

# **PEE WEE BASKETBALL**



## **RULE BOOK**

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The purpose of YMCA sports is to provide an exciting experience that is instructional and non-competitive. Pee Wee Sports is for our youngest athletes at the YMCA and is used as a catalyst to help young players learn the game, meet new friends, and have fun. We encourage coaches, parents and spectators to cheer for both teams. Everyone plays and everyone wins at the YMCA.

## **RULES FOR PEE WEE BASKETBALL**

1. The first 20 minutes are set aside for practice and drills
2. The final 25 minutes are for game time. Coaches may break the time up into 2 halves or 4 quarters depending on the age of the children.
3. Each player **MUST** play at least half the game.
4. 3 yr olds and 4 yr olds will be using a mini size basketball
5. 5 yr olds will be using a junior size basketball
6. All games will take place on the outdoor courts.  
Hoops will be lowered depending on the age level.
  - a. 3 yr olds and 4 yr olds: 4.5 feet
  - b. 5 yr olds: 7 feet
7. For the 3 - 4yrs...Once the defensive team gets the rebound, the opposing team must run down court and stand within the 3 pt area with their hands up. We ask that participants to not try to steal the ball. This will allow all children a chance to pass and shoot. We are not looking to block shots and steal balls.
8. For the 5 yr old division for the first 3 weeks we ask that you follow the rules of not trying to steal the ball and playing defense with hands up only in the 3 point area. For the remaining weeks you may have kids play regular defense within the 3 point area AND it must be NON-AGGRESSIVE defense. Allow the opponent to get into the 3 point area.

Note: For skill progression purpose, we would like to see the 5 yr old league begin to work on 2 fundamental skills of basketball- Dribbling and Passing

9. No score is officially kept. (remember everyone wins at the YMCA)
10. Most importantly be sure that all kids have a chance to touch the ball, shoot the ball, dribble the ball, AND have FUN! All kids should be leaving with smiles and looking forward to returning the next week.

## **REMINDERS:**

1. Please do not leave siblings unattended while watching games
  2. Do not remove hang or climb on the basketball hoops
  3. Please pick up all trash before you leave
- All players will play equal time during the game
  - All players will have the opportunity to experience all game positions.
  - Tennis shoes. No open toe shoes or sandals.
  - Shirts will be provided and shorts or sweats may be worn.

*All Games and Practices are on Saturdays*

### **Rainouts**

If it rains the day of the game please call 760.635.3030. The sports hotline will indicate if games are playing. Please call one hour prior to your game. Note: Games will be rescheduled if time allows.

### **Important Dates:**

- **May 2nd – First Game! – pick up your team jersey**
- **May 30th - Picture day!**
- **June 27<sup>th</sup> - Last Game- awards handed out**

### **Spectators Code of Conduct**

As a spectator, we hope to provide a fun and rewarding experience for you and your child. In order to achieve our goal we ask that you adhere to the following criteria:

1. Applaud good plays by your own team AND the opposing team.
2. Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during a game or practice.
3. **HAVE FUN!** Make it enjoyable for you and your child.



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