.A. Hotshot consists of three (3) one minute rounds of play.
2. The official Hot Shot timer will check with scorer and referee before the commencement of each one-minute interval.
3. The start of each one-minute interval competition will start with referee asking participant if they are ready and on the referee's mark or whistle.

Participant's Role:

1. Each participant will start behind the center court line.
2. At the mark of the whistle, the participant must legally dribble to each "hot spot".
3. Participant will choose during the one-minute round of five (5) "hot spots" in any sequence.
4. When shooting, the participant must have at least one entire foot within the center of the hot spot. If the participant does not implement this requirement, the shot will be disqualified and not count towards points scored or toward bonus points.
5. Participant may attempt as many lay-up shots as he/she wishes. However, only two made lay-up shots will count in the official scoring.
6. At the end of each one-minute interval, a shot must be released before the whistle or scoreboard buzzer to mark the end of competition.

Scoring Procedure:

1. The participant with the highest number of accumulated points of all three (3) rounds in accordance with the rules will be declared the winner.
2. The following will be "hot spot" point values for each made shot:
 - a. Hot Spot "A" (2 points)
 - b. Hot Spot "B" (4 points)
 - c. Hot Spot "C" (5 points)
 - d. Hot Spot "D" (3 points)
 - e. Hot Spot "E" (3 points)
3. Lay-up shots are 2 points each with a maximum of 4 points per round.
4. During each round, a participant who shoots from all five spots regardless made or unmade shots, will receive five (5) bonus points.
5. If any competitor attempting two shots from all five hot spots during the one minute round will earn fifteen (15) bonus points regardless of whether the baskets are made.
6. One point will be deducted per round for each violation of traveling and/or double dribbling at the discretion of the referee.
7. The capital letters represent the hot spot and are marked by the number of shots at this spot. (See Attachment A)
8. The numbers (below the capital letters at each hot spot) are point values for made baskets. (See Attachment A)
9. All lay-ups made will be marked for each made basket by crossing the 2 (point value for made baskets).
10. Each violation signaled by the referee will be marked in the violation tally box to the right of the score sheet.

Additional Rule and Event Interpretations:

1. All ties will be settled by a one-minute playoff. The highest score for the playoff round will be declared the winner.
2. If the ball lodges itself between the basket and backboard, or if the ball goes out of play, then time is stopped and the ball is retrieved. Play and time resume at the spot where the ball would be rebounded or where the ball went out of play. In addition, the contestant will be updated on bonus requirements and time remaining in the round prior to stoppage of play.
3. All decisions and scores made by the competition director are final.
4. If in the event of a hot spot becoming dislodged during competition and passed the point of being re-set and in the judgment of the referee places the participant at a disadvantage, the referee may declare a "dead ball" situation. The referee will signal dead ball and the timer will stop the clock at the point and the hot spot will be reset.
5. Video equipment will not be allowed at ANY LEVEL OF COMPETITION. If a video is presented in the case of arguing final score, the site director is not allowed to view it.
6. If a question arises about final score - the site director may only refer to the official score sheet and may offer to re-do the math. Site directors are not allowed to view video or any other score/score sheets when reviewing a contestant's final score.

Recommended Hot Shot Officials and Their Roles:

1. Competition Director - Responsible for overall conduct of participation and officials and implementation of the official rules of the event. The director is encouraged to ask the spectators to cheer but not to coach any of the participants.
2. Scorer - The scorer records all shots on official hotshot score sheet with the assistance of the spotter. In addition, all violations and bonus points will be recorded by the scorer at the end of each round.
3. Spotter - Notifies the scorer of each shot attempted, successful attempts and violations as each participant progresses in each round of play. (Spotters will only be required at the State level, but are recommended for the local and regional levels).
4. Timer - Implements timing device in one-minute interval per round in accordance with official Hot Shot rules.

Suggested Spotter Hand Signals:

1. Dead Ball or Ball Out of Play - raised right hand above head.
No audible signal
2. Illegal Attempt of Shot or No Score - arms crossed back and forth above head. "No shot" is announced audibly.
3. Traveling - circular motion of hands in front of body followed by laterally extended right arm with pointed index finger.
4. Double Dribble/Palming the Ball - up and down motion of hands alternating in front of body followed by laterally extended right arm with pointed index finger.



Name _____ Phone _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Date of Birth _____ Age Group (check one)

___ B 9-10 ___ G 9-10

___ B 11-12 ___ G 11-12

___ B 13-15 ___ G 13-15

For more information and results visit us at:

www.merpa.org/hotshot.aspx

Official Score Sheet

ROUND ONE

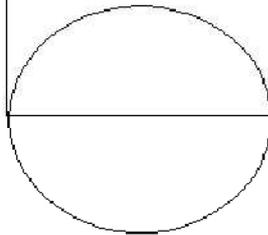
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(D) (D)

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Lay-ups: 2 2



(C) (C)

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(A) (A)

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(B) (B)

4 4 4 4 4

LAY-UP

A (2 pts)

B (4 pts)

C (5 pts)

D (3 pts)

E (3 pts)

Bonus (5 pts)

Bonus (10 pts)

VIOLATIONS

TOTAL

ROUND TWO

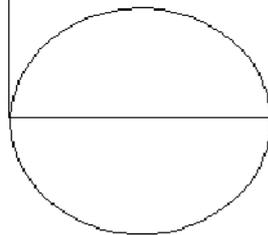
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Lay-ups: 2 2



(C) (C)

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(A) (A)

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(B) (B)

4 4 4 4 4

LAY-UP

A (2 pts)

B (4 pts)

C (5 pts)

D (3 pts)

E (3 pts)

Bonus (5 pts)

Bonus (10 pts)

VIOLATIONS

TOTAL

ROUND THREE

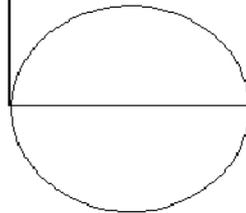
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(D) (D)

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Lay-ups: 2 2



(C) (C)

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(A) (A)

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(B) (B)

4 4 4 4 4

LAY-UP

A (2 pts)

B (4 pts) C

(5 pts) D

(3 pts)

E (3 pts)

Bonus (5 pts)

Bonus (10 pts)

VIOLATIONS

TOTAL

FINAL SCORE

OFFICIAL M.R.P.A./RED CLAWS HOT SHOT REGISTRATION FORM

Hot Shot Participant Information:

Participant's Name: _____ Phone: _____
Email (print clearly) _____
Street Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Name of School: _____
Age (as of March 31) _____
Local Recreation Center: _____
Age Group (Please check one): _____ Boys 9-10 _____ Girls 9-10
 _____ Boys 11-12 _____ Girls 11-12
 _____ Boys 13-15 _____ Girls 13-15

Note: Age group is determined by participant's birthday as of March 31 of the current year.

Risk of Assumption:

I understand my child, _____, will be registered and participating in the Maine Recreation & Parks Association (M.R.P.A./Red Claws Hot Shot Competition. I certify all information on this form is correct. I hereby release M.R.P.A and the sponsoring community recreation department for any injury to person or equipment during this program, including but not limited to claims for personal injuries resulting from or arising out of negligence of the sponsoring community recreation department.

I understand my child's age is interpreted for this event as of March 31st of the current year.

I hereby grant permission to M.R.P.A. to take pictures of my child for press releases and release all information on my child's information to media sources (i.e. score, hometown, age, etc.).

I agree to the aforementioned.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____
(if under 18 years of Age)

Participant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

OFFICIAL MRPA HOTSHOT SCORESHEET

Local Site _____ Date of Event _____ Division _____ Gender _____

	Participant Name	Age	Round #1 Points	Round #2 Points	Round #3 Points	Total Score
1						
2						
3						
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Local host site coordinators please complete the Hot Shot score sheet, keep one copy on file at the local site and send another copy to the State Coordinator. Email:

Local coordinator's signature _____ Date: _____

OFFICIAL MRPA/RED CLAWS HOTSHOT WINNER'S SCORESHEET

Local Site: _____ Date of Event _____ Total # of Participants _____

*Please email or fax the completed form at the end of your event to:

DIVISION 9-10 FEMALE

Participant's Name	DOB	Phone	Town	Email	Score

DIVISION 9-10 MALE

Participant's Name	DOB	Phone	Town	Email	Score

DIVISION 11-12 FEMALE

Participant's Name	DOB	Phone	Town	Email	Score

DIVISION 11-12 MALE

Participant's Name	DOB	Phone	Town	Email	Score

DIVISION 13-15 FEMALE

Participant's Name	DOB	Phone	Town	Email	Score

DIVISION 13-15 MALE

Participant's Name	DOB	Phone	Town	Email	Score

Tips on how to Incorporate your Hot Shot Event and Increase Participation

- Collaborate with your local Physical Education instructor and help incorporate Hot Shot into their basketball curriculum.
- Offer to be a guest at your local Elementary, Middle, or High School during their physical education class to talk about the program and have the kids practice/demonstrate it.
- Incorporate Hot Shot into any school functions such as a carnival game or an all day event where exercise and fitness is the focus.
- If Rec. doesn't run your town's local youth basketball league, contact the head administrator for that league and offer to host this event for their players, or have them hosts it themselves.
- Get the High School Varsity coaches and players on board by helping to promote or work your Hot Shot event. You can have your top two winners be announced during half time of a HS game, or have them demonstrate at half time of a game to increase interest.
- Try and include promotion for the program during your Red Claws clinic.
- To help increase participation, hold the event on a teacher in-service, early release, or no school day.
- Team-up your event with another well attended event such as a clinic, championship game, teen take-over night, end of season team parties.
- If you have a rather large program, try and have your coaches put on one or two rounds during a practice and encourage everyone to go to the competition.
- You can have your coaches run the event with their team at practice and then have the top two of each team compete to be the league champion.
- Advertise your local competition date in the local paper, TV, online, in your brochure, flyers posted in schools.