

**2017 / 2018 South Monmouth
Recreation Basketball League
3rd & 4th Grade Divisions**

General Rules for All Ages and Parents

1. The league philosophy is for players to have fun, receive instruction, learn good sportsmanship, and to experience competition.
2. Emphasis is on sportsmanship on and off the court by players, coaches, parents and spectators:
 - Any punches, spitting, trash talk, referee abuse, disregard for league rules, or other non-sportsmanlike behavior will result in suspensions without refund to the player and ejections from the gym for coaches, parents or spectators.
 - A player or coach that is ejected from a game is suspended for the next game as well.
 - The basketball director may eject any team or coach that received three (3) legitimate complaints against them from the program. Public officials, coaches, spectators, parents, or players may submit such complaints.
 - Parents / Coaches are responsible to contact their town's recreation director in reporting any issues or concerns. Leveraging social media to express issues / concerns is considered against league rules and policy and will result in suspension of the player and potential player ejection from the league.
3. **Parents – At No Time are you entitled or have the authority to talk to or critique the officials before, during or after the game.** If you have concerns you should talk to your coaches and the coaches will in return and if needed, contact the town Recreation Coordinator for resolution.
4. Each player **must play at least 2 quarters per game** but it is recommended that all players have approximately the same amount of court time and bench time. Coaches must follow this rule whether or not a player is able to attend practice.
5. Each player must wear their team shirt to play in league games unless the coaches agree to any exception.
6. If a team is unable to play a scheduled game, a call to the opposing team or Recreations Basketball Director should be made before 8pm of the day prior to the game. The Basketball Directors for the league are as follows:
 - Avon: Doug Carter (732-272-6751)
 - Sea Girt: Patty Peterson (732-241-0937)
 - Spring Lake: Kathy Heine (732-580-8868)
 - Spring Lake Heights: Shawn Heeter (570-807-0558)
 - Point Pleasant: Joe Fitzsimmons (732-299-6371)
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7. If a town has two (2) or more teams at the same grade/sex level, the teams should be evenly matched with talent and number of players.
8. If a team is short a player, both teams can play short or, if both coaches agree, the short team may pick up a player that is in the recreation program in the same or younger age group.
9. Coaches must monitor the play of game to ensure no opposing team and/or player is embarrassed. In particular, coaches must avoid running up the score. If a team is leading by 24 points in the second half, the scoreboard will be turned off.

Playing Rules for All Ages:

10. Actual game time totals approximately ONE HOUR. **The clock stops for all foul shots throughout the entire game. The clock also stops for all whistles during the final 2 minutes of the game:**
 - 8 minute quarters
 - 1 minute break between quarters
 - 5-minute break for halftime
 - 1 time out per team per half

11. When the defensive team rebounds the ball, the opposing team must drop back and set up its defense within the 3-point arc; no stealing the ball in the backcourt except when **pressing is allowed during the last 3 minutes of a game (5th & 6th and 7th & 8th grade divisions only)**.
12. Tie score games at the end of regulation will have ONE three-minute overtime period. The game is over at the end of this period, whether or not the tie is resolved, and the court must be cleared for the next game.
13. A player is out of the game after committing five (5) fouls. **On the seventh team foul in each half, players that are fouled not in the act of shooting are awarded a 1 and 1 foul shoot attempt (if the first is made, a second attempt is awarded)**. If a team has no substitutes, a player with 5 fouls can continue to play; however, for each additional foul that player commits, the other team will receive 4 foul shots plus possession (normal foul shots plus technical foul).
14. All technical fouls result in two shots and ball possession for the team that was fouled.
15. Referees will call the game in accordance with standard high school rules except for any specific changes noted in these league rules.
16. Coaches are responsible for the behavior of their players, such as running in the school halls and gym when not playing.
- 17. Spectators are not allowed on the court at any time, no shooting the basketball between quarters or after games. Only players involved in the game are to be on the court. No dribbling on the sidelines during games.**
18. Food and drinks are not allowed in the gym.

Rules for 3rd & 4th Grade Only

19. Referees can explain to the player what he/she did wrong on fouls and turnovers; referee discretion should be used in calling violations against novice players in order to move the game along.
20. 8 ft baskets are used.
- 21. 2/3 zone defense is the ONLY defense allowed.**
22. Upon change of possession, the team on defense must set up within the 3-point arc. Once the offensive team has crossed midcourt, the defense may engage in play beyond the 3-point arc, but remember only a 2/3 zone defense is allowed.
23. No full-court pressing is allowed at ANY time.
24. The 3-second rule for players inside the foul line will be 5 seconds.
- 25 There is no 3-point shot for this age group. Field Goals made beyond the 3-point arc will count as 2 points.**
26. If a ball goes out of bounds at the offensive end of the court, it will be inbounded on the side. The defensive team must set up their 2-3 zone defense inside the 3-point arc. Once the offensive team has inbounded the ball, the defense may engage in play beyond the 3-point arc, but again only a 2/3 zone defense is allowed.