

-2025- 3rd & 4th Grade Boy League Rules

National Federation High School rules will govern play with modifications for each age group.

General Rules

1. This is a recreational basketball league. We focus on sportsmanship, learning the game and enjoying the sport.
2. HOME TEAM WEARS WHITE. AWAY TEAM WEARS BLUE.
3. **Sportsmanship Initiative:** Richfield Parks and Recreation teaches and emphasizes the importance of good sportsmanship. We focus on three main parts of sportsmanship: respecting everyone, having fun and always doing your best. Our focus is not only on the player and their behavior, but on the behavior of coaches and parents as well. Please help us in this endeavor
4. No jewelry will be permitted.
5. If a player is bleeding or has an open wound, they must be removed from the game and may not re-enter until the bleeding is stopped and the wound is covered.
6. All players should have equal playing time.
7. NO FOOD or DRINK is permitted in any gymnasium. Water bottles are okay.
8. NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE GYMS.
9. Please remember to pick up after yourself and take with you anything you have brought to the gym.
10. Children of spectators and coaches need to be supervised at all times. Do not send your kids to play in the halls or other areas of the schools.

11. Alcohol, tobacco, or illegal substances (in any form) is not permitted at any game or practice.

3rd - 4th Grade Boys League Specific Rules:

1. Play will be 5-on-5.
2. A intermediate/women's 28.5" basketball will be used.
3. Baskets will be set at nine feet, and the free throw line will be 12 feet from the basket.
4. Games will consist of four 8-minute quarters with a 3-minute half time.
 - a. The game clock will run continuously and will only stop for time-outs.
 - b. There will be a one-minute break between quarters, and a three-minute half time.
 - c. Teams have three one-minute time-outs per game.
 - d. Score will be kept.
 - e. Fouls will be called and recorded.
 - f. The coach/referee may interrupt play to teach skills or rules needed.
 - g. There are no overtime periods. If tied when game clock expires, the game will end in a tie.
5. Substitutions may take place before each quarter or at the four-minute mark. The game clock will be stopped near the four-minute mark during each quarter for substitutions. **This is not a time-out, and should take less than 20 seconds for the subs to go in.** The team that had possession will keep it on the ball-in.
6. Fouls will be charged to each individual player and recorded.
 - a. A player may "foul out" after 7 individual fouls. Coaches will sit a player 1 minute if that player "fouls out"-then player may return to game.
 - b. The bonus (one-and-one) will be in effect after 7 team fouls.
 - c. The double bonus (two foul shots) will be in effect after 10 team fouls.
 - d. Team fouls reset at the half.

7. Man-to-man defense only may be used.
8. Double-teaming is not allowed and will result in a team foul if called.
 - a. This rule is in place specifically to encourage players to stick with the person they are guarding, and to discourage multiple players from ganging up on the ball-carrier to shut them down.
 - b. Incidental positioning that may appear to be double-teaming will occur. The referee should use their best judgment when to make a double-teaming call, based on the purpose of this rule as stated above.
9. Backcourt press is not allowed.
 - a. Defense must allow the offense to bring the ball across half court.
 - i. Defensive players must be 4' to 6' off the half court line and may not take position against the offensive player until both feet are across the half court line.
10. A player has 5 seconds to inbound any ball. When inbounding in the back court, a player has 10 seconds to bring it across the half-court line.
11. Five second violations will be called on players in the key for too long.

