



**DELHI TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION
2016 / 2017 YOUTH BASKETBALL RULES
Grades PreK-2nd**

LEAGUE PHILOSOPHY

Program exists to serve the needs of our youth. All involved are allowed to participate on an equal basis in a low competitive atmosphere. The focus should be on individual development, fundamentals and teamwork. The main emphasis is on having fun, involving the family, and developing a positive self-image. Good sportsmanship is expected at all times from the players, coaches and parents.

GENERAL PROGRAM GUIDELINES

1. All players will be given and equal opportunity to participate. Coaches are expected to allow each team member equal playing time in each practice & game. The only exception would be in case of an injury, illness or disciplinary action. In the event of disciplinary action being imposed by a coach and a particular player is not going to receive equal playing time, the following parties must be notified:
 - The parents of the player
 - The parks & rec. department
 - The opposing coach
 - The official prior to game
2. There will be no forfeits. If one team is short players borrow from the other team.
3. Improper Behavior, profanity, obscene gestures, etc. will not be tolerated. Coaches will remove a player temporarily from the game for disciplinary reasons or to defuse a situation.
4. Coaches whose conduct is in conflict with the league philosophy will be given a written warning. Multiple warnings will be grounds for dismissal.
5. There are no protests. The game official will decide all questions on rule interpretations on the floor. If there is a specific rule interpretation in question, please contact the Parks & Rec. Office so we may address the situation for future games. Please keep in mind that the example you set as a coach will be one your players are sure to follow.

PLAYING THE GAME

1. SCOREKEEPERS & TIMEKEEPERS – Score is not kept and referee keeps time.
2. JUMP BALLS - Games begin with a jump ball and the alternating possession rule will be in effect for the rest of the game.
3. LENGTH OF PRACTICE & GAME – Pre-K & Kindergarten division will practice for 20 minutes and play for 16 minutes each Saturday. Games will be divided into eight (8) minute halves.
1st and 2nd grade teams will play four (4) - eight (8) minute running clock quarters. Clock will not stop. There is no substitution break.
4. SUBSTITUTIONS: Substitutes may enter the game only on a stoppage of play and must be waived in by an official.

- Remaining rules on reverse side -

5. BREAKS - There will be a one-minute rest between 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th quarters.
6. TIMEOUTS – There are no timeouts except for injury and official timeouts.
7. FOULS – Will not be kept. If a coach or official notices a player committing excessive fouls, the player will be removed from the game so the coach may explain what they are doing wrong.
8. DEFENSE: Teams must play a man-to-man defense. Players may not play defense until the **half court** line. Double-teaming, zone & full court defenses are not allowed. Violations will result in ball out of bounds for the offense.
9. STEALS – Defense may not steal the ball from the offense at any time. The defense may only acquire the ball from the offense when the ball is thrown out of bounds, on a missed shot or the ball becomes loose (errant dribble or pass). Defense may not intercept a pass.
10. LANE VIOLATION – There are no lane violations. Coaches and official will recognize children that are in too long and encourage them to get out of the lane.
11. TRAVELING VIOLATIONS – The official will only call traveling when the offensive player gains an advantage on the defensive player.
12. FREE THROWS – Will not be shot in the PreK-2 division.
13. OFFICIAL– The one (1) official will use their best discretion in choosing what violations/fouls to call. Please communicate positively with them.

GENERAL

1. No players, parents or coaches will be allowed in the gym more than 10 minutes before the start of their game. Parents, players and coaches of the next game are asked to remain outside the gym until the conclusion of the game.
2. Coaches please inform your players that they are not allowed to bring their own basketballs to the game. For additional gym rules, please refer to the "Holt Public Schools Facility Utilization Rules" sheet.
3. Coaches and parents are responsible to see that the gym is clean and chairs are back on the racks at the conclusion of the final game of the night.
4. Shake hands with your opponent at the conclusion of the contest.
5. Parks & Recreation Department will be the final authority on all issues and will act in the best interest of the program.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, call the Sports information number 694-3433 to find out the status of the games. The voice mail message is made at 7:00a.m. If the 8:00am game is canceled, all subsequent games are also canceled.