



BANTAM BASKETBALL RULES

Grade 2 & 3

1. Games will consist of ten 5-minute periods. The clock will be a running clock. It will not stop. There are no time outs.
2. There will be 5 players from each team on the court. These players will play the entire period. There will be no substitutions except for injury. ☒
3. A 2-1-2 zone defense will be employed during the game. The defense will retreat to their spots at change of possession.
4. A coach from each team should try to be on the floor during the game for instructional purposes. There will be referees to help regulate gameplay.
5. During the first half of the season, rules infractions will be pointed out and explained to the guilty player. That team will retain possession of the ball. A turnover will not result until the 2nd half of the season. ☒
6. A player **may not steal the ball** from an opponent either while they are dribbling or holding the ball. If the ball becomes loose because of the inability of the offensive player to control the ball, the defense can gain control of the ball at that point. ☒
7. A defensive player may block or steal a pass from the offense. They may also block any shot attempts. ☒ The block can not be a "spike," hands must be kept straight up.
8. **There should be no fast breaks from the offensive team.** The ball should remain in the back court until the defense has moved to their positions.
9. Basket height shall be approx. 8 ft. ☒
10. "Junior" size balls will be used. ☒
11. **Coaches should refrain from keeping a score of the game and encourage their players and fans to refrain from doing this as well.**
12. Coaches should have subs ready at the appointed times.