



- 1. The goal of this division is to continue the development and refinement of motor and social skills of each individual player through the use of the game of basketball under the guidance of the coaches, and under the direction of the Branson Parks and Recreation Department.**
2. Players must be no younger than 3, and no older than 4 by November 1. If a child is not enrolled in Kindergarten, but is 5 by November 1, that player qualifies to play in the Kindergarten Division.
3. The basketball used shall be a 27.5 Ultralight basketball, with basket goals set at 6.5 feet.
4. For the first 15 minutes of the scheduled game, a team practice will be held. After that time, a game will occur with a 30-minute timer on the clock. No score will be kept, but the scoreboard will be utilized to keep time.
5. The home team shall start with the ball to begin the game. Home team is pre-determined by schedule.
6. No more than 5 players shall be on the court per team at any time during the game. If a team cannot put 5 players on the court, an opposing team may “lend” a player. **The purpose and goal of this rule is to avoid forfeitures when possible.**
7. All players are to play at least every 5 minutes.
8. No personal fouls shall be recorded. No traveling will be called. There is no lane violation. There will be no free throws; if a player is fouled in the act of shooting, the offensive team receives the ball at mid-court.
9. All defensive players must stay near the basket while the offensive team brings the ball up the court. Defense may not steal the ball from the offense if the offensive team has possession of the ball. If the ball is stolen from an offensive player's hand, play will stop, and ball will be given to the offense at mid-court.
10. One coach is allowed on the court per team to aid and assist the players' development within the game. Coaches are also to help the game official during the course of the game if needed.
11. When managing the game, **coaches and officials are to use their best judgment. The on-court official has the power and authority to make a ruling in the best decision of the players involved.**
12. Any rules not specifically covered in this rule set shall default to MSHSAA and NFHS.