



2020-21 JCC Little Lions League Rules

- **DEFENSE:** Teams may only play man-to-man defense. No Double Teaming.
- **No full court press:** Once the defensive team has gained “clear possession” of the ball, the offensive team must fall back behind half court.
- **VIOLATIONS:** Violations enforced at official’s discretion at each level of competition. The team continues to have possession of the ball after a violation or personal foul. Officials will use the opportunity to teach the youth. Lane violations will not be enforced. Offensive violations and will be taken out of bounds on the sidelines.
- **TRAVELING & DOUBLE DRIBBLE:** Violations called at the official’s discretion but will retain possession.
- **SHOTS: FREE THROWS / FOUL SHOTS:** No foul shots during the game. Each player will shoot a Free Throw at the end of the 1st and 3rd period which will be counted towards the score. **THREE POINT SHOTS:** Scored as three (3) points. Free Throw distance is 8 feet for 1st and 2nd grade players, 6 feet for Kindergarten players.
- **STEALS & POSSESSION VIOLATIONS:** Steals permissible on passes only. Stealing off the dribble or while the ball is in clear possession of a player is NOT permitted. This includes bumping which may result in the loss of ball control/possession. Defensive players may “tie-up” the ball inside the lane after the offensive player has stopped dribbling, resulting in a jump ball, and an alternating possession.
- **FOULS:** Fouls will not be recorded. If an offensive player is fouled during a shot attempt they will be awarded one point and another possession, unless the shot is made. If the shot is made, the offensive player will be awarded the basket plus one point. It will then be the Defenses’ possession.
- **TIME-OUTS:** Each team will have 1 time-out per half. None will carry over from the first half to the second.
- **OVERTIME:** There will be one overtime period of 2 minutes, if needed. If the score is still tied after one overtime, the game will end in a tie. There are no additional timeouts during overtime, but your 2nd half time-out may carry over.
- The official’s book will have the final say on the score.
- No more than two coaches are allowed on the bench.
- Wristbands must be worn by all players, unless agreed upon by both coaches.
- Arrive early for your game and be prepared to take the court when the previous game is completed.

Sportsmanship

We ask that you consistently display good sportsmanship! Please understand that we are striving to provide a positive competitive environment for growth and development in the game of basketball and in life. Coaches and officials will do their best to help all kids learn, play competitively, and of course, have fun. We ask that spectators focus on the development of their own team and players. The JCC, its staff, and officials, reserve the right to eject those who exhibit inappropriate behavior.

Any ejection results in suspension for a minimum of 1 weekend. Please enjoy the environment, the game of basketball, and most importantly, the kids!