

## **BCRD 3x3 Basketball Points of Emphasis**

1. Background: This season may have learning curves, so thanks in advance for your patience and support! Above all, we're here for the kids to have fun ... and common sense above everything is the unofficial rule.
  - a. No refs for K/1 or 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>. For 30 youth basketball teams, we just don't have the people power to pull it off. Our trusty coaches serve as refs.
  - b. Time will be kept and we encourage a parent on a team or a coach to help with this process (if/when a BCRD staff member is not available to do so).
    1. 8 minute quarters, one minute between quarters, 2 minute half times
  - c. Teams need to please get in and out of the gym in a timely fashion to keep all youth basketball games on track, which span b/w 4pm – 7:15pm on Wednesday's and Thursdays. Subsequently, we ask you not to enter the gym with any of your team members until it is your time slot. Thank you in advance.
  - d. Check in with the coach you are going against regarding how you want to manage the game (team and kids). Anything that you want to be front of mind and in sync.
2. Teams
  - a. Coaches strive for each member of a team will get equal playing time per game, and if not per game, then throughout the season. Each team shall consist of approx. 6-8 players (3 players on the court at a time).
  - b. The substitute can enter the game as their teammate steps off the court. The clock will continue to move. The clock does not stop. Coaches can work together on this.
3. Court and ball size
  - a. **Immediate west court at BCRD Gym entrance is BCRD 1. The middle court is BCRD Court 2. The next court is the east court and BCRD 3 (for K/1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>).**
    1. No food or drinks in the gym except bottled water.
  - b. The game of 3x3 is played on half of a traditional basketball court with one basket (approx. 7.5 – 8 feet).
    1. Adult coaches: please help move the hoop to a safe area, away from any doors, after 5-6pm game use - before the 4-6<sup>th</sup> graders games at 6pm in the BCRD gym. If you arrive early for a 4pm game, we might need the help moving the small hoops into place (in front of the regular size hoops). Adults to move only.
  - c. Age groups will play with the following ball sizes:
    - i. Kinder/1st will play with a "Mini" (4) sized ball. The Ketchum and Bellevue teams have been playing with size 5, so this should be a welcomed change to size 4.
      1. Each Hailey team identifies 1-2 game balls.
      2. No bouncing of other balls in the gym during game or half-time, please. Set them aside or away. This is not open gym. We are fostering a casual, fun game atmosphere.
    - ii. 2nd/3rd will play with a "Junior" (5) sized ball.
      1. Each team identifies 1-2 game balls.

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4. Beginning of the game
  - a. Warm-ups last 5 minutes at a team's practice hoop and then balls go away into a roller bucket or mesh bag for the rest of the game time (game balls = exception).
  - b. A coin flip shall determine which team gets the first possession (or coaches choose if without a coin to flip).
  - c. The game must start with three players from each team on the court.
  - d. **Games will start no later than 10 minutes after the hour (4:10pm, 5:10pm, or 6:10pm).**
    1. **The goal is for these games to end NO later than 4:50pm, 5:50pm, or 6:50pm**
5. Scoring – BCRD rec leagues do not keep score, only time.
6. Playing time
  - a. Four 8-minute run-time quarters of playing time.
    1. Two 1-minute breaks between quarters 1 & 2, and 3 & 4
  - b. Halftime will last 2 minutes.
7. How the ball is played
  - a. Following each successful field goal:
    - i. A player from a non-scoring team will dribble or pass the ball behind the arc uncontested. The defensive team must allow the offensive team to take the ball behind the arc. No defense until the arc.
  - b. Following each unsuccessful field goal:
    - i. If the offensive team rebounds the ball, it may continue to attempt to score without returning the ball behind the arc.
  - c. No stealing. This means, no kid can take the basketball away from another kid that is dribbling or has the ball in his or her hands.
  - d. "Interceptions" allowed. If a kid catches a ball that is in mid-pass or mid-shot, he or she takes that ball back to the half court spot and will transition to offense
  - e. Coaches to determine when to blow the whistle on "walking"
8. Wrap-up
  - a. No random basketballs on the floors – in a bag, bucket and put inside the BCRD office if open or stored back near the chain link fenced area in the SE corner of the BCRD gym. Thank you!
  - b. Gym chairs against the walls for K/1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>. If not enough chairs, please encourage parents to bring their own chairs). The chairs in the gym are prioritized for players and coaches.
  - c. No food or drinks in the gym except bottled water.
  - d. Thank all the awesome volunteers & refs😊