



LEHI CITY  
**RECREATION**  
Jr. Jazz Basketball Rules  
BOYS/GIRLS 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> GRADE

**Game:**

- The 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade league is recreational and instructional. No official scores or standings will be kept. Instructors for 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade are there to instruct as well as officiate. One coach from each team is allowed on the court during game time. Coaches must play **all** of their players at least 50% (half) of each game.
- There will be no forfeits for this age group. Please arrive on time.
- The clock will run for the entire game. The first 20 minutes of the hour will be used for practice. Play will consist of four 8-minute quarters. The game will begin at 20 minutes past the hour. Halftime will be 3 minutes. Each game will begin with the home team taking the ball out-of-bounds at midcourt. All subsequent jump ball situations will be decided by coaches and alternate between the teams.
- Officiating: All 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade games will have an instructor that will officiate the games. Their responsibility is to keep the flow of the game while instructing the players regarding basketball situations (fouls & violations).
- The 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade leagues will be conducted with a do-over approach. As an official or coach makes a call, they will have the player try again using the correct principles. This teaching method will focus on correcting mistakes instead of emphasizing the mistake itself.
- Free throws: No free throws will be shot. All fouls, including shooting fouls, will result in the ball being taken out of bounds nearest the point of the infraction.
- Double-teaming is not allowed. The ball will be returned to the team that lost possession in a turnover resulting from a double-team situation.

**EXCEPTIONS AND ADDITIONAL RULES**

- For 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade a set of wristbands will be provided to each team for use during the season. Please assist in seeing that players are matched equally according to height and skill. Players will guard the opponent with the matching-colored wristband. A screen may be set and as a result defenders can switch who they defend but must switch back at the first opportunity
- 9-foot baskets and 28.5" size basketballs are used for **3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> graders.**
- Blocking an airborne shot is allowed. Stealing is not allowed. However, defensive players may intercept a pass between offensive players.
- Defense: Man-to-man defense only. No zone defense or double-teaming will be allowed. The defense must fall back to their half of the court to pick up their opponent. No full-court press allowed.
- Players and coaches will not be allowed to make any changes to team rosters. The recreation staff reserves the right to check a player's identity with the roster at any time.
- The buildings we use, and the employees who work there, will be treated with the utmost respect. Any problems reported to Lehi City may result in a player or coach being asked not to participate anymore and the player will not be given a refund. Please help us keep the facilities we use clean.
- **No Jewelry may be worn by participants in any grade. This includes earrings, bracelets, necklaces, or anything else that can be considered to be jewelry by the officials. NO hard casts allowed for any reason.**

