

## COACH'S AND REFEREE'S INSTRUCTIONS 2018 - 3RD GRADE BOYS & GIRLS

Referees are very important in that they help control the game and affect to a great degree the attitudes of the coaches, players and parents. This is an instructional league. The participants should be learning the basic fundamentals of the game.

- 1- Each team will provide an official for each of their games. Clean whistles will be provided for each team at the beginning of the season. Each facility supervisor will also have additional or extra whistles. Each game boys and girl's teams will play 5 v 5.
- 2- Play everyone on the team at least half the game. It is even better to play everyone equally.
- 3- Jump the ball at the start of the game only. All other jump balls, including starting the second half, are simply alternating possessions.
- 4- Violations are not turnovers - Violations include *progression* (traveling), *carrying* (palming), *double dribble*, *all fouls* (including moving screens) *and back court*. Do not call free-throw line violations. When a violation is made, stop play and instruct the violator the proper procedure and what he/she can do to prevent the violation's recurrence. After instruction, have play resume from where it was before the violation occurred. The only exception to this rule would be when a player is fouled in the act of shooting, and should be awarded two free-throws as time permits. If the foul shooter cannot reach the basket from the foul line, the official should move the player forward to a distance where he/she can reach the basket.
- 5- Defend with only a Man-to-Man defense. The defensive player cannot take the ball away from an offensive player while the offensive player is in control of the ball, either dribbling or holding the ball.
- 6- Players will wear colored armbands and defend the player wearing an identical colored armband on the other team with two exceptions: 1. On a fast break, a player with a different color armband may defend the man with the ball. 2. If the offense sets a pick, the defenders may temporarily "switch". During the "switch" some double-teaming may occur, but should only happen momentarily. If an advantage is gained by illegally double-teaming a player, award the ball to the offended team out-of-bounds.
- 7- No full court defense or double-teaming is allowed. Teams may defend only at mid-court.
- 8- Substitutions should only be done when your team has possession of the ball in the back court or when the opposing team is substituting in the back court. Please make officials aware of substitutions before they run into the game.
- 9- The assignment of armbands to the players should be done according to ability and height. A lesser skilled player should not guard someone with much more refined skills, as neither will learn very much.

