



3rd/4th Grade Basketball
Division Specific Rules
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1. **The goal of these divisions is to continue the development of the player's ability within the game with the introduction of defensive play outside of the 3-point arc.**
2. Placement into divisions shall depend on grade status for the school academic year, split into gender-specific divisions.
3. The basketball used shall be a 28.5 women's basketball, with the basketball goals set at 9 feet.
4. Games shall be two 16-minute halves with a 3-minute halftime. Each team shall receive 2 timeouts per half, with no carryover. The clock will run continuously, stopping only for time-outs.
5. If the score difference is 10 points or less, the clock will stop the last minute of the game.
6. There will be no overtime in the event of a tie at the end of regulation.
7. Substitutions must report to the scorer's table and are allowed on dead-balls only.
8. The game shall start with a jump-ball.
9. There will be individual fouls. Once a team reaches 7 team fouls, the opposing team will shoot 2 free throws.
10. 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.**
11. Full court press-defensive is not allowed. Teams may start defending at half-court. Once a team is up by 20, they may not play defense outside of the 3-point arc.
12. Free throw line shall be set at 12 feet.
13. No more than a 20-point difference will be shown on the scoreboard at any time.
14. Coaches are to remain in the bench area during the game.
15. Any rules not specifically covered in this rule set shall default to NFHS.
16. 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.
17. 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.

18. 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.
19. It is the intent of the Branson Parks and Recreation Department to help with the individual growth of each participant. All rules, interpretations, and judgments are done with the best interests of the division and league as a whole in mind.