

Developmental League -- 2nd/3rd Grade Combined

Focus & Philosophy:

This level will be structured around development of skills and introducing basic 3 on 3 concepts. The Varsity Head Coach will provide each coach with a list of six (6) basic skills that need to be mastered by the end of the season. Other concepts taught are how to work within a team, responsibility, working together and sportsmanship. As are all LEAP sports, having FUN through participation is always the primary goal.

Format:

- Mixed League (2nd and 3rd graders on same team)
- Will play 3 on 3
 - Modified full-court using the portable baskets (see Court diagram on page two)
 - Basket height will be 8'
 - Ball 27.5
- Maximum number of players per team: 6=ideal; max=8
- Minimum number of players per team: 5
- Two week day events played at elementary schools
 - Games will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays
 - Hosted at elementary schools
 - Game start times between: 5-7 pm

- Eight 4-minute periods
 - running clock
 - 30-seconds between periods to substitute and match-up
 - new period will begin immediately following match-up at center court
 - 1 minute halftime permitted between period 4 and 5
 - switch baskets after the 4th period
 - must rotate players each period
 - playing time must be equitable
- Games will begin with home team inbound the ball from half court; alternate possession for each period thereafter
- Score will be reset to zero after the first 7 periods.
 - During the 8th period, teams will compete to determine a winner of the game.
 - The score of the 8th period will be the final score of the game.
- Elementary Coaches will officiate each game. One coach from each team.
- Sportsmanship is a must from ALL players, coaches, parents, fans, and officials. Those choosing to exhibit unsportsman-like behavior may be removed from the game and/or gymnasium.

Rules:

- All jewelry must be removed except newly pierced ears that must be taped.
- No double teaming; one player must defend one player
 - Stop play and instruct players that they cannot double team
- No change of possession (same team keeps the ball after instruction is given)
If the ball goes out of bounds the ball will be put in play from the spot it went out of bounds
 - Make sure defensive player is a minimum of 3' back from the inbounder
- No free throw shooting
- Fouls will result with the offended team inbounding the ball from the closest spot out of bounds.
- No full court pressing allowed
 - Defense can start defending at the center line (1/2 court)
- No time outs allowed except for injury
- Coaches will officiate all games and may be on the court instructing the players
 - One coach from each team

Violations/Result:

- Double Dribble:
 - Instruct players; Play may stop if necessary
 - **No change of possession the first week; change of possession weeks 2-3**
- Traveling:
 - Instruct players; Play may stop if necessary
 - **No change of possession the first week; change of possession weeks 2-3**
- Defensive Reaching In/Stealing:
 - Instruct players to keep their arms/hands within their own plane
 - Stealing from the ball handler/dribbler is NOT allowed
 - Intercepting a pass is allowed.
 - Play will stop; ball to the offended team out of bounds.
 - Call this closely; no reaching in period
- 3-second lane violation
 - Will not be enforced; No need to instruct
- Over and Back (crossing the centerline)
 - Will not be enforced; No need to instruct