

Kindergarten Rules Clarification & how the game will be officiated

Armbands are available at the scorers table if both teams want to use them (They Must agree)

- (1) Coach from each team is allowed on the floor with players. Coaches must follow these guidelines
 - They Must stay out of the way of officials and play of the game.
 - They CANNOT argue with officials (This is the only warning) if this happens that coach must go to his/her bench.
 - Coaches, if on the floor will help line the kids up for free throws (This drains the clock the faster we get them on the line the more game they get to play)
 - No, Jump Ball at the beginning of the game Coaches play Rock, Paper, Scissors to see who get the ball first.
 - The focus is for coaches to always instruct and encourage players.
- (2) **Stealing the ball from the dribbler is not allowed.** To encourage the offensive player to dribble with correct form without the pressure of having the ball stolen. (If a player steals the ball off the dribble, a whistle will be blown and handed back to the player to start with a live dribble from where they were or will throw it inbounds at officials' discretion.
 - a) **Stealing the ball off a pass is allowed.**
- (3) **Violation is not called for having two hands on the ball while dribbling.** Due to limited hand-eye coordination, this allows a player to establish correct dribbling form through rhythm and pressure on the ball.
- (4) **Violation for double dribbling is called and will result in a turnover if inside the 3pt line if (Dribbling, Picking the ball up, dribbling again)** coaches should encourage players not to do this as they are dribbling up the court, once inside 3pt zone it will be called.
- (5) **Violation for traveling is called If a player runs with the ball past the redline Safe Zone.** Coaches should encourage players to dribble up the court.
- (6) **Violation for traveling is not called when a player shuffles feet when trying to set up for a shot.**
 - a. Because this age group is single skill focused, players will tend to shuffle their feet when focusing on setting up for a shot. This is corrected as the player develops in skill as he gets older.
- (7) **On fast Break lay-ups kids will be allowed to take some extra steps** (That does not mean running from the 3pt line)
- (8) **3 -second violation is not called.**
- (9) **Fouling out with only 5 players**
 - a. A team WILL PLAY with a player who has five fouls provided the team has no additional players available. Any additional fouls on that player will result in two free throws and the ball to the offended team.

Even though we will have a winner (if not a tie) this division is designed to focus on learning the game.

