**DIVISION-2**

**(Second and Third Grade)**

**BALL – 28.5 GOAL HEIGHT 8.5**

The goal of **DIVISION 2** is for players to perform more than one skill at a time on the court. They may still have a “Me” mentality and are not accustomed to the concept of team (i.e. passing the ball, offensive movement, etc.). Although they are still developing foundational hand-eye coordination, they are able to accomplish some basic basketball skills (dribbling with one hand, not moving feet during a shot, the distinction between offense and defense, etc.) Because of this, rules have been designed to allow athletes to compete in a format that coordinates with their level of mental and physical capacities.

**DIVISION GOALS:**

1. Understand positions of the game.
2. Intermediate understanding rules.
3. Intermediate fundamentals of dribbling, passing, shooting, and rebounding.
4. Beginner offense play calling.
5. Respect for “on-the-court” referee.
   1. If a coach steps onto the floor without being called out by the referee, this will result in a technical foul, i.e. the team receiving 1 point and the ball. 2 Techs in a game will expel the coach, causing them to be suspended the next game also.
6. Score is kept, but no standings. SCORE IS MAINTAINED BY A HOME TEAM VOLUNTEER.

**DIVISION RULES:**

* Home team receives possession for even periods, away team for odd periods.
* No Stealing off dribble. However, players can steal passes and any loose ball.
* Offensive & Defensive fouls called to include but not limited to:
  + Traveling & Double Dribble.
  + Backcourt violation
  + Ball inbound violations
* Three-second violation will not be called.
* Teams must purposefully attack the defense in every situation – no stalling. After a warning from the referee, a violation will be called resulting in a turnover.
* Goals switched at half-time.
* Home Team keeps score.
* Playoffs will be offered.

**PRACTICES:**

Will be one day a week for one hour each. It will consist of a 50 practice court time followed by a 10-15 minute team meeting in an off-court room for a short lesson based on our league virtues.

* Players who miss their team meeting could result in reduced game time.

**GAME DAY:**

Will consist of two 18-minute halves. Teams will play 4X4, with “Man-Defense” only and will be assigned a color they must stay within arm’s length for defense.

**PRE-GAME:** Team/Players will be introduced pre-game via fog-machine, lights, and music.

**BETWEEN-PERIODS:**

The clock will stop every 6 minutes for predetermined basketball substitutions using the Upward Substitution system. Players who arrive late, leave early, or have overly aggressive fouls will have reduced playing time during that specific game. Game will consist of two 18-minute halves.

**HALF-TIME:**

At half-time of each game, players will exit for coach instruction in an off-court room.

**POST-GAME:**

Each participant will be awarded a star for their performance during the game. Parents are encouraged to participate in this time and cheer for each participant as these are given out by the coach. Game day stars are multi-colored iron on stars that are to be applied to the uniform undershirt.

**BLUE** – EFFORT > **GREY** – OFFENSE > **RED** – DEFENSE > **GOLD** – SPORTSMANSHIP > **WHITE** – CHRISTLIKENESS.

* Teams can coordinate snacks, but please clean-up as you exit the room.

**UPWARD SUBSTITUTION SYSTEM:**

A chart is provided in every coaches playbook to chart out playing time using our system. This removes coaches from playing “favorite” players and allows for ease of subs between periods.

* Every child will have the opportunity to start a game during the season.
* No child will sit out back to back periods.
* Every child will play at least half of the game.
* In most cases, each child will play against someone of similar ability.
* Playing time for all players is virtually even over the course of the season.
* Coaches are not open to making unfair substitutions and eliminates having to monitoring playing time for each player.

**CONTACT:**

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