

# Smithville Parks and Recreation

## LITTLE DRIBBLERS YOUTH BASKETBALL



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### **Purpose**

The purpose of the league is to create a healthy and safe environment that supports life lessons such as good sportsmanship, develop athletics, teach the fundamentals of basketball, and to intertwine competition and cooperation.

### **Consent and Registration**

In order to participate in the league, each player must complete the registration form including the parent/legal guardian's signed consent, present the players' birth certificate, and pay the appropriate fees. Participants are responsible for their own primary insurance; Smithville PARD will NOT be responsible for any accidents that happen during the league.

### **Rules**

TAAF (Texas Amateur Athletic Federation) rules shall apply for all age divisions besides Pee Wee except where such laws conflict with the modifications made by the City of Smithville Parks and Recreation Department. League specific rules are listed on the following pages. For a more complete set of rules you may visit <http://TAAF.com> or request additional information from your coach.

Volunteer coaches MUST read and understand these rules prior to start of season. If there are any questions, please contact the Smithville PARD so we can try to clear up any questions you may have.

### **Age Divisions**

The leagues will be divided by age. The player's age is determined by the age of the child on **September 1, 2011**. A birth certificate proving the child's age is required at the time of registration. The birth certificate must have the state seal (the birth certificate will be viewed only and will NOT be copied). **Please Note:** Children who are six (6) years of age may choose between the Pee Wee and Junior age division. The Pee Wee division will be better suited for children who have NOT played basketball or need to focus on fundamentals. All other ages shall play in the division which they are assigned. **Below are the age divisions that will be used for the league.**

Pee Wee, Co-Ed	Ages 4 – 6
Junior (U8), Boys and Girls Divisions	Ages 6 – 8
Intermediate (U10), Boys and Girls Divisions	Ages 9 – 10
Senior (U12), Boys and Girls Divisions	Ages 11 – 12

### **Coaches, Parents, and Volunteers**

We will NOT be able to start the season until we have enough volunteer coaches. Please complete a volunteer form at the Smithville Rec. Center if you would like to commit your time to this volunteer effort. If interested in volunteering other than coaching (ex. officiating) please contact the Recreation Supervisor or Parks and Recreation Director at the Smithville Recreation Center. Head coaches must be at least sixteen (16) years old or older. All other volunteers such as Assistant Coaches or Officials must be at least twelve (12) years old or older.

the PARD chooses to pay officials they must be at least sixteen (16) years of age. Coaches will be chosen by Rec. Center Staff on a first come basis and consideration of past volunteered experiences with the department. Teams will only be allowed to have one (1) head coach and one (1) assistant coach which must be approved by Smithville PARD forty-eight (48) hours before the first draft. Assistant coaches must also complete a volunteer form and must be chosen as an assistant for their child to qualify as a “protected” player (Please be sure to note which head coach or assistant coach you plan to work with on the volunteer form).

### **Player Assignments**

A protected player is a player assigned to a team because his/her parent is designated as either a head or assistant coach. The registered child(ren) of a head coach and the assistant coach will be placed on the designated team when the appropriate age level is being drafted. A maximum of three (3) coach's children are allowed to be protected (example: a head coach has two (2) children and the assistant has one (1) child; or vice-versa). Registration forms have an area for each player to make specific scheduling requests, be it a sibling, transportation or other special requests. **We will do our best to honor such requests but are unable to guarantee each request.** *Please Note:* We maintain a two (2) family, three (3) child maximum for transportation requests and players must be in the same age bracket. You may only choose one (1) child for transportation purposes. A maximum of three (3) children may be placed on the same team only if two (2) of the children are siblings. **Names of the children that are requesting to be paired together due to transportation requests must have each other's names on their registration form** (Example: Billy's name is on Joe's form, and Joe's form has Billy's name on it as well). **If you write more than one (1) name on your transportation request it will NOT be considered. Once the form has been turned in there will be NO further requests granted.**

### **Mandatory Skills Assessment**

A skills assessment will be held for all divisions except Pee Wee. **The skills assessments will be held at the Smithville Rec. Center.** Parents are welcome to stay and watch the skills assessment but must stay seated and off the court. Participants that do NOT attend the skills assessment will NOT have a skill level score and therefore WILL be placed on a team after all the scored participants in their age level have been drafted on a team. **Only the Head Coaches are required to attend the skills assessment and draft.** *Please refer below to the drafting procedures for more details.*

Junior Division (Ages 6-8) Boys & Girls are scheduled to attend <b>Mon., Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.</b> Intermediate Division (Ages 9-10) Boys & Girls are scheduled to attend <b>Tues., Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.</b> Senior Division (Ages 11-12) Boys & Girls are scheduled to attend <b>Thurs., Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.</b>
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### **Draft Procedures**

A draft will be held following the skills assessments at the Smithville Rec. Center for each division. **Only Head Coaches or Assistant Coaches are able and required to attend this meeting (Absolutely NO parents or children).** Team rosters and information will be determined, rules may be reviewed, and details regarding games and practices may be discussed. **Following draft night, coaches will receive their team rosters and be responsible for calling each child to inform them of their practice and game times.** *Please Note:* There shall be **NO** changes made to team rosters after draft night.

### Pee Wee Division

**Smithville PARD will randomly generate Pee Wee team rosters.** The Pee Wee division will be Co-Ed and the draft will NOT consider skill level. Players' names will be separated by age and by gender before drafting. Four (4) year old girls will be chosen first, followed by four (4) year old boys. Then all the five (5) year olds will be chosen like so, and the process will continue until all the players are drafted.

### Junior (U8), Intermediate (U10), & Senior (U12) Divisions:

Coaches, Rec. Staff, or volunteers will be present to rank participants skills (**Coaches are required to attend the skills assessment, as ranking participants will help when choosing their team**). Everyone will use the same ranking system (Example: scale of 1-5; minimal ability-strong ability). A skills assessment will allow each coach to observe the height, skills, and other variables that make a strong player. This will help make the teams as equal as possible as coaches will take turns drafting the top ranked players of each age division. We will do our best to make teams as equal as possible. Coaches will be provided a list of all the registered participants with space to rank each player. The list will serve as an aid for the coaches to use during the draft.

**At any moment, Smithville PARD feels that a coach has compromised the integrity of the league by trying to protect players other than stated by rule; that coach will be asked to leave the draft and will NOT be allowed to coach for two (2) seasons** (Example: Coach says, "Sarah is my daughter's best friend, so no one pick her okay," or "let's stack a team under the table so we can compete at the TAAF state tournament – here is a list of players I want you to stay away from").

The first round of the draft will be determined by a draw and each round thereafter will alternate chronographically taking turns starting the drafting round (Example: (Rd 1) 1, 2, 3, 4 – (Rd 2) 2, 3, 4, 1 – (Rd 3) 3, 4, 1, 2...). There will be both girl and boy teams for each division other than Pee Wee. Protected players will be assigned to designated teams at the appropriate time. Protected players are: (1) child(ren) of the head coach, (2) child(ren) of assistant coach, with only one (1) transportation request allowed to one (1) coach. Teams will only be allowed to have one (1) head coach and one (1) assistant coach which must be approved by Smithville PARD forty-eight (48) hours before the first draft. By rule transportation requests are limited to two (2) families with a maximum of three (3) kids. Smithville PARD will approve all transportation requests before the draft. In order, to keep the rosters as equal as possible we will divide the ages of players amongst the teams and protected players will be automatically assigned to teams when the appropriate age level is being drafted (Example: if the U10 draft is in progress and if the coach's child is ten (10) years old, the coach will be assigned his/her child automatically when their first available ten (10) year old slot opens and it will count as that rounds pick). The youngest age within the division which attended the skills assessment will be chosen first, followed by those in the same age division that did NOT attend the assessment. Children with NO skills assessment scores will be automatically assigned to teams by alphabetical order to the next available team. If a coach chooses a child that is paired with a transportation request, that coach will be skipped on the next age appropriate round (Example: Timmy is paired with Tom. Timmy is ten (10) and Tom is nine (9). Tom is picked so therefore the coach will be automatically be assigned Timmy at the next available ten (10) year old slot). Once, all the participants from one age group have been picked we will do the same process for the next age group until all

the players in that division have been drafted. **Also, in order to comply with TAAF Regulations, NO more than four (4) “returning” players from one team during the previous 2010-2011 season may be placed on the same team for the 2011-2012 season. Returning players are determined solely by the 2010-2011 roster and NOT dependent on the coach. This rule will be observed during our drafting process. TAAF enforces this rule to ensure teams are true “Rec. Leagues” and NOT teams with players which have played together seasons after seasons. In order, to comply with Division II requirements and promote evenly matched teams, PARD staff will color code kids that played together in the previous season (Example: Team “Blue” teammates will all be highlighted blue so that coaches drafting 2011-2012 teams will know NOT to draft more than four (4) kids of the same color).**

### **Minimum Player Requirements and Playing Time**

Smithville PARD will limit rosters to a maximum of ten (10) players. A game is played between two (2) teams consisting of five (5) players on the court at a time. A minimum of four (4) legal uniformed players are needed to start and continue a game. If a team does NOT meet the minimum number of players, that team will forfeit the game. Only players on the official team roster are eligible to play.

#### **The league will follow Division II minimum playing time rules:**

- 1) During the first quarter of every game there will be NO substitutions allowed. The five players who start this quarter will be the same five players who finish the quarter.
- 2) During the second quarter any remaining players who did NOT start the first quarter will be required to start the second quarter and play the entire quarter without substitutions.
- 3) During the second quarter, if a team has less than 10 players on their roster then the coach may substitute only for those players who have already played the entire first quarter.
- 4) In the case of an injury to a player who is playing their required full quarter a medical substitution will be allowed. However, if a player is NOT able to finish their quarter during the first half then that player shall play a full quarter with no substitutions allowed in the second half.

### **Length of Games**

All games are complete upon expiration of regulation time. NO overtime allowed during league play unless there is a tie in a Junior, Intermediate, or Senior playoff game. Half times take place between the second and third quarter of each game.

**Pee Wee:** 2 games consisting of 2.5 minute quarters, 2 minute breaks between, and a 5 minute half time.

**Junior (U8):** 1 game consisting of 6 minute quarters, 2 minute breaks between, and a 5 minute half time.

**Intermediate (U10):** 1 game consisting of 8 minute quarters, 2 minute breaks between, and a 5 minute half time.

**Senior (U12):** 1 game consisting of 8 minute quarters, 2 minute breaks between, and a 5 minute half time.

### **Ball Sizes**

Pee Wee:

Rookie Ball (Circumference 25.5”)

Junior (U8):

Women’s Ball (Circumference 28.5”)

Intermediate (U10):

Women’s Ball (Circumference 28.5”)

Senior (U12) Girls:  
Senior (U12) Boys:

Women's Ball (Circumference 28.5")  
Men's Ball (Circumference 29.5")

### Rim Height

Pee Wee: 8 ft. 6 in.  
Junior (U8): 8 ft. 6 in.  
Intermediate (U10): 10 ft.  
Senior (U12): 10 ft.

### Free Throw Distance

Pee Wee: 13ft. 6 in. (Approx. one step in front of standard line)  
Junior (U8): 13ft. 6 in. (Approx. one step in front of standard line)  
Intermediate (U10): 15ft.  
Senior (U12): 15ft.

### Free Throw Guidelines

An official shall put the ball in play by placing it at the disposal of the free throw shooter. The shooter shall be above the free throw line and within the upper half of the free throw circle.

- A) During a free throw for a personal foul, each of the spaces nearest the end-line must be occupied by an opponent of the free throw shooter. Teammates of the free throw shooter must occupy the next adjacent spaces on each side. Only one (1) of the third adjacent spaces may be occupied by an opponent of the free throw shooter. It is NOT mandatory that any of the third adjacent spaces be occupied. Teammates of the free throw shooter are NOT permitted in these spaces.
- B) A player who does NOT occupy a free throw lane space MUST remain within five (5) feet of the half court line.
- C) If the ball is to become dead after the last free throw (technical foul shots), players shall NOT take positions along the free throw lane. Penalty:
  - 1) If a violation by either or both teams occurs on a free throw attempt which is to be followed by another free throw attempt, the violation is ignored.
  - 2) If the violation is by the opponent of the free throw shooter and the free throw attempt is unsuccessful, a substitute free throw attempt is awarded.
  - 3) If the violation is by a teammate of the free throw shooter, it is a violation as soon as the free throw is attempted. The ball is awarded to the opponent at the free throw line extended.
  - 4) If the violation is by both teams and the ball is going to remain in play, there shall be a jump ball at the center circle between any two opponents.

### Equipment

**GAME DAYS:** Game day equipment will be provided by Smithville PARD. Smithville PARD will also supply the scorebook and materials for keeping game day records.

**PRACTICES:** A utility tub with several practice balls, scrimmage jerseys, cones, first aid kit, etc. will be placed at all gyms outside of the Rec. Center. Coaches will be responsible for the use of this equipment and securing it when finished. **Please Note: If items are missing, coaches must report the missing item(s) to the Smithville PARD immediately!** This will help us keep track of equipment as coaches are responsible for making sure everything that was in the tub prior to practice

is securely locked back in the tub after practice. Teams practicing at the Rec. Center may check out practice equipment from the front desk staff and shall return it when practice is over.

Everyone must respect all property and equipment used for the league. Failing to follow this policy can result in immediate removal from the premises and/ or league participation. NO hanging on the rim(s) or net(s) at anytime. Coaches and parents are responsible for overseeing player's behaviors. Parents and coaches can be financially responsible for equipment damages due to improper usage or allowing improper usage such as hanging on the equipment.

### **Practices and Games**

Practice days and times will be determined by the coaches and gym availability. Practices may start before winter break but will NOT be held during the break. **Coaches will be responsible to inform players of their practice time and location immediately after the draft and receiving their team roster from the Smithville PARD.** Practice times and locations will be discussed with the coaches on draft night. Teams will only be allowed to practice and/or scrimmage for one (1) hour a week at the designated time and gym location assigned for the season. **Smithville PARD allows parents to choose one (1) day a week that is *absolutely awful* for their child to attend practice at the time of registration.** During draft, this information will be available for the coaches to see and they shall do their best on scheduling a practice time and/or picking a team so that the majority can attend; however, requests are NOT guaranteed and refunds will NOT be granted if your child is unable to attend practices. **Changes to practice schedules are strictly prohibited unless coaches receive approval by the Smithville PARD Recreation Supervisor/Director.**

**If a coach has been in contact and talked to parents/participants about practice yet the player misses two consecutive practices or more, then the coach will have the decision whether to play the child or not on game days.** However, if a coach chooses to discipline and not play a child they MUST let the parents know ahead of time (before the game day) and also let the scorekeeper know so it can be noted in the scorebook beside the players name as to why they did not play. If a coach chooses to play the child, you may do so but they should not start the game. This will be up to you as a coach and ONLY after two consecutive practices (the count starts all over if the player shows up to practice and then the TAAF rule must be obeyed). **If a coach chooses to implement this rule, it must be consistent and applied to all team members fairly. Otherwise, coaches may not be allowed to coach in the future or the rule will be eliminated.**

**Games will be held on Saturday's beginning in January.** A game schedule should be available following the week of drafts. The league will last approximately six (6) weeks; however, post season tournament play may follow whether it is a TAAF affiliated and/or a local tournament.

Coaches/parents of teams/players that arrive while games are in progress are responsible for keeping their team/child together and under control. **Please DO NOT let your children run around the gyms, under the bleachers or in the foyers and hallways.** Please keep a diligent eye on all children to ensure that they are always supervised and safe. Siblings of participants MUST remain in direct and constant supervision of their parents or legal guardian and remain seated in, NOT UNDER, the bleachers for the entire game.

### **Standings, Overtime, and Tournament Play**

Smithville PARD league standings will be established using a ranking system (Example: Win 5, Tie 2, Loss 1, Forfeit 0). The order of determining the ranking will be by total points; in the case of ties,

then the following order of measures listed in order will serve as a deciding factor on determining final rankings – head to head, total wins, then by finding the winning average (total games / total wins – often used when one team had more games than another), then a playoff game added to the end of the league schedule. If the score of a playoff game is tied at the end of regulation play the TAAF overtime rule will take effect.

**TAAF OVERTIME RULE:** If the score is tied at the end of regulation play in the 8 & Under and 10 & Under divisions of play, a two (2) minute overtime will be played. In all other divisions, a three (3) minute overtime period will be played. The clock will stop on each whistle by the officials. Each team shall be allowed one (1) additional one-minute timeout, as well as any timeouts remaining from regulation when going into overtime play.

**TAAF TOURNAMENT PLAY:** Since we are utilizing TAAF rules, all age divisions except Pee Wee will be eligible (based on division standings) to compete in the Regional TAAF Tournament. The winning coach of each division will be allowed to choose to either play as Division I or II when continuing to the TAAF Tournament (**This decision must be submitted to the Smithville PARD by the first Monday following the last game**). If the winning team decides to play as Division II, then the second place team of that same division may also have the opportunity to continue to the post season TAAF tournament (**The second place team must submit their information and agreement to attend by the first Wednesday following the last game**). If a coach chooses to play Division II they will advance to post season tournament play with their Smithville league team. If a coach chooses to go Division I, then the coach will have the opportunity of picking an ‘All Star’ team with players from any team within the appropriate division which participated in the Smithville PARD league. Each team will be financially responsible for their team’s tournament attendance and travel.

### ***Sportsmanship, Conduct, and Discipline***

A goal of Smithville Parks and Recreation Department sports is to develop good sportsmanship within the program. Coaches must display the highest level of sportsmanship at all times. Players and parents tend to emulate the example set by the coaching staff. **Coaches should address the team’s sportsmanship standards at the first player/parent meeting and/or practice.**

All games are in the hands of the officials. Each coach, player, parent, and team is required to respect the official’s authority. Un-sportsmanlike conduct, including but NOT limited to profanity, threatening language, disrespect, gestures, apparent indulgence in alcoholic beverages before or during the game, verbally abusing, roughing up, or fighting with anyone will NOT be tolerated.

If an official witnesses any acts of elbowing or un-sportsmanlike act, the game may be stopped and the offending player will be ejected from the game. Any un-sportsmanlike conduct by coaches, parents or spectators will result in automatic removal from the facility and may be subject to additional sanctions for any conduct detrimental to the recreation program, which will be appropriately imposed by the Smithville Parks and Recreation Department. Sanctions range from verbal warnings to termination from the league.

### ***Uniforms and Appropriate Attire***

Only Smithville Parks and Recreation Department provided team shirts may be worn during matches. Teams with paid sponsorship, may request to add the sponsors’ name to the shirt but must check with the Recreation Supervisor and/or Parks and Recreation Director and make the request prior to the shirts being ordered. Any business, organization, or individual desiring to sponsor a sports program

should contact the Smithville Parks and Recreation Department and preferably submit in writing the desire to sponsor team shirts. Shirts will become property of the athletes at the end of the season.

- Shirts MUST remain tucked in during play.
- Players must wear non-marking athletic shoes.
- Jewelry may NOT be worn by any uniformed players.
- Eye wear must be attached to the wearer by means of non-dangling elastic/rubber eye ware strap.
- Medical alert devices are an exception but MUST be taped down with NO metal showing.
- NO hard casts are allowed.
- Hard plastic or metal containing devices such as pins, berets, clips, etc. will NOT be permitted. ONLY soft, non-abrasive, elastic, cloth or rubber hair restraining devices, sweat, and head bands are permitted.

**TAAF UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS:** Teams will be responsible for providing their own jerseys when participating in a TAAF tournament. The TAAF uniform regulations are as follows: Each team must have jerseys the same color with a permanent four inch (4”) number on the front and a six inch (6”) number of the back. Legal basketball numbers only are permitted-0 or 00, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55. Players who do not have the proper uniform will not be allowed to participate. T-shirts worn under the jersey must be of the same color as the primary color of the jersey.

### ***Video Photography, Picture Taking, and Closing Ceremonies***

The Smithville Parks and Recreation Department, parent and coach concerns for participant privacy dictate the following: Video photography may only be taken by those directly associated (parent, guardian, relative, etc.) with the team(s) participating in the practice or match at hand. Video recording participant activities for use by distant relatives or as a parent keepsake is encouraged. Coaches, being most familiar with persons having valid reasons for recording their team’s basketball events, should address anyone unfamiliar to them and if appropriate, request that person to stop recording. As with any incident, please notify Smithville Parks and Recreation Department as soon as possible (512) 237-3282 Ext.7 and/or contact the local police department.

Team photos may be scheduled during the league. Coaches will provide schedules and further information during the season. Participants will be responsible for purchasing their own photos.

An informal award ceremony will be held at the end of the season. All teams will need to be present their last game day for awards to be distributed (This date will change if the season is extended or shorten for any reason). Be sure to bring your camera to get pictures of your Little Dribbler(s)!!!

### ***Petitions***

Petitions must be submitted by a coach or team manager. Any contested rulings or incidents that are NOT handled by the official(s) or Parks and Recreation staff immediately or correctly can be communicated to the Parks and Recreation Director and Recreation Supervisor by filling out a petition form. In order to submit a petition, the form must be turned in with a \$10.00 petition deposit which will be forfeited if the petition is NOT approved. A petition form can be picked up at the Smithville Recreation Center. The petition fee along with a completed form must be turned into the Smithville Rec. Center within 24 hours, or the next business day (Monday-Friday/8AM-5PM) from when the contested issue occurred.

The Smithville Parks and Recreation Department staff has the final say over any appeal of the rules and has the ability to make decisions on any rules that are NOT covered.

### **Coaches**

- 1) Only the head coach is allowed in the scorekeeper area, except to identify substitutions or to prevent possession errors. Penalty: One (1) warning, then technical foul.
- 2) NO coaching at or below the free throw line. Penalty: One (1) warning, then technical foul.
- 3) Coaches may enter the court only after being signaled by an official for a player injury. Coaches must stay within the “box” while the clock is running. Penalty: coaches will sit while clock is running.
- 4) Coaches are NOT permitted to dispute officials calls. Penalty: Technical foul.

After receiving one (1) technical foul, coaches must remain seated for the remainder of the game.

### **General League Rules (Additional division rules apply for each age division)**

- 1) Scheduled game start time is forfeit time; NO grace period.
- 2) Teams should show up 10-15 minutes prior to their scheduled game start time.
- 3) If the schedule allows, teams may have up to a five (5) minute warm up prior to their game.
- 4) Only coaches and players listed on the team’s roster are allowed on the court and or in the player bench area.
- 5) Coaches, officials, and team captains should meet briefly, prior to the start of each game for any instructions, questions, or ground rules.
- 6) Each team is required to have parents available to assist the league. Teams may be responsible for providing scorekeepers and/or scoreboard operators for each game, if needed.
- 7) Prior to the game, coaches are responsible to make sure each player is wearing the appropriate attire and they have the minimum number of players required to start a game.
- 8) Designated game day officials are required for all divisions except for Pee Wee. If an official is NOT assigned to the game, both coaches must agree to play the league game without an official or else the game will be rescheduled (Smithville PARD uses volunteers, coaches, or paid officials that may NOT be certified).
- 9) Late players can still play after the game has started; however, the official scorekeeper should be notified that a player is arriving late (Late players do NOT account as a player for minimum requirements at game starting time). Late players should be substituted in the same way.
- 10) If, once a game has started, a team CANNOT maintain the minimum number of legal uniformed players, the officials will call the game and that team will have to forfeit.
- 11) All divisions will perform a jump ball at the beginning of each game to determine initial possession.
- 12) Teams will switch goals at half time.
- 13) **GAME CLOCK:** All games will have a running clock; the clock will stop only on timeouts and free throws. The game officials may use their discretion to stop the clock for injury, ball retrieval, etc.
- 14) **TIMEOUTS:** Each team shall be allowed four (4) one-minute timeouts per game. Timeouts may be made when the ball is in possession or there is a dead ball.
- 15) **SUBSTITUTIONS:** See ‘Minimum Player Requirements and Playing Time’. TAFF Division II rules will be followed regarding any substitutions.
- 16) **MINIMUM PLAYING TIME:** Please see ‘Minimum Player Requirements and Playing Time’ on the pages above.

- 17) **POINT SPREAD RULE:** If one team is ahead by fifteen (15) or more points during the last two (2) minutes of each half, the clock will remain a running clock, except for timeouts and free throws.
- 18) **FOULS:** Both team and individual fouls will be kept for all divisions except Pee Wee. Players will foul out of the game after incurring five (5) individual fouls or two (2) technical fouls. After, seven (7) team fouls the game will be played 1 and 1, allowing the other team free throw opportunities.
- 19) **OVERTIME:** NO overtime allowed during league play unless there is a tie in a Junior, Intermediate, or Senior playoff game. Please see ‘Standings, Overtime, and Tournament Play’ on the pages above for more details.
- 20) **THROW INS:** A player will have five (5) seconds to throw the ball in.
- 21) **FULL COURT DEFENSE VIOLATION:** Each team shall be issued one warning per half, in which the whistle is blown and the offended team brings the ball in play on their offensive front court at the mid-court opposite the scorers table and team benches. Additional violations shall result in technical fouls. The Pee Wee division is exempt from this rule as full court defense is NOT permitted.

### Pee Wee Division Specific Rules

*(Please Note: The Pee Wee division does NOT follow TAAF Rules; this division is about learning).*

- 1) The game score and books will NOT be kept.
- 2) Game day officials are NOT required; coaches should supervise and direct the game.
- 3) Wristbands of different colors will be worn by each player. Players will guard other players on the opposite team with the same color wristband.
- 4) **LANE VIOLATIONS:** None.
- 5) **FULL COURT DEFENSE (PRESS):** NOT permitted; after a defensive player re-bounds the ball, the offense must clear the basket area and set up at the opposite end of the court.
- 6) **FOULS:** Both individual and team fouls will NOT be kept.

### Junior (U8) Division Specific Rules

- 1) **LANE VIOLATION:** Five (5) second lane violations.
- 2) **FULL COURT DEFENSE (PRESS):** Teams may play full court defense during the last minute of the second half and at all times during any overtime period(s).

### Intermediate (U10) Division Specific Rules

- 1) **LANE VIOLATION:** Five (5) second lane violations.
- 2) **FULL COURT DEFENSE (PRESS):** Teams may play full court defense during the last two (2) minutes of each half and any overtime period(s).

### Senior (U12) Division Specific Rules

- 1) **LANE VIOLATIONS:** Three (3) second lane violations.
- 2) **FULL COURT DEFENSE (PRESS):** Teams may play full court defense at any time.