

Lakota T-birds 3rd Grade Basketball League Rules

The objective of the 3rd grade league is purely instructional. All games are played on Saturdays at Hopewell Elementary School. The Girls' 3rd grade division may also include teams from Kings and/or Little Miami. There is a possibility that some of those league games could be played in those opponents school districts. Lakota Thunderbird Basketball, has a responsibility to ensure that all participants learn the game, participate in a fair and equitable manner, and have fun. Coaches will ensure that every player learns the fundamentals of the game, plays at least the equivalence of two quarters, and has a positive experience. Coaches are also responsible to ensure that parents and fans understand they are expected to behave as adults. Coaching should occur from the bench, not the stands.

Our referees are there to re-enforce instruction and will be teaching, as they officiate. These are not your typical referees since they will teach while they officiate. Please make parents and fans aware that it is senseless to disagree with a referee from the stands. Remember, these children are eight years old.

- Girls games will be played with a 27" ball, and 8.5' rims.
- Boys games will be played with a 28.5" ball and 9' rims.
- Four 8 min running quarters with the exception of the fourth quarter in which the last two minutes are stop time.
- The home team is required to provide a clock keeper and the visiting team is required to provide a person to keep the book (fouls, points). It is recommended that the coach picks one or two people to do these jobs for the entire year. It is the coach's responsibility to have someone ready to do their job before the game is ready to start.
- Every player on the roster MUST play half the game.
- Each coach will be allowed 3 timeouts per game. These timeouts will be 60 seconds long.

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- Substitutions are to report into the scorer's table and must be beckoned onto the floor by an official. Subs will only be permitted to enter the game in dead-ball situations.
- Traveling violations will be officiated very loosely throughout the beginning of the season; but will become much more strict as the season progresses. In the beginning of the season we will simply try to stop the kids from running with the ball. Each week the violation calls will get a little bit stricter.
- 3 seconds and the 10second rule will be enforced much the same as other violations being that in the beginning they will be somewhat lax but will be enforced to a greater degree as the season progresses.
- Over and back will not be called for the girls until the fourth week. The boys will be called for an over and back violation starting in the third week.
- Any coach/fan ejected from a game will be out for the rest of that game and the next week's game. Any coach/fan who is ejected a second time in the season will automatically be banned for the remainder of the season.
- Any Head or Assistant Coach who has a game related question or would like a ruling during game time may approach the referees in a calm, conversational manner during timeouts or half time.
- During the regular season if the score is deadlocked at the end of regulation time, one overtime period of two minutes will be allowed to break that tie. If however the tie is not broken after this one overtime the game is ruled a draw. For the tournament overtimes will be played until we have a winner. For both regular season and tournament overtimes each coach will be given an extra time out per overtime period. The entire overtime period will have a stop and go clock.

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- No jewelry of any sort is to be worn by the players. If a player refuses to the jewelry, they will not be allowed to play in the game. For freshly pierced ears a player may take medical tape and cover the earrings front and back (scotch tape will not work).
- During tournament games, if the referee determines a coach is not fairly distributing play time for ALL his or her players, the referee, in conjunction with a Thunderbird official has the right to rule that the team forfeit it's game.