SPECIAL RULES FOR K-3RD BOYS AND K-4TH GIRLS

• Hoop Heights:
Explained on MAIN RULES PAGE

• Ball Size:
All Divisions = 28.5 size ball

• Free Throw Distance for K-3rd Boys and K-4th Girls:
Free throw distance will be set at 12 feet for all K-3rd Grade Boys and K-4th Grade Girls. There will be tape put down on the floor to mark this. Please keep in mind if a player and/or coach wish to shoot from the normal distance the lane violations for going across the line will be in effect for both distances.

• Defense rules for K-3rd Boys and Girls, does not apply to 4th Girls:

In order to develop necessary offensive skills, player to player defense will be employed exclusively. “No stealing the dribble” will be allowed. Stealing will be allowed on the pass only. This is necessary in order to develop dribbling skills and build confidence in some of the younger players. Officials will watch for stalling that may result from this rule. A 5-second closely guarded turnover may be called if there is no effort to advance the ball. This does not include a player who has lost control of his/her dribble. It will be the discretion of the official whether the player has maintained control. A defensive player may not be the cause of lost control due to swiping at the ball while the offensive player is dribbling.

ALL DIVISIONS NOTED CAN STEAL OFF THE PASS AS STATED ABOVE

4TH GIRLS CAN STEAL THE BALL OFF THE DRIBBLE AND OFF THE PASS

• To clarify a rule about stealing or tying up the ball for K-3rd Boys and Girls, does not apply to 4th Girls:
Once a player has possession the other team must drop back and may not create a jump ball. This same rule goes when the player has the ball out on the perimeter on offense. The defense may NOT tie up the ball.

4TH GIRLS CAN TIE UP THE BALL AND STEAL OFF THE DRIBBLE.

• Double Teaming rules for K-3rd Boys and K-4th Girls:
No “double teaming” will be allowed except in the lane. Again, the purpose is to allow the players to develop their dribbling skills. When double-teaming occurs, the official will whistle the violation and return the ball to the offensive team for a throw in. Double-teaming will be allowed in the lane. Proper defensive skills call for players to help out when a fellow defensive player is beaten.

• Zone Defense for K-3rd Boys and K-4TH Girls:
No zone defense is allowed for K-3rd Boys and K-4th Girls. A 5-foot closely guarded rule comes into effect once the offense has crossed the half-court.

• 5 foot Rule on Defense for K-3rd Boys and K-4th Girls:
All 5 defensive players must stay within 5 feet of the offensive player they are guarding. Teams that employ a tactic of clearing out will lose control of the ball. Ex: placing offensive player in each corner and creating a one on one game. If in the judgment of the official that this is occurring, the ball will be awarded to the defensive team.

• Pressing Rule for K-3rd Boys and K-4th Girls:
There will be no defense allowed in the backcourt. As soon as a change of possession takes place, the defense is required to fall back and allow the offense to bring the ball up the court. The offense will have 10 seconds to cross the centerline.