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**RULES
&
REGULATIONS**

2011-2012

Kindergarten – 3rd Grade

Basketball Season

(Boys & Girls)

"The Bethel Recreation Association - (1) providing opportunity, facilities and leadership for the youth of 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 (2) promoting safety, good sportsmanship and fair play".

BETHEL RECREATION ASSOCIATION
Kindergarten – 3rd Grade Basketball Season
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Program Purpose: *To provide each participant an opportunity to develop a positive self-image, sportsmanship, self-confidence and learn the fundamentals of the game of basketball through his/her participation in this program. Scores and standings will not be recorded. We want all the participants to have fun!*

RULES

1. Games in the Kindergarten - 3rd grades will consist of two 15-minute halves with a running clock. The clock will be stopped by the official at his/her discretion, i.e. injuries, time-outs. There will be a four-minute half time. Each team will play a total of seven (7) games.
2. The clock will be stopped half way through each half for player substitution. Each player should have the opportunity to play part of each half.
3. Each team is allowed one time-out per game. Each time-out lasting one minute.
4. An intermediate sized basketball will be used in 2nd and 3rd grade. Kindergarten and 1st grade will use a mini size Basketball.
5. Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade will play at eight-foot hoops. The 3rd grade will play at nine-foot hoops.
6. No back court press or zone defenses are allowed. The team that is on defense should guard person-to-person and cannot closely guard an offensive player until they cross half court. A defensive player is not allowed to steal the ball from another offensive player while dribbling or holding the ball. They may steal the ball that is being passed. No double-teaming, no clearing out on offense or cherry picking on defense. Players must fall back on defense once the other team has control of the ball in back court.
7. No free throws will be taken on fouls; team fouled will get ball out of bounds. In 3rd grade if player makes shot and is fouled other team gets the ball out of bounds.
8. The team designated, as the home team is responsible for providing one adult volunteer to operate the portable clock. No score will be recorded on paper or placed on a scoreboard.
9. In the Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades one coach for each team is allowed to be out on the floor with their team. The coach whose team is on offense will be allowed to stand at the free throw line and accept passes and pass the basketball to players on his/her team. The coach is not allowed to go inside the free throw line extended, dribble or shoot the ball.
10. The official for the third grade games is on the floor to keep things safe and assist in teaching the children the basic rules of basketball. In the beginning of the program lots of flexibility will be given to the children that are learning to dribble the ball. As the program progresses this will be called a little tighter.
11. MOST IMPORTANTLY, this program is recreational in nature. For some of the children this will be the first time they have ever played the game, while others may already have several skills. This can be a fun learning experience for all participants if it is kept in perspective.

DESCRIPTION OF TEAMS

- ☞ Kindergarten: (co-ed league) Head coach will control the game.
- ☞ 1st Grade: (co-ed league) Head coach will control the game.
- ☞ 2nd Grade Girls: (girl league) Head coach will control the game.
- ☞ 3rd Grade Girls: (girl league) One official will control the game.
- ☞ 2nd Grade Boys: (boy league) Head coach will control the game.
- ☞ 3rd Grade Boys: (boy league) One official will control the game.