

Walhalla Recreation Department & Salem Recreation Department 6 & Under Basketball Rules

Purpose

The purpose of this youth basketball program is to provide fun and enjoyment for young boys and girls.

Goal

To assist children in developing the fundamental athletic skills and knowledge needed to play basketball.

Governing Authority

The league will be governed by the Director of each Recreation Department.

Rules

1. **Game Length:** Games will be 40 minutes, played in two 20-minute halves with a continuous running clock.
2. **Start Time:** Games begin on the hour. No grace period will be given.
3. **Playing Time:** Each child is required to play a minimum of 15 minutes per game.
4. **Referee Instructor:** The department will provide a referee instructor for all games. Their role is primarily instructional. Play may be stopped as needed to explain and correct rule violations.
5. **Backcourt Press:** No backcourt pressing is allowed.
6. **Sportsmanship:** Coaches are expected to display exceptional sportsmanship toward the opposing team and the referee.
7. **Free Throws:** Free throws will be taken at the end of the game.
8. **Scorekeeping:** The score will not be displayed during 6 & Under games.
9. **Fouls:** Player fouls will not be tracked.
10. **Violations:** Walking and double dribbling will be permitted early in the season but should be progressively taught and enforced by the end of the season.
11. **Defense:** Teams in this age group must play mandatory zone defense.