



ABERDEEN FAMILY YMCA

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GIRLS/BOYS BASKETBALL RULES

Aberdeen Family YMCA modified basketball rules and guidelines for players, coaches, officials, and parents

1ST & 2ND GRADES:

- The games will consist of 6, 6 minute periods with subbing at each break
- 5 on 5 teams; rosters done by schools or teams already in other organizations
- Coaches will run the scrimmage - no officials
- Substitutions should happen during designated stoppages of play (6 min.)
- 8 foot baskets; junior size basketball (27.5) used
- No score or stats kept
- No lane violations will be called, No free-throws
- **Stealing the ball off the dribble is NOT allowed.** Traveling and double dribble will be corrected by coach but not a violation called.
- Players shall understand the meaning of the rules and will learn to play within them
- Coaches should make players aware that this is a NON-CONTACT game. Reaching and pushing should be noted and stopped
- No zone defense - only man to man is allowed
- No press - must set up defense behind the half court line
- Playing time may be reduced based upon a players attitude and participation at practices. Equal participation = equal playing time
- Players should have some playing time at all positions
- The object of the game is skill development, dribbling, passing, screening, shooting, etc... **NOT WINNING!**

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3RD, 4TH, 5TH, & 6TH GRADES:

Official High School basketball rules will be used with the following exceptions:

- Teams will use a 28.5 size ball—10 foot baskets
- The games will consist of two 18 minute halves with a running clock. Clock will stop for player injury and timeouts. The clock will stop on all whistles during the last minute of the **second half** unless a team is ahead by 15 points
- 5 minute half time
- Two (30) second timeouts will be allowed per game/per team
- Lane violations will be called
- Free throws - ***NEW*** shoot 2 automatically after team's 8th foul in a half
- FOULS WILL BE CALLED—not kept track of (no fouling out)
- Players shall understand the meaning of the rules and will learn to play within them
- Referees and coaches should make players aware that this is a NON-CONTACT game. - Reaching and pushing should be noted and stopped
- No zone defense (referees discretion) - only man to man defense is allowed
- No press at any time! - Pressing may be allowed in the 5th/6th grade divisions in the final minute of play if the game is within 10 points
- All players should play equal game time throughout the season (coaches rotation);
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- Team size will be kept to 7-9 players when possible, but is determinative of coaches and registration numbers

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