

## YOUTH BASKETBALL RULES 3rd/4th Grade Divisions



### **Playing Time**

At the YMCA we want each player to have the opportunity to play and learn the game. Therefore coaches must strive to provide each player with equal play time in every game for the players present. A player will be allowed to participate in a game if the player has missed a practice, however all players should be encouraged to attend all practices.

### **Number of Players**

Games will be played 5 on 5. If a team is short players for any given game, they may borrow players from the opponent in order to field enough players. In the event that there are not enough players to play 4 on 4, the gym supervisor has the option to work with the coaches and players present to divide registered participants into two teams and still host a modified game. The games will be deemed as sanctioned by the YMCA for all intents and purposes.

### **Equipment**

Players are required to wear a YMCA basketball jersey, shoes with non-marking soles, socks and athletic shorts or long pants.

### **Court Requirements**

Basket height will be set at 10 feet.

Official Womens (28.5) size basketballs will be used for this age group.

### **Games**

At the start of the game, possession is determined by a jump ball. Games will consist of four, 9 minute quarters. The clock will stop half way through each quarter (at 4 minutes) for team subs. There will be 2 minutes at the half and 1 minute between quarters. Score will be kept on a flipchart or scoreboard, as well as a score sheet. In the event the score has reached a 20-point differential, the displayed score will be turned to zero. Once the differential in score drops below 15 points the score will once again be displayed on the scoreboard/flipchart. Each team may be asked to provide a volunteer to keep score.

Teams will be given 2 time outs per half, one minute in length. Time-outs do not carry over. No overtime will be played. Substitutions may be made at during quarter breaks, **sub breaks** and time outs only.

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**Referees will be provided for this age group.**

## **Rules of the Game**

Teams may only play man – to – man defense. No zone defense. A defender may not stand in the lane for more than 5 seconds without closely guarding an offensive player.

No backcourt press. (The defense cannot defend in the backcourt.)

No double-teaming is allowed. Double teaming is the intentional and persistent guarding of a player by two defenders. A recovery period for a defender will be allowed in help situations. Players in the key will not be called for a double team if they are guarding the front of a player during a put back or rebound.

Switching will be allowed on screens and teams may use help defense.

A 5 second lane violation will be called.

-A lane violation is when an offensive player remains in the lane for more than 5 seconds without an attempted shot. After an attempted shot, or receiving a pass, a new 5 second count will begin.

Players have 5 seconds to inbound the ball.

Five second violations will be called.

-A five second violation is when the offensive player is immediately guarded, and is inactive (is not dribbling, passing, or shooting) for more than five seconds.

Players will have 10 seconds to bring the ball across half-court

Free throw line will be 12 feet from the backboard.

Any technical fouls will result in an automatic 2 points and possession of the ball to the opposing team.

-If a player receives two technical fouls in a game, they will be ejected from the game and suspended from the next game. If a player received 3 technical fouls in a season, they will be suspended for one game and the parents and player must meet with the Sports Director before being permitted to play again. Four technical fouls in a season will result in removal from the league, and no refunds will be given.

-If a coach receives 2 technical fouls in a game, they will be ejected from the game and suspended for the next game, upon the Sports Director's discretion. Three technical fouls in a season will result in a minimum one game additional suspension. If a coach receives four technical fouls in a season, they will be removed from their coaching duties for the remainder of the season.

Coaches must stay inside the coach's box (if not designated, the coaches box is considered within reasonable distance from their player's bench, 14 feet long) and may only approach the score table during time outs, half time or dead balls. Only one coach is allowed to stand at a time. First offense results in a warning and second offense is a technical foul.

## **Additional YMCA Rules**

-All coaches and participants will recite the YMCA Youth Sports pledge prior to the start of the game.

-Opposing parents/coaches and players will shake hands after each game.

-Any rules not specified here, will fall under the CHSAA (Colorado High School Activity Association) rules.