

## 3rd Grade Rules

- No score is kept on the scoreboard or scoresheet. Only playing time is recorded on the scoresheet.
- No standings or results are to be maintained.
- Playing time must equal (as close as possible) for each player. Entire group substitution (5 players) is required for each period. If the team has less than 10 players, they may substitute balance of players.
- A group prayer consisting of both teams shall precede every game.
- A no-press rule is applicable throughout the entire year. The determination is:
- Once a team has gained control of the ball as a result of a defensive rebound, a stolen pass, or dribble, the opposing team may not make any defensive play towards the player/ball in an attempt to regain possession or slow up the player in control of the ball.
- The team who had lost team control of the ball and is now in transition to defense must run down the floor and set up to play defense. The offense must wait until all five defensive players have crossed below the top of the key before any attempt to score can be made. No fast breaks.
- The offense may not throw the ball over the top of a retreating defense. The defensive team may pick up defense only from the free throw line extended.
- There is a 10 second violation in backcourt.
- The coaches shall be empowered to halt play during the game to allow the defense time to retreat down court to defend it's basket.
- The game consist of eight 5 minute running clock quarters with a 5 minute half time.
- Free throws will be shot from the inside circle closest to the basket.
- Crowd Control, Negative Player or Coach Responses
- A team's spectator must be controlled by the coach. A warning will be issued to the coach to control his spectators. Failure to control the spectators shall result in the gym being cleared of all the spectators for both teams.
- Profanity, either on the court from a player or coach, or from a spectator will result in his or her immediate removal from the gym.
- Any negative response by a player or coach shall result in a warning. Any further negative action will result in immediate removal from the game. Any coach or player who has been ejected from a game will be required to appear before the CYO Sportsmanship Committee before returning as a player or coach.
- A half time free throw shot (1) for all eligible players. One per player.