



K- 2nd Grade Little Jazz Basketball Rules

1. Practice Format

- a. The first 15 minutes will be devoted to practice time. Encourage your players to be on time so they can learn the skills they will need to play the game successfully. (First game of the season will have a 30 minute practice)
- b. Practice time will be conducted by the coaches, with an emphasis on the skill needs of their team.
- c. Games will start immediately following the 15 minute practice time.

2. Equipment

- a. A 27.5" junior size game ball will be used. (Rookie gear basketball)
- b. Two junior size balls will be available for each team to practice with.
- c. The height of the rim will be eight (8) feet.

3. Number of players

- a. The number of players on the court at any one time is five (5).
- b. Maximum number of players on the roster will be ten (10).
- c. Minimum number of players on the court should be four (4).
- d. Substitutions are allowed at any time and may be done at any dead ball.
- e. All players must be allowed to play at least half of the game, regardless of skill level.

4. Coaches

- a. **Coaches will officiate.**
- b. One (1) coach per team will be allowed on the court and is encouraged to explain basic rules during play. Assistant coaches should manage substitutions and other players.

5. Duration of game

- a. Two (2) sixteen (16) minute halves. (The first game of the season will have one (1) twenty (20) minute half.)
- b. Half-time break should be no longer than three (3) minutes.

6. Rules

- a. Defense must guard player with same color of wrist band. Wristbands should remain visible at all times.
- b. Score will not be kept.
- c. NO FORFEITS – Do your best to make it work with your opponent.
- d. Jump balls will be determined by alternating possessions.
- e. No full-court press.
- f. No foul shots.
- g. No stealing the ball. Players may intercept a pass.