

HAMPSHIRE TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT

1st/2nd GRADE BASKETBALL RULES 2025

1. Playing time will consist of four, 6 minute quarters with a running clock.
2. Substitutions will be made at the end of each quarter.
3. No coaches are allowed on the floor; however, coaches may stand underneath the baskets to assist on offense and defense. Coaches will be removed if they are interfering with the opposing team either in a verbal or physical manner.
4. 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 or weekday game.
5. 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.
6. Players about to enter the game at the beginning of a quarter will line up in the middle of the court and coaches will assign their player a colored wrist band to match up against another player on the other team. If coaches don't agree on a match up, a decision will be made by the referee or HTPD employee.
7. The team wearing purple will always start with the ball at the beginning of the 1st and 3rd quarter. The ball will be inbounded from half court. The team wearing White or Silver will start with the ball out of bounds to start the 2nd and 4th quarter.
8. Any jump ball will be tracked by the referee. Possession will change on jump balls and at the start of each quarter.
9. Half-court defense only is permitted. Additionally, we require no defense beyond the blue line. If a turnover out of bounds is caused due to the defense not getting behind the blue line, the ball will still with the offense.
10. If the defense grabs a rebound or picks up a loose ball the referee should announce the possession of that team, and everyone else should run to the other side of the court.
11. Man to man defense only, no zone is allowed.
12. No stealing, unless a ball is thrown directly to that defender while playing defense behind the person they are guarding. Defenders should not be playing the "passing lanes" to jump in front of a player to steal the ball. Stealing off a dribble is never allowed. If there is a loose ball (dribble off the foot, pass to nobody, etc.) the defense can pick the ball up and go.
13. No blocking, unless a player has their hands straight up and does not jump. A player standing still, but extends their arms forward to "block" a shot will be called for blocking even though their feet didn't leave the floor.
14. No traveling or double dribbling will be called. However, if a player is continuously committing excessive travels and double dribbles, the game will be stopped by the referee to fix their mistake. The offending team will retain the ball at the nearest out-of-bounds line. Coaches should be encouraging their players to pass the ball once they pick it up.

14. No score is kept, and time will be kept by the referee.
15. No time outs are allowed, except for injuries or other unforeseen circumstances.
16. All players should get equal playing time. We understand that certain circumstances may lead to a child receiving more playing time in one game, however this needs to be equaled out as the season goes on.
17. Games will be played with a 27.5 size ball on an 8ft rim.
18. There are no shooting fouls and fouls are not tracked. However, a child may be asked to sit out for the rest of the quarter if the referee deems that player as a detriment to others. Any fouls or violations (steal or block) will lead to an inbound at the nearest out-of-bounds line.