

2nd & 3rd Grade Basketball Rules

High School Rules with the following additions:

- Players will wear Parks & Recreation game tee shirts.
 - Away team wears blue shirt
 - Home team wears gray shirt
- Game length
 - four (4) 10-minute running quarters.
 - Clock will stop the final minute of each half.
- Basket height:
 - 2nd Grade: 8 feet
 - 3rd Grade: 9 feet
- 27.5" basketball will be used for 2nd-3rd grades
- Half-time is five (5) minutes.
- One (1) time-out per half one (1) minute long.
- Switch baskets at half.
- Games will start with a jump ball. Alternate possessions for the rest of the game.
- Defense is not allowed to touch the ball at any time except after the ball has left the offensive player's hand.
 - No blocking unless the ball has been released from the shooter's hand
 - No stealing unless this occurs during the pass
- Defense may **not** be applied above the defender's 3pt line extended.
- Free Throws
 - 2nd Grade: no free throws will be shot. The ball will be taken out of bounds.
 - 3rd Grade: free throws will be shot on shooting fouls only.
 - Free throw line distance will be 13'
 - Free throw shooters may cross the line
- **No zone defense may be played.**
 - Defense must be man-to-man.
 - The defender must be no more than three (3) feet away from the offensive player
 - A defensive player may "help" if an offensive player drives in for a lay-up.
 - No switching unless a screen has been set.
 - The offensive team may not use this rule to their advantage (i.e. positioning offensive players on the edge of the court to keep defenders from being able to defend their basket.)
- Substitutions must be made during dead balls.
 - Alert the referee when a substitution is being made.
- **Each player is required to play at least one-half of the game.** Players should have a chance to learn and have fun, regardless of their experience or ability. This rule is enforced even if players are unable to attend practices.
- If one team is short players for a game, ask that the opposing team to provide a player(s) so the game can be played. There are no forfeits in our program.
- Coaching from the sideline is permitted, as long as the coach(es) use discretion. Profanity, yelling or other unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated by the coaches, parents or participants. The Referee has the right to ask any player, coach or fan to leave the area. **Coaches may not question calls from the sidelines while the game is in progress.**