



# ***ALL-STAR GAME FORMAT***

## **What is the competitive format for the 2021 NBA All-Star Game?**

The 2021 NBA All-Star Game will have the same competitive format as the 2020 NBA All-Star Game.

The two All-Star teams will compete to win each quarter for their respective beneficiaries (see below for more information about the beneficiaries). The fourth quarter will be untimed and the teams will play to a Final Target Score, meaning that the game will end with a made basket or a made free throw instead of with the clock running out.

## **How does the competitive format work?**

Each of the first three quarters will begin with the score of 0-0 and will last 12 minutes.

At the start of the fourth quarter, the game clock will be turned off and a Final Target Score will be set. Once the Final Target Score is set, the teams will play an untimed fourth quarter and the first team to reach the Final Target Score will win the NBA All-Star Game.

## **How is the Final Target Score determined?**

The Final Target Score will be determined by taking the leading team's total cumulative score through three quarters and adding 24 points.

## **What is an example of the Final Target Score?**

Below is a review of how the Final Target Score worked when it was used in the 2020 NBA All-Star Game.

Team Giannis scored 41, 51 and 41 points in the first three quarters for a total cumulative score of 133 points. Team LeBron scored 53, 30 and 41 points in the first three quarters for a total cumulative score of 124 points. Through three quarters, the score was: Team Giannis 133, Team LeBron 124.

As a result, the Final Target Score was set at 157 points (leading team's cumulative score of 133 + 24). At the start of the fourth quarter, here were the scenarios for how each team could win the NBA All-Star Game:

- Team Giannis needed to score 24 points in the fourth quarter before Team LeBron scored 33 points.
- Team LeBron needed to score 33 points in the fourth quarter before Team Giannis scored 24 points.

Team LeBron reached the Final Target Score first and defeated Team Giannis 157-155. Team LeBron outscored Team Giannis 33-22 in the fourth quarter.



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## **Why use 24 points to help determine the Final Target Score?**

For the 2020 NBA All-Star Game, the league incorporated 24 points into the calculation of the Final Target Score to honor the late Kobe Bryant, who wore No. 24 for the final 10 seasons of his career. The same method for determining the Final Target Score will be used for the 2021 NBA All-Star Game.

## **Who are the NBA All-Star Game beneficiaries and what are the contributions?**

The two All-Star teams will play for either the Thurgood Marshall College Fund (composed of 47 publicly-supported HBCUs) or the United Negro College Fund (consisting of 37 member colleges) as their respective All-Star beneficiary, with both providing scholarship funding to further HBCU students' higher education.

A total of \$1.75 million will be contributed between the organizations as follows:

- Each organization will receive an initial \$500,000 contribution.
- At the end of each of the first three quarters, an additional \$150,000 will be awarded to the leading team's selected organization – totaling \$450,000 for those three quarters.
- A remaining \$300,000 will be awarded to the team's organization that reaches the Final Target Score first and wins the NBA All-Star Game.