

# **1-2 GRADE TIPTON** **BASKETBALL LEAGUE RULES**

The Tipton league is an instructional basketball league. The primary mission is to provide an opportunity for our youth to develop individual and team basketball skills. Winning is not a top priority; rather sportsmanship, learning basketball fundamentals, and teamwork are the focus.

The games will officiated by high school basketball players / adults. They serve as positive role models for our kids and their contribution to this league far exceeds their compensation. Please treat the officials with respect; anything less is not acceptable. Keep the focus on coaching kids. Coaches and parents are asked to discuss a potential or particular concern with Adam Spangler, Recreation Director before or after games are over. Coaches may be asked to talk with a parent (when it is clear that the individual is a parent of a child on that coach's team) if the parent is less than appropriate with players or refs at any time during a game.

## **Length of Games**

1. Each game shall begin with a jump ball with alternating possession arrow thereafter.
2. A game shall consist of four 8-minute quarters. (The quarters are split for substitution purposes making each game eight periods.) The buzzer will sound for substitutions as close to the four-minute time as possible without interrupting a play. The clock will be continuous.
3. Each team is allowed two time outs per half.
4. There will be no overtime period.

## **Players and Substitutions**

1. The goal is equal playing time for all players. One player cannot play more than four minute period more than any other player on his/her team. This violates the spirit of this league.
2. A team with less than 5 players the coaches can divide the players and play a game. During the game, if a team ends up with less than 5 players due to injury the game may continue.
3. Substitutions are made at each quarter and half way through each quarter (every four minutes). Exceptions include when a player becomes injured. The substitute for an injured player is not charged with a "period played" when considering equal playing time. Substitutions may not be made during a time out.

## **Equipment**

1. 27.5 basketballs shall be used.
2. Basket height shall be 8 – 8 ½ foot.
3. Players are asked to change into their basketball shoes once they arrive in the gym. This will help maintain a clean playing surface.

## **Special Rules**

1. No full-court press. Players may not attempt to steal the ball, only on a pass, until the player in possession and the ball, have crossed the center line.
2. No zone defense. Defensive players must play defense against his/her assigned offensive player at all times. The defensive players are allowed to switch on a screen.
3. No double teaming except in the lane. Each team will receive two warnings, and then a loss of possession will take place. This is two warnings per game, not per half.
4. No stealing or stripping of the ball. A player may steal a pass but not to strip a player of the ball. We want to encourage each child to dribble without fear of getting it stolen.
5. Free throws:
  - a. Children will shoot at a short distance from the basket for this league.
6. Fouls: 2 shots for all fouls in the act of shooting when the basket does not drop. 2 shot foul for all intentional and technical fouls.
7. Referees will be instructed to closely call hand checking and reaching in on ball handlers.

## **Tournaments**

**\*\*There will be no end of the season tournament.**

**\*\*Thank you for participating in this league. If you have any concerns, complaints, or suggestions to improve this program please give me a call on my cell at 563-886-4271 or at the Aquatic Center at 886-2271. Thank you.**

**Adam Spangler  
Recreation Director**