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2018-2019 BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Thank you for volunteering to coach our kids this year! We hope your experience is fun and rewarding as you mentor these young people to enjoy the game of basketball. As we discussed, rules and guidelines for this year's game will follow USA Basketball Youth Development Curriculum with the following adjustments.

1. "EQUIPMENT & COURT SPECIFICATIONS"
 - For all three age divisions, court size will be 50' x 84'.
 - Distance of free throw line will be 11-1/2' for 1st & 2nd, 14' for 3rd & 4th and 5th & 6th grades. Lower goal heights will be used as shown on USA Youth Basketball Guidelines.
2. "GAME TACTICS"
 - Clarification of "Stealing from the Dribbler". No stealing the ball when an offensive player is actively dribbling the ball for 1st & 2nd grades. If the offensive player picks up his or her dribble to pass, the ball may then be stolen without contact with player holding the ball. For 3rd & 4th and 5th & 6th game play, guidelines allow for coaches' discretion. Offensive players need to be trained to protect the ball when preparing to pass, and defensive players should be trained to steal without contact. A foul should be called if contact occurs and offense will retain position.
 - Defense for 1st & 2nd grade teams in the front court may extend out to the 3-point arc. 3rd & 4th grade defense may begin at half court. Otherwise, see USA Youth Basketball Guidelines for "Pressing Defense" recommendations for 3rd & 4th and 5th & 6th game play.
3. "HIGHLIGHTED GAME PLAY RULES"
 - "Clock Stoppage". A running clock will be used for 1st & 2nd grade games to manage a reasonable total game time for the evening. The clock will be stopped for injury or coach's request when necessary.

If you have further questions, or if other clarifications need to be considered, please let us know.