

2nd/3rd Grade Division Modifications



In this division, some rules are modified for better game play and to provide another year of learning and instruction.

- 1) NO STEALING
 - a. No attempting to steal from a player who is in possession of the ball or dribbling the ball.
 - b. Great opportunity to teach players to play defense with their feet and body position, without lunging or reaching in.
- 2) NO PRESSING, NO TRAPPING, NO DOUBLE TEAMING AT ANY TIME
- 3) No defensive player may cross the "blue line" until the ball has passed the "blue line" towards the basket.
- 4) The offense has 15 seconds from inbounding the ball to cross the "blue line."
 - a. A Time Out called, while the ball has not crossed the blue line, does not restart the 15 seconds to cross the "blue line". The 15 second count will pick back
- 5) "MAN-HELP" or "PACK-LINE DEFENSE" is **ENCOURAGED**.
 - a. [The Best Defense For Youth Basketball](#) – PLEASE READ and STRONGLY CONSIDER TEACHING!
 - b. NBA Youth Guidelines recommend against using ZONE Defense, as it limits gameplay skills and player movement
- 6) **Only Two Coaches allowed on the bench during games.** Head Coach may stand; assistant coach must stay seated.
- 7) Early in the season, the refs will be more lenient with gameplay rules to help kids learn and develop confidence by utilizing "teaching moments". Examples include but are not limited to travel, double dribbles, foot fouls on free throws.

REFERREES ARE TRAINED HIGH SCHOOLERS.

TREAT THEM WITH RESPECT AND DO NOT ARGUE CALLS. THEY ARE LEARNING, JUST LIKE YOUR PLAYERS. IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS – PLEASE ADDRESS THEM RESPECTFULLY DURING A TIMEOUT OR PAUSE IN PLAY WITH THE OPPOSING HEAD COACH PRESENT.