

Boys & Girls Basketball / 3rd & 4th Grade League Rules and Information

Teams should be split equally. No all star teams. All players are to play equal amounts of time.

I. Game Times & Officials:

1. Game times vary - refer to the schedule. If the game time must be changed, it is up to the host-school to contact all concerned. Please do not contact Waconia Community Ed. unless a Waconia team is involved.
2. Officials are not required. If community does not offer Officials, games will be officiated by coaches. Coaches bring a whistle just in case. If Officials are present, respect them. This is the entry level for any official, and should be used as training for officials as well as players.

II. Game Length:

1. Game Time: 2 - 20 minute running time halves. The horn sounds and the clock stops at each 5 minute mark for mandatory substitutions. Clock stops the last 2 minutes of the game for all whistles, unless there is a 10 point or more lead, in those cases the clock runs.
2. Time-outs: 3 per game, no carry over. If overtime occurs, you are given one time-out per over time.
Overtime: 2 minutes Stop time each. The second and beyond OT's are sudden death.

III. Balls:

1. The 3rd & 4th graders will use 27.5 for 2019-20
2. Balls should be available at the host site incase teams don't have their own.

IV. Defense:

1. No zones. Person-to-person at all times.
2. No trapping permitted - ever, except near the basket where players group up naturally.
3. Defensive players position themselves inside the 3 point arc.
They can move out from the 3 point arc to guard once the ball crosses half court.

Pressing:

1. No pressing allowed. This includes when a Defensive player gets the rebound, everybody has to drop back immediately. Players need to get into their defensive position under the arc and allow the "now offensive player" to bring the ball up court.

V. Free Throw Line:

1. 3rd and 4th graders have the option of shooting from the 12 foot line (Ball must be released before crossing 12ft line)
(There is no violation for crossing 15ft at any time if line is used.)
2. Players are to be given a "team warning" on the first line or lane violation.
3. Line up 3 players per each side per MSHSL rules.

VI. Fouls / Free Throws / Jump Ball & Alternating Possession:

1. You can foul out. Keeping track of fouls is the responsibility of each coach, or his or her appointee.
2. Per MSHSL rules.
3. Jump balls at the start of the game and overtime per MSHSL rules. Otherwise alternating possession.

VII. Points of Emphasis:

1. Each community is asked to have first aid and balls available for visiting teams.
2. 3 point shots will be counted as 3 points although not recommended to include in your offense.