

CLEARFIELD CITY RECREATION
JR. JAZZ BASKETBALL PROGRAM
2025-2026

Girls 3rd/4th Grade and Boys 3rd Grade

Play will be governed by the official National High School Federation Basketball rules with the following modifications:

Court and Equipment

1. A 27.5 circumference ball will be used.
2. Baskets will be set at 10 feet.

Rules of Play

1. Games consist of four (4) eight (8) minute quarters. 1-minute quarter breaks with a 3-minute half-time. A running clock will be kept except for timeouts, **free throw set up (clock will restart when the shooter receives the ball for their first shot)**, and all dead balls during the last 1-minute of the fourth quarter. No shot clock.
2. We support equal playing time. All players present must play a minimum of 16-minutes each game. No exceptions! Nobody plays the entire game unless there are only 5 players.
3. All games must start on time. Please arrive 10-minutes early for games. A team may begin and end a game with 4 players. If a team doesn't have 4 players at game time, mix up teams and play for fun.
4. Each team is allowed two (2), one (1) minute time-outs per half. Unused timeouts from the first half do *not* carry over to the second half.
5. If the game is tied at the end of regulation, it will end in a tie.
6. Score will be kept until the players, parents, coaches, or fans become too competitive because of the score. The score posted on the scoreboard will not exceed a 15-point difference, but the actual score will be kept in the official scorebook.
7. Teams will play a half court, man-to-man defense with *wristbands. Zone defense is not allowed. There will not be any double teaming. Defenders can guard other color wristbands on fastbreaks and can switch on screens. **NO FULL COURT PRESS!** If up by 15-points, defense cannot engage the offense outside of the 3-point line.
8. 3-seconds in the key will be called and explained if, at the discretion of the officials, a team is gaining an unfair advantage in the paint.
9. A player who receives their 5th personal foul in a game, will have to sit out the rest of the game. The bonus is in affect at the 5th team foul in a quarter (2 shots). Shooters can jump across the free throw line without penalty.
10. **Absolutely no unsportsmanlike behavior will be tolerated.** Any player, coach, or spectator that is ejected for unsportsmanlike behavior will be asked to leave the premises for the remainder of that game and will be suspended from the next scheduled game. Score keepers have the authority to ask anyone to leave if they feel the need to keep control of the situation. Anyone suspended twice during the season will be disqualified from further league or tournament play for the remainder of the season.

* Wristbands are to help each player know who they are guarding. Wristbands are mandatory for the first 4 games of the season. Wristbands are optional for the last 4 games if both coaches agree not to wear them. If either coach wants to wear wristbands, both teams will be expected to wear wristbands.