

2024-25
FANNIN COUNTY
LITTLE DRIBBLERS

TEAM AND REFEREE GUIDELINES

Approved by the Basketball Commissioners, November 11, 2024

PRE K – KINDERGARTEN RULES

Ball Used: Junior Size Ball (size 27.5)

Goal Used: Portable or drop down goal with a height of 8 feet

Players: A team should have five players on the court for the game. A team may start and/or continue a game with only four players. A team may use players from other teams in order to play, but must be communicated to the opposing coach and referee prior to the game starting.

Rules: (UIL rules will apply with these exceptions)

- Each period will run for 6 minutes. The clock will run continuously except for a small stop for subs at the 3-minute mark.
- When a team is on defense they MUST remain inside the lane. **Coaches help ensure this rule is followed.**
- No full court press will be allowed in Pre-K – Kindergarten games.
- Teams can only fast break while dribbling.
- Each player must play a minimum of 3 minutes per half. If the same coach is found in violation of this rule in a second game, that coach will not be permitted to coach for the remainder of the season. A new coach must be found for the team.
- Coaches will be allowed on the court, one coach from each team. Coaches may be from volleyball line to volleyball line. Not in play, not on the baseline.
- The team on offense can shoot from anywhere in bounds at their own risk.
- Fundamentals are the primary focus at this level.
- It is not necessary to keep books for the games with player or game information.

**** RULE ****

This age will have one ref on the floor. Out of bounds, illegal defense, fouls, and excessive “bad” ball handling that are used for a team’s gain will be called at this age. No free-throws just place the ball in play at the top of the three-point arc.

1st AND 2nd GRADE RULES

Ball Used: Junior Size Ball (size 27.5)

Goal Used: Portable or drop down goal with a height of 8 feet

Players: A team should have five players on the court for the game. A team may start and/or continue a game with only four players. A team may use players from other teams in order to play, but must be communicated to the opposing coach and referee prior to the game starting.

Rules: (UIL rules will apply with these exceptions)

- Each period will run for 6 minutes. The clock will run continuously except for a small stop for subs at the 3-minute mark.
- Only one 45 second timeout per half.
- When a team is on defense, they MUST remain inside the 3-pt arc.
- **Excessive stalling outside the 3-point arc will not be allowed. When a team is on offense, the team must try to score. The offensive team will have 10 seconds to engage the defense inside the arc and continue its pursuit to score. Coaches should ensure this rule is followed.**
- Each player must play a minimum of 3 minutes per half. If the same coach is found in violation of this rule in a second game, that coach will not be permitted to coach for the remainder of the season. A new coach must be found for the team.
- Coaches will be allowed on the court, one coach from each team. Coaches may be from volleyball line to volleyball line. Not in play, not on the baseline.
- Coaches should be teaching what fouling is at this age and that they will be called for pushing, shoving, and slapping or hitting the opponent when trying to take away the ball.
- No full court press or double teaming.
- Teams can only fast break while dribbling.
- Fundamentals are the primary focus at this level.
- It is not necessary to keep books for the games with player or game information.

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This age will have one ref on the floor. Out of bounds, illegal defense, fouls, and excessive “bad” ball handling that are used for a team’s gain will be called at this age. No free-throws just place the ball in play at the top of the three-point arc.

3rd AND 4th GRADE RULES

Ball Used: Woman's regulation size ball (28.5)

Goal Used: UIL Regulation Height Goals

Players: A team should have five players on the court for the game. A team may start and/or continue a game with only four players. A team may use players from a team in a lower age group if needed due to low player attendance, however sharing of players in the same age group will result in a forfeit. If a player is being pulled up to play, this must be communicated to the opposing coach and ref prior to the game starting.

Rules: (UIL rules will apply with these exceptions)

- Each quarter will be 7 minutes. The clock will run continuously except for shooting fouls and the last 2 minutes of each half.
- Two timeouts per half.
- Free-throws – players must start behind the line. They can cross it during their shot but not to gain access to the rebound.
- In the event of a tie, Overtime will be sudden death. Exception: Tournament play Overtime will be a 2 minute period and go to sudden death at 3rd OT. No sudden death in the championship game.
- Full court pressure will ONLY be allowed during the 4th quarter and OT.
- If a team is ten or more points ahead, full court press may not be used.
- **No Double Teaming at this level of play – except for during full court press.**
 - **Help defense inside the 3 point line is not double teaming, however 2 players on a player not dribbling is considered double teaming**
- The clock will run continuously if one team is 15 points ahead in the last 2 minutes.
- Each player must play a minimum of 3 minutes per half. If a coach is found in violation of this rule the team will forfeit the game. If the same coach is found in violation of this rule in a second game, that coach will not be permitted to coach for the remainder of the season. A new coach must be found for the team.
- Score and fouls will be kept at this level of play. If you would like a parent to record player information for the coaches' record, it is okay.
- Only 2 coaches are allowed to sit on the bench: with only one coach standing to coach during the game.

**** RULE ****

This age will have two refs on the floor. At least one certified ref and both will be 18 years or older.

5th AND 6th GRADE RULES

Ball Used: Woman's regulation size ball (28.5)

Goal Used: UIL Regulation Height Goals

Players: A team should have five players on the court for the game. A team may start and/or continue a game with only four players. A team may use players from a team in a lower age group if needed due to low player attendance, however sharing of players in the same age group will result in a forfeit. If a player is being pulled up to play, this must be communicated to the opposing coach and ref prior to the game starting.

Rules: (UIL rules will apply with these exceptions)

- Each quarter will be for 7 minutes. The clock will run continuously except for shooting fouls and the last 2 minutes of each half.
- Two timeouts per half.
- In the event of a tie, Overtime will be sudden death. Exception: Tournament play Overtime will be a 2 minute period and go to sudden death at 3rd OT. No sudden death in the championship game.
- If a team is ten or more points ahead, full court press may not be used.
- The clock will run continuously if one team is 15 points ahead in the last 2 minutes.
- Each player must play a minimum of 3 minutes per half. If a coach is found in violation of this rule the team will forfeit the game. If the same coach is found in violation of this rule in a second game, that coach will not be permitted to coach for the remainder of the season. A new coach must be found for the team.
- Score and fouls will be kept at this level of play. If you would like a parent to record player information for the coaches' record, it is okay.
- Only 2 coaches are allowed to sit on the bench: with only one coach standing to coach during the game.

**** RULE ****

This age will have two refs on the floor. At least one certified ref and both will be 18 years or older.

FINAL NOTES

Ejections

Any player who has a team coach or crowd member (parent, grandparent, or guardian of player) ejected from the game will be subject to the ejection protocol:

- **1st Violation: If anyone is ejected from a game, the coach, grandparent, parent/guardian and the child(ren) are disqualified from the next date of play. If tournament play, the child will not be able to play the remainder of the tournament.**
- **2nd Violation: The violator will be removed for the remainder of the season. A special meeting will be called to decide if the children should be permitted to play for FCLD.**

REFEREE'S

- **\$40/per game for CERTIFIED Refs**
- **\$25/per game for NON-CERTIFIED Refs**
- **NON-Certified Referee's need to "Hold the Room" during K-2nd**