

## **Bitty (Pre-K & Kindergarten) Basketball Schedule-Winter 2012**

Team 1-(Sharks)-Coach Sam, 773-848-2447, practice Monday at 6pm

Team 2 -(Elephants)-Coach Kris, 847-772-6290, practice Wednesday at 5pm

Team 3-(Bulls)-Coach June, 847-683-9916, practice Thursday at 5:15pm

Team 4-(Wolves)-Coach Jason, 847-683-2690, practice Thursday at 5:15pm

\*Picture Day is 2/11, Picture packets should be attached to this schedule and times are as follows:

*Parents, if possible please have your child arrive 5 minutes before pictures even if you aren't getting individual pictures. We give the volunteer coaches a team plaque and I know they appreciate everyone in the picture.*

Team 1 at 8:45am, Team 2 at 8am, Team 3 at 9am, Team 4 at 8:10am.

All bitty games will be played on the north court, closest to park district entrance (Door 10).

<b><u>2/4-Sat.</u></b>	<b><u>*2/11-Sat.</u></b>	<b><u>2/25-Sat</u></b>
9am, 3 and 4	<u>8am</u> , 2 and 4	9am, 4 and 1
10am, 2 and 1	<u>9am</u> , 1 and 3	10am, 2 and 3
<b><u>3/3-Sat.</u></b>	<b><u>3/10-Sat.</u></b>	<b><u>3/17-Sat.</u></b>
9am, 4 and 3	9am, 4 and 2	9am, 4 and 1
10am, 1 and 2	10am, 3 and 1	10am, 2 and 3

Bitty Basketball rules/guidelines are attached to the backside of this schedule.

# HAMPSHIRE TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT

## BITTY BASKETBALL RULES

We will begin the game day activities with a 10-15 minute warm-up.

1. Playing time will consist of four 5 minute quarters with a running clock. As the season progresses and the players become familiar with the program we may go to 6 minute quarters.
2. Substitutions will be made at the end of each quarter.
3. Half court defense only is permitted. Additionally we recommend to the coaches that the children don't play defense past the free throw line to allow ball handlers some room to pass.
4. No zone defense, only man-to-man defense. No Stealing or blocking shots. If a ball comes to a child they may take it and go. Situations where a child is playing good defense with their hands up/out and the ball makes contact with the hands will be at the referee's discretion. The referee will only stop the game if he/she thinks the intentions were to steal or block the ball. We are trying to encourage the children to move their feet while staying in between the person they are assigned to guard and the basket. Stay on your feet, NO DIVING at any time.
5. No score will be kept. Note, coaches may ask their teams to have 1 or 2 passes before a shot is taken
6. No time outs are allowed unless for injuries or unforeseen instances.
7. Play will be 4 on 4 or 5 on 5 depending upon the number of players that show up for the program on any given Saturday.
8. If a team doesn't have 4 players at game time the opposing coach has the option of each team playing shorthanded or "giving up some players" so each team has relatively the same amount. The important thing is to make sure that the children play.
9. Teams will play cross-court (2 games going on at one time).
10. ALL PLAYERS SHOULD GET EQUAL AMOUNT OF PLAYING TIME AND ALL PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO PLAY AT LEAST HALF THE GAME.
11. We try to have one person pass the ball in after a made basket. One player will dribble it up and try to pass it to either teammate at the elbows and then make a bounce pass to the player at the corresponding block. That way at least 3 or 4 kids touch the ball every possession.