

Green Youth Basketball Association

Guidelines for 2nd Grade Boys and Girls (revised 10/21/24)

- Hoop height will be 9' all season
 - 2nd Grade is played 4 vs. 4
 - 2nd grade time limits are 2 - 20 minutes halves (clock will stop to sub every 5 minutes).
 - Coaches, in order to help this run efficiently, please have your subs ready prior to the five-minute mark and quickly sub them. This means as close to the five-minute mark as possible, on a dead ball, made basket, or change of possession. A coach will blow the whistle for both teams to sub.
 - Man-to-Man defense (Players can pick up at half court) and no double teams – absolutely NO zone defense
1. The 1st team on the schedule should wear the white jersey, the 2nd team should wear orange (1 v 2 - 1 would wear white and 2 would wear orange).
 2. Players can NOT steal the ball off the dribble (if a player is dribbling the ball, the defender can't steal the ball from his dribble).
 3. Defenders can steal passes, loose balls, errant dribbles (dribbles off the foot, dribbles into defenders, etc...). Jumping is not allowed to block shot(s).
 4. Coaches will officiate the game. Every foul won't be called. Coaches will use their best judgment in an effort to keep the game flowing smoothly.
 5. If a player is fouled in the act of shooting, we will not shoot free throws. The ball will be taken under the basket or just reset up top.
 6. Traveling and double dribbles will be emphasized in 2nd grade. It won't be a turnover, however the game will be stopped and players instructed what they did. The ball will again be taken under the basket or reset up top.
 7. We will keep score at the 2nd grade level. 20 point maximum on the lead posted on the scoreboard. Said differently, if a team is up by 20, please do not add any more points to the team that is leading until the margin is 20.
 8. Most importantly, the emphasis is on learning and fun. There is a huge gap in skill level at this age. Some kids have been working on basketball for a long time and are very good, some have just touched the ball for the first time this season.
 9. Our intent is to teach the fundamentals of basketball in a fun competitive way, in hopes the kids come back next year to grow as players. Obviously, we don't want to discourage any player from coming back just because they may not have a lot of basketball skills right now. Players develop at a different pace, and they'll only know how good they can potentially be if they continue to come back and learn/compete.