

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 the head coaches of the league. They serve as positive role models for our kids and their contribution to this league far exceeds their compensation. Please treat the officials/coaches 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, Park & 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/scrimmage 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. Player that is playing defense on the point guard must wait at the 3-point line (top of the key). Fast breaks excludes this rule. 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. Along with playing defense, when your opponent starts to shoot the defensive player may stand straight up and jump to attempt to block their shot but not swatting down or hacking.
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.

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, at the Aquatic Center at 886-2271 or e-mail me at aspangler@tiptoniowa.org**

Thank you.

**Adam Spangler
Park & Recreation Director**