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Pee Wee League Rules **7-8 years old**

All Youth Basketball Leagues will be governed by the National High School League Rulebook with the addition of the following local league rules.

1. We will begin the **first and second quarters** with a free throw from each of the five (5) starters on each team. This will be administered by the official and one (1) coach. The official and coach will line up the players at their respective free throw line and allow each player to shoot a free throw. Each player will only be allowed to shoot one (1) free throw per game, unless the team has less than ten (10) players at the game, at which point a player may shoot up to two (2) times in a game. Each team will shoot a total of ten (10) free throws. The game will begin, following the free throws, with the visiting team taking the ball out at half court. Alternating possessions will be used from that point. The free throws do count for the teams points.
2. Each quarter will be eight (8) minutes in length with the clock stopping only for free throws and time outs. **The clock will stop on every whistle during the last two (2) minutes of the fourth quarter.** There will be a two (2) minute break between quarters and a five (5) minute half-time period.
3. Overtime periods will be two (2) minutes in length with the clock stopping on every whistle. One (1) timeout will be given to each team during the overtime period.
4. Each team will be allowed four (4) timeouts per game. Unused timeouts will carry over into the overtime period.
5. Each player must play one full (1) quarter per game without being substituted for. If a team has ten (10) players, five (5) players will play the first quarter and five (5) different players will play the second quarter. Once all ten players have played their full quarter, substitutions may begin. If a team has less than ten (10) players, the players who have met their playing requirement can be substituted for anytime. If a team has more than ten (10) players the player/s that did not play in the first half must start the third quarter and play the full quarter without being substituted for, all other players may be substituted for. The only exception to this rule would be if a player becomes sick or injured during the game. Open substitutions will be allowed anytime for a player who has met their required playing time.
NOTE: If a player arrives late to a game, but before halftime, that player must fulfill his/her mandatory playing requirements.
PENALTY: The player who did not meet the playing requirement must start the next game and play the entire quarter without being substituted for.

6. Teams are allowed to play "Man" or "Zone" defense and can only defend the ball once it crosses the "3 point line". There will be NO full court or half court press

defenses allowed. If a team is pressing during the game, the consequences will be as follows:

*1st Offense: The ball is awarded back to the opposing team.

*2nd Offense: A technical foul will be charged to the head coach of the offending team.

*3rd Offense: The official may eject the head coach of the offending team from the game, if the official feels the coach has not adequately instructed his team to get behind the “3 point line”.

7. The intermediate size ball (28.5) will be used in each league.
8. There are no three (3) point baskets in this league.
9. There will be no stalling. Once the ball is beyond half court, the offense must attempt to penetrate the three (3) point area. Failure to do so will result in a warning from the official. Once the official sees a team stalling, he will enforce a five (5) second count. The offensive team must penetrate the three point area before the five second count expires. Failure to do so will result in a turnover.
10. The first (1st) lane space under the basket will not be occupied during free throw attempts.
11. An 8ft goal will be used in this league.
12. Tie Breaker Rules: If we have a tie for first place at the end of the regular season, we will utilize the following to determine first place:
 1. Head-to-Head Competition
 2. Total number of “Points Allowed” in games between the tied teams.
 3. Total number of “Points Allowed” for all conference regular season games.
 4. Total number of “Points Allowed” for all regular season games, conference and no-conference games
 5. If teams are still tied after #1, #2, #3 and #4, a single elimination playoff will be used. If three teams are tied, a coin toss will decide which team receives the bye in the single elimination playoff format.
13. A “Post Season Tournament” will be conducted involving all teams in this Division.
14. Players **must** wear Department issued jerseys and shorts during the games. If a player has to wear replacement shorts, the shorts may not have pockets or zippers.
15. Coaches are also required to wear the Department issued shirt during games. If they fail to do so:
 - A) **First Offense:** A warning will be issued.

- B) **Second Offense:** Technical Foul (2 free throws)
- C) **Third Offense:** The coach will be suspended for that game and his/her assistant coach will coach the team. If there is no assistant coach, a staff member will coach the team.

16. Players will not be allowed to wear any jewelry during games. This includes earrings, bracelets, necklaces, and hair beads.
17. A team trophy and individual awards will be awarded to the 1st Place team based on the regular season standings. The Second Place team, based on regular season standings, will be awarded a team trophy only.
18. Post-Season Awards: The Champions and Runners-up of the post-season tournament will receive team trophy and individual awards.