

HAMPSHIRE TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT

SMALL SHOTS BASKETBALL RULES

1. Playing time will consist of four 8-minute quarters with a running clock. As the season progresses we may be able to play 7 or 8 minute quarters as the routine gets more familiar to the children.
2. Substitutions will be made at the end of each quarter and roughly at the halfway mark of each quarter.
3. Half-court defense only is permitted. Ball handler can only be picked up at the blue line.
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. We ask that the children not play defense until their assigned individual approaches the free throw line. 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 where 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. Also, we are trying to limit fouls and injuries. Stay on your feet, NO DIVING at any time.
5. No score will be kept.
6. No time outs are allowed, except for injuries or other unforeseen circumstances.
7. Play will be 5 on 5.
8. If a team doesn't have 5 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 at the Gary D. Wright Elementary School.
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. We can't steal the ball, but if the defense is in good position we may need to work on cutting to get open. Also we encourage additions to the initial play such as setting picks as this can be implemented from the elbow's and/or block's.