

Pee Wee's (Ages 3-4) & HOT SHOTS (5-6) Basketball Rules

PROGRAM GOALS - The goal of this program is not only to teach this young age group basic basketball skills, but also teamwork and good sportsmanship in a fun, inviting atmosphere. Please remember we are a **LEARNING LEAGUE**. Cheer for all players on all teams and have lots of patience.

LEAGUE PLAY - **Pee Wee** Basketball League is a six week league. The **Hot Shots** Basketball league is a seven week league. Each week, teams will meet for a 1-hour period. The first 25 minutes will be a practice period and will be followed by a 30-minute game. All practices and games will be held at the James A. Woody Community Center mini-gym located at 13467 Navajo Road.

GAMES - Four 5-minute quarters will be played with a 1-minute break between the 1st & 2nd quarters and 3rd & 4th quarters and a 2-minute break at half time (between the 2nd & 3rd quarters). Games will last approximately 30 minutes.

TIME OUTS - Two 1-minute time outs are allowed for each team in each half. Coaches will call the time outs. Instruction or injury time outs will be left to the discretion of both coaches. Remember, the game SHOULD NOT EXCEED 30 minutes.

GOAL HEIGHT - Pee Wee's use a 6 ft basketball hoop and Hot Shots will use a basketball hoop set to 7 ft.

SCOREBOARD - Only the game time will be displayed. No team scores will be kept.

GAME CLOCK - This league uses a running game clock. With the exception of time outs, the clock will not be stopped.

COACHES - Two coaches per team are allowed on the court. There will be no official for both age group.

SUBSTITUTIONS - Players are only substituted at the end of each quarter of play. Players will sit on the bench by the sidelines so coaches can substitute easily. Coaches need to play all players an equal amount of playing time. Feel free to devise your own system for substitutions; however, each player must play at least $\frac{1}{2}$ of each game.

RULE INFRACTIONS -

Pee Wee's/Hot Shots I: One goal of this league is to teach all players correct basketball rules and techniques. However, because this is a learning league, violations such as traveling, dribbling violations, personal fouls, and other rule infractions will NOT be enforced and thus will NOT require stopping game play. However, IT IS the coaches' responsibility to explain the fundamental rules of basketball to their team and to correct their players when they are violating rules. Game play will need to be stopped immediately after the ball goes out of bounds and also if any player runs with the ball without dribbling. Any players pulling, tugging, or tackling will also require stoppage of play and an explanation from the coach on proper ways to defend or attempt to steal the ball shall be provided to the player.

DRIBBLING - Each player should be given the opportunity to dribble the ball up court after the ball has been inbound.

DEFENSE - Defense is to be played IN THE KEY ONLY. There is no defending outside of the key. After a basket, the in-bounding team will wait until AFTER the opposing team has set up their defense. On a rebound, if the defensive team receives the ball, they must wait until the other team retreats and sets up their defense before the team with the ball can advance toward their goal.

TEAM PARTY & TROPHIES - The Recreation Department will provide a team party and trophies following the final game.

PICTURES - Saturday, June 15th. A make-up picture day will be held for players unable to attend team picture day.