

KUNA YOUTH BASKETBALL

3RD & 4TH GRADE RULES

1. The length of the quarters will be 7 minutes, with a 3 minute halftime, and 1 minute between quarters.
2. It is a running clock until the last minute of the first half and the last 2 minutes of the second half.
3. The ball is 28.5" and the baskets are 8ft high.
4. Each team is allowed 2 time outs per half, with no carryover. Timeouts are 1 minute in length.
5. The first half starts with a jump ball. The second half starts with an inbounds throw per the possession arrow.
6. Man-to-Man Defense only. Switching on screens is ok. Help defense is allowed in the key.
7. No trapping allowed. Again, help defense is allowed in the key.
8. No full court pressure is allowed.
9. Playing Time:
 - a. All players must play 2 quarters, or 14 minutes, if the player has been to all practices.
 - b. Each player must sit out 1 quarter, or 7 minutes, if the team has 7 or more players.
10. Only 2 coaches allowed on the bench during the game.
11. A player must exit the game after committing 5 personal fouls.
 - a. Fouls will be counted/recorded.
 - b. There will be no foul shots.
 - c. On fouls, the ball will be put back into play with an inbounds pass.
12. We will not keep score
13. Technical Fouls
 - a. Technical fouls can be issued to players for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant fouls.
 - i. Technical fouls will count toward a player's 5 personal fouls.
 - ii. A player receiving a technical foul must exit play, but may return to play during the next dead ball. However, if the offense is great enough, the referee, at his/her discretion, may choose to not allow a player being charged a technical foul to return to play during that game.
 - iii. If a player receives 2 technical fouls, that player cannot return to play during the entire game.
 - b. If the referee considers a parent, coach, or fan verbally abusive, unsportsmanlike, or disruptive the referee will warn that person. If the behavior continues, a technical foul will be charged to the team that the parent, coach, or fan belongs to and they must leave the premises. Failure to do so will result in the team forfeiting the game.
14. There is no end of season tournament for 3rd/4th grade basketball.
15. It is the intent of the referees to be part of the program to help teach young players the game of basketball. In doing this...
 - a. Referees are going to call most traveling, double dribbles, illegal screens and over and back.
 - i. They will explain the infraction during the first 3 games and give the ball back to the team (no resulting turnover).
 - ii. After the 3rd game, the infraction will result in a turnover.

- b. Keep in mind that the referees are high school kids. This has always been part of our program. Do not sit and chirp at the refs. Coach your team and make the adjustments necessary. If you have an issue, send an email to our head official on the website.

Thanks for volunteering to coach and/or referee, and for teaching our youth the fundamentals of the game.