



**RULES**

1. Children must be enrolled in Marion County Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to participate.
2. There are two divisions: K-1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>.
3. No play-ups are permitted outside this league. If a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader is playing in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade league, they are ineligible to participate in this league.
4. Two practice and/or game sessions lasting no more than 1.5 hours per week is the maximum practice time permitted. Mandatory practices are not permitted and playing cannot be limited as a result of missed practice.
5. All players and coaches must wear non-playing shoes to the gym and bring shoes that have not been worn outside for games.
6. No blatant or extended half-court double-teaming permitted. Defense will not pick up their man until half-court. When there is a change of possession the defenders must get back to the other side of the court and are not permitted to defend until after half-court. If a team is up by more than 10 points in any half, defense cannot pick up man until the three-point line.
7. Players are required to stay with their man or defensive zone position if they are inside the three-point line.
8. Any team not adhering to the defensive rules will first be assessed a warning and then technical fouls will follow; one free throw with the offense retaining possession.
9. Every player must play at least five consecutive minutes each half. Each team shall have 1 coach responsible for tracking playing time and personal fouls. Six fouls maximum per player, per game before fouling out.
10. No jump balls to start games or halves – home team will be listed first on the schedule and will start possession. Alternating possessions for all jump balls.
11. There will be two, twenty-minute halves. Half-time will be five minutes. 3 minute OT if needed – no timeouts.
12. Two time-outs per half with no carryovers or saving timeouts for second half.
13. Shooting foul shouts will only take place in the last two minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half for the 2<sup>nd</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> grade league. No free throws for the K-1 league. Free throw line will be from 12 feet.
14. Clock stoppage will ONLY occur for timeouts, injuries, and foul shots.
15. No score is kept for K-1<sup>st</sup> division. 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> division's score is erased after each half.

16. Any team with a twenty-point lead in any half is not permitted to play their top 5 players, other than allowing them their designated 5 minutes of consecutive play.
17. Any coach receiving two technical fouls due to disorderly conduct in one game must leave the gym and will face league disciplinary action.
18. One coach from each team will be on the floor officiating games for the K-1<sup>st</sup> league. For each infraction, inform the player of the call and resume play. Coaches must be fair and equitable when coaching games. This league is meant to be instructional as opposed to competitive.
19. Bench personnel is limited to three coaches. No personnel may be on the bench unless they have passed MCPARC's approved background check.
20. Teams and/or individuals are NOT permitted to bring their own basketballs into gyms for games. MCPARC will provide one game ball and two warm-up balls per team.
21. Size 27.5" ball and 8 ft. rim for K-1<sup>st</sup>; size 28.5" ball and 10 ft. rim for 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>.
22. Each team is responsible for cleaning up their respective bench AND one half of the gym when playing the last scheduled game of the day. This responsibility falls on the players, coaches, and parents. Teams should also clean their bench and spectator area of debris after each game.
23. All registration fees for players must be paid prior to the first scheduled game. All background checks must be complete for all coaches prior to any scheduled events.
24. The law prohibits the use of tobacco (cigarettes, smokeless, and vaping) on school property. Use of tobacco products must be completely off school property. Any coach not abiding by this policy will forfeit their coaching rights.
25. There shall be no use of profanities from coaches, spectators, or players.
26. Coaches are not permitted to physically handle the players under any condition. There shall be no dehumanization or negative reinforcement of any kind. Any coach not abiding by this policy will forfeit their coaching rights.
27. MCPARC will create the master schedule. Any conflicts or problems with the master schedule needs to be addressed with league coordinators.
28. MCPARC insurance is secondary liability insurance, not primary coverage.
29. MCPARC reserves the right to dismiss or not accept volunteer coaches based on previous issues or serious violations of league rules or the coaches code of ethics.
30. MCPARC and league coordinators reserve the right to adjust or add league rules. MCPARC will have the final say regarding all league matters or rule violations.
31. Coaches may do team photos as they choose. The league will not be coordinating photos.