

### **Bridgewater Rules for Third and Fourth Grade Biddy Basketball**

- 1.) In games, third graders should play against third graders and fourth graders against fourth graders. In the event you do not have enough players to field 5 third and 5 fourth graders, please use your best judgment when inserting players in that situation. One thing that is the most important is trying to give the kids equal playing time in each game!
- 2.) Every other game we would like each grade to finish a game. For example, game 1 have the third graders play the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters and the 4<sup>th</sup> graders play the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. For game two just flip that and have the third graders play the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> graders play the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters. This way all of the odd games (1, 3, 5, etc.) we have all of the teams lined up to have the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders play the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> periods and the even games (2, 4, etc.) the third graders will play the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters.
- 3.) We would like to keep score of the games, but we will not keep standings.
- 4.) On defense, you cannot defend the player until he gets over half-court.
- 5.) With the above rule for defense, you cannot full court press the other team at any time.
- 6.) Man-to-man defense only and no zone.
- 7.) No doubling teaming, unless the defensive man gets beat going to the basket
- 8.) 1 timeout per half if needed in the game.
- 9.) If the game ends in a tie, we will only do overtime if we have enough time. We have 1 hour allotted per game. If you do have an overtime, please only make it 2 minutes running time.
- 10.) We will have free throws on shooting fouls only. We do not track fouls.
- 11.) Ten minute quarters and this should be running time. The only time you stop the clock is if there is an injury, the kids take 2 free throws then stop it on the first free throw, but run it with the second one, if the refs or coaches are instructing the teams on the court during the game or change of lines between the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grade.
- 12.) If the game is a blowout please do not run up the score. Use your best judgment on how to handle this. For example, if you are up by a lot, make your players pass more than 5 times before a shot, do not let them steal the ball from the other team or let a kid on your team who never scores shoot the ball on most of the possessions.
- 13.) Three Pointers are allowed but please do not have encourage the kids take them in games. They will have a hard enough time making it from 10 feet.
- 14.) Please make the halftime no more than 2 minutes.

15.) Since we are not keeping standings and we will not have playoffs, we thought it would be fun to have a round robin March Madness tournament with all eight teams at the end of the year.