



5th/6th Grade Basketball
Division Specific Rules
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1. **The goal of these divisions is to mimic the game seen on television with limited modifications.**
2. Placement into divisions shall depend on grade status for the academic year, split into gender-specific divisions.
3. The basketball used shall be a 28.5 women's basketball, with basket goals set at 10 feet.
4. Games shall be two 15-minute halves with a 2-minute halftime. The clock will run continuously, stopping only for time-outs. There will be no overtime in the event of a tie at the end of regulation.
5. Each team shall receive 2 timeouts per half, with no carryover.
6. Substitutions must report to the scorer's table and are allowed on dead-balls only.
7. A game may start with 4 players on the court. If a team cannot put 4 players on the court, an opposing team may "lend" a player. **The purpose and goal of this rule is to avoid forfeitures when possible.**
8. Full court pressing is allowed. Once a team is up by 20, they may not defend outside of their defensive half-court.
9. A 3-second offensive lane violation is to be used.
10. There will be individual fouls. Once a team reaches 7 team fouls, the opposing team will shoot 2 free throws.
11. The free throw line shall be set at regulation.
12. Clock will stop with 1 minute remaining in the 2nd half on dead balls and time outs if the score is under 10 points.
13. Coaches are to remain in the bench area during the game.
14. Any rules not specifically covered in this rule set shall default to NFHS.
15. The Branson Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to change/alter these rules during the course of the season should the need arise. Any and all interpretations of the rules made by the department is final.
16. On-site Game Administrators have the authority to settle disputes during the course of a game without the requirement of contacting the program director for information/instruction. These decisions are also final and are not subject to protest. If the belief is misinterpretation, the head coach has the ability to inform the program director of the situation for clarification, but no games

will be replayed based on the decision of the on-site game administration.

17. Only the head coach of the team may request a call explanation/clarification from the on-court official. Coaches are encouraged to carry these rules with them to each game should a question arise regarding division-specific rules. A coach may call a time-out to conference with the on-court official regarding a belief of violation of these rules, but questions are not to be raised during live-ball action.
18. It is the intent of the Branson Parks and Recreation Department to help with the individual growth of each participant, and all rules, interpretations, and judgments are done with the best interests of the division and league as a whole in mind.