

## **MINI-HOOPERS Parent Information**

### **Mini Hoopers Philosophy:**

The main objective of this program is to provide 1st & 2nd grade girls and boys with an introduction to the sport of basketball. The emphasis of this program is on participation, skill development, self-esteem, confidence building and most of all, HAVING FUN! Providing an opportunity for the kids to have fun is the most important thing you can do as a parent. We must always remember whom this program is for . . . the kids.

### **Participant Placement:**

Participants who have a parent/guardian coaching will be placed on their parent/guardian's team. Siblings in the same age bracket will be placed together unless the parent/guardian states otherwise. Participants for all grade levels of play may request ONE player to be placed with. Teams will be as evenly split as possible and all requests for placement may not be met. Rosters will be given to coaches on Tuesday, October 8th. If you have not heard from a coach by Tuesday, October 15th, please contact Brian Stevenson. Practices will begin on Monday, October 21.

### **Equipment:**

Basketballs (27.5") will be issued to coaches at the start of the season. We do however encourage you to have your kids bring a ball if they have one. This will help at practices as some drills may require each child to have their own ball. For games and practices, we will be adjusting the backboards to 8 feet for both 1st grade and 2nd grade. Please help ensure that the equipment is properly used, not abused, not damaged or used in an unsafe manner. (e.g. never let kids move or hang on the hoop systems.)

### **Practices:**

Please make sure your child is on time to practice. Your child's team will only have so many practices in a season and we want your child to get the most exposure to the game possible.

Please bring water to practice. It is important to stay hydrated when playing sports. No food or drink other than water will be allowed in the gyms at any time during the league times and dates. We are guests at the schools and we need to respect their rules.

Practices will be held one day a week at Boones Ferry Primary School or Boeckman Creek Primary School (depending on scheduling availability). Practice times are either: 5:00 – 5:55 pm or 6:00 – 6:55 pm.

**Games:**

Each team will play 6 games throughout the season. Five games will take place on Saturdays (11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 12/7 and 12/14). There will be one night game the week of 11/18-11/22. Schedules will be distributed to coaches, who will distribute to their team.

All Saturday games will be played at Boones Ferry Primary School.

Teams should show up only 15 minutes before game/practice time, due to gym space availability and capacity.

Game times are on a tight schedule, so teams should be ready to take the court immediately once the previous game has ended. Once your game has ended, please hold all post game meetings/distribution of snacks and drinks outside of the gym.

**Playing Time:**

To the best of the coach's ability, all players will receive equal playing time during games. Coaches should strive to be fair and consistent in regards to playing time

**Gym Rules:**

1. Children must stay in the gym area.
2. Siblings must be supervised at all times and should not be dropped off to be picked up later.
3. Children should not use balls in the hallways or any other area outside of the gym.
4. No gum chewing allowed.
5. School District policy forbids alcoholic beverages or tobacco products on school grounds. This includes all outside areas.
6. No food or drink in the gym, other than water.

**Inclement Weather:**

There is potential for inclement weather situations (snow, ice, etc.) which could affect games or practices. If there is inclement weather please note: If the school district has cancelled activities – Mini Hoopers is cancelled.

You will receive a call/text from your coach about any cancellations.

**Misconduct Reporting Procedures:**

If any parent has a concern regarding parent or coach actions please contact: Brian Stevenson 503-570-1523

## **MINI-HOOPERS 1st & 2nd Grade Boys and Girls Rules of Play**

1. Game scores will not be kept.
2. Each coach will play all players in attendance at a given game as equally as possible during that game. Coaches and parents should contact Parks & Recreation if this rule is not being followed.
3. A coach/representative from each team will act as the official for the game.
4. Each half will start with a jump ball.
5. Teams will play 4-on-4.
6. Basket height will be 8 ft (hoops lowered to their lowest point); and the official ball will be 27.5" circumference.
7. Games will be 4 - 8 minute running time quarters. There will be a five-minute break at half time.
8. At 4 minutes into each quarter, there will be an official time out for substitutions and quick match up of players (switching wristbands).
9. On all fouls the team fouled will be given the ball out of bounds, nearest where foul occurred. No free throws.
10. Teams will play man-to-man defense only. Double-teaming is not allowed at this level. Players should match-up with a player on the other team to guard with a matching color wristband.
11. Player wristbands will be used to identify player match-ups (players must guard the player with the same color wristband). Prior to the start of play, coaches will assign each of the 4 colored wrist bands to the 4 players on the court. Coaches will help players from the two teams match up.
12. Stealing off the dribble is not permitted. Reaching in and attempting to steal the ball will be called a violation. We would like to encourage good defensive position and the opportunity for the kids to work on good offensive dribbling.
13. Defensive team must allow the ball to completely cross the "half-court line" before defensive pressure starts.
14. No full court pressing allowed. Once a player gains control of the ball in the backcourt, that team must be allowed to move the ball unhindered past the centerline.
15. Violations (traveling, double dribble, etc.) will be called at the liberal discretion of the coaches. It is our intent that coaches teach the players the rules of the game, but keep the game flowing.
16. Verbal abuse, bad comments, trash talking etc. at other players, coaches will not be tolerated.
17. At the end of each game, teams will shake hands, and clear the court to allow the next game to start. Fun is the name of the game. Help the kids to learn the game of basketball, good sportsmanship and how to have fun.