



2010 –

2011

4th – 6th Grade Basketball Season

Boys & Girls

“The Bethel Recreation Association – providing opportunity, facilities and leadership for the youth or the Bethel School District and those that reside in its boundaries to play in a safe, organized recreation leagues during the Bethel School District calendar year and promoting safety, good sportsmanship and fair play.”

Article I: Player Eligibility

- Section 1: To be eligible a player must:
- A. Be in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades.
 - B. Live within the boundaries or attend a school in the Bethel School District.
 - C. Play for the grade they attend.
EXCEPTIONS:
 - ◆ A child has previously been a member of a team and the child was held back at school (the child may continue to play for his/her previous team).
 - ◆ A particular grade has insufficient players to complete a team and the area coordinator has exhausted all other options they may play up ONE grade level.
 - D. Play for the school they attend.
EXCEPTIONS:
 - ◆ Kids attending private schools or home school that live within the boundaries of the Bethel School District will play for the school of their residence.
 - ◆ Students bussed out of their resident school area (not to include Elk Plain School of Choice).
 - ◆ Sixth graders at a school that cannot complete a team.
 - ◆ Due to district boundary changes for the 2009 -2010 year, 6th grade players that have changed schools may remain with their former team. All other players are expected to play at the school in which they attend.
- Section 2: Players may be added to the roster up until the Bethel Recreation's published deadline date. Players wanting to join after the deadline date can only do so with permission from the coach, area coordinator, and the approval of the Bethel Recreation Liaison only.

Article II: Team Rosters

- Section 1: A completed roster form must be made by the area coordinator and submitted to the Bethel Recreation office by the first day after the week of the waiting list period. The rosters must be issued to the coaches by the same day as above.
- Section 2: All players, having paid by the published deadline date, must be placed on teams before adding players from the waiting list to complete a team roster.
- Section 3: All coaches must have a yellow copy of all participants on their roster(s) before the participants may practice.

Article III: Entry Fee & Registration

- Section 1: All participants must have a completed registration form filled out and must pay the entry fee of \$40.00 (cash or money orders only) during the published sign up days.
- Section 2: If approved from off of the waiting list, a \$10.00 late fee will be added to the regular registration fee (\$50.00 total) and must be paid immediately when approved.

Article IV: Transfers

- Section 1: Players may transfer teams only when they have also transferred schools.
EXCEPTIONS:
 - ◆ When the Bethel Recreation liaison, area coordinator, coaches, parents, and child agree a transfer is the best for the child.

Article V: Releases

- Section 1: No cutting or dropping of players because of having "too many".
- Section 2: Players may be dropped for disciplinary reasons. The Bethel Recreation liaison must be notified before player(s) may be dropped. There will be no refund of fees.

Article VI: Trading of Players

- Section 1: NO trading.

Article VII: Forming of Teams

- Section 1: Players are assigned to teams in the fourth grade. They remain a part of the team (as long as they are signed up properly during the published deadline date) through to the sixth grade when they remain at the same school.
- Section 2: When one team becomes large enough to split into two teams, the following procedure must be followed:
- A. Kids that have been on the team the longest (seniority basis) stay on the original team if they desire.
 - B. The new team is filled with the kids with the less amount of seniority. Both teams must be evenly split.

- C. The new team must have a coach before the split is made.
- D. No recruiting of kids from other schools or grade levels.
- E. If a child played for another school team (due to not having a team at their own school or own grade level) it only applies for one year. The next year they have to play for their own school or grade level if there is enough to complete a team.

Article VIII: League Classification

- Section 1: There will be separate leagues for boys as follows:
- A. 4th Grade Boys League
 - B. 5th Grade Boys League
 - C. 6th Grade Boys League
- Section 2: There will be separate leagues for girls as follows:
- A. 4th Grade Girls League
 - B. 5th Grade Girls League
 - C. 6th Grade Girls League

Article IX: Schedules

- Section 1: All teams will be scheduled for seven games when possible (if there is an uneven amount of teams in one league, a “bye” will take place and only six of the seven games will be scheduled). All games will be held on Saturday’s except for one game that will be scheduled during the week sometime within the season.
- Section 2: All games must be played as scheduled.
- EXCEPTIONS:
- ◆ Act of God.
- Section 3: There will be no play-off games. The winner of the seasonal head-to-head game will be first place. If tied teams did not play against each other, then both teams will be co-champions of that league.

Article X: Forfeits

- Section 1: A team must have four players to start a game.
- Section 2: A ten-minute grace period from the scheduled time will be granted prior to the game being forfeited.
- Section 3: A game may be forfeited because of misconduct by a coach, player, or spectator. That decision will be made by the on-duty Bethel Recreation official.

Article XI: Conduct

- Section 1: Coaches, players, and spectators cannot drink alcohol, smoke, swear, be abusive, strike an official, or remove a team from the game.
- Penalty:
- ◆ Removal and suspension.
- Section 2: When a coach is coaching more than one team he/she must have another person able to take the team when both teams play at the same time. Bethel Recreation will try to accommodate but cannot guarantee that it can.
- Section 3: Every team will have only one designated head coach.
- Section 4: Jewelry is prohibited. Religious and medical-alert medals are not considered jewelry. A religious medal must be taped and worn under the uniform. A medical-alert medal must be taped and may be visible.

Article XII: Protests

- Section 1: None
- Section 2: Teams found guilty of violating eligibility and participation rules are subject to suspension and forfeit.
- Section 3: The viewing of video tapes will have no bearing on games completed.

Article XIII: Official Rules

- Section 1: The National Federation of State High School rules shall apply to both boys and girls.
- EXCEPTIONS:
- ◆ Each player in attendance must play in each half.
 - ◆ Each half will be 20 minutes of running time. Clock will stop for time outs and as requested by the officials. Clock will stop for all situations in last minute of each half.
 - ◆ Free throw line will be 13 feet for 4th & 5th grades and 15 feet for 6th grades.
 - ◆ Intermediate size ball will be used.
 - ◆ All technical fouls will be one-point plus possession.

- ◆ In 4th grade only there is no double-teaming or two-man-traps allowed outside of the offensive team's key area until the last minute of each half. In 5th grade only there no double-teaming or two-man-traps allowed outside of the offensive teams key area until the last two minutes of each half. Penalty is two warnings per team followed by technical foul violations. 6th graders have no limitations regarding double-teaming.
- ◆ Each team gets two time-outs per half. Unused time-outs in the first half cannot be used in the second half. One new time-out added for overtime.
- ◆ The following guidelines apply to full court press:
 - No team may press when ahead by ten or more points.
 - Fourth graders may press the last minute of each half only (unless ahead by ten points).
 - Fifth graders may press the last two minutes of each half only (unless ahead by ten points).
 - Sixth graders may press throughout the game except when ahead by ten points.
 - Double teaming allowed during the press to all sixth graders, except when ahead by ten points or more, except when ahead by ten points or more.
- ◆ Games ending in a tie:
 - One minute over time - clock stops on all whistles. New jump ball.
 - If a tie still exists - one minute sudden death. Clock stops on whistles – first team to score wins.
 - If a tie still exists five eligible players for each team will shoot a free throw at opposite baskets. The team making the most wins. Repeat if necessary.
- ◆ Three point shot is available only on courts that have the three point lines on the court.
- ◆ Points of emphasis and common rule misunderstandings.
 - Zone defense is okay. One person covering the player with the ball outside of key area (except in sixth grade).
 - There is over and back violation for girls.
 - A new three seconds in the key begins with each shot hitting the rim or backboard.
 - Player, coach and fan sportsmanship is expected.
 - When free throws are shot no one can enter key until after the ball hits the rim.
- ◆ Free throws and fouls:
Free throw shots will only be awarded in the last minute of each half. Scoring on fouls prior to the last minute will be as follows:
 - The first six non shooting fouls - no points, ball possession to fouled team.
 - The seventh foul and after of each half - one point plus ball possession to fouled team.
 - All fouls on shots when shot was missed - one point plus possession to fouled team.
 - All fouls on shots when shot was made - basket counts plus one point. Ball goes to team that committed foul.
 - Offensive charging fouls - no rule change. Ball turns over to defense.
 - Offensive blocking fouls - same as rule 1 & 2 in this section.

Article XIII: Lines of Authority in Bethel Recreation

Section 1:

When concerns arise, please follow the lines of authority:

- A. Coach/Parent
- B. Area Coordinator
- C. Bethel Recreation Liaison
- D. Bethel Recreation Board of Directors