**3rd GRADE RULES – 2015/2016**

1. The game will consist of 4 eight (8) minute quarters with running clock, except for the last 2 minutes of the 2nd and 4th quarter. Also, the clock will stop during Foul Shots.

 2. At approximately the 4-minute mark of each quarter, the clock will stop to allow all players on the bench to enter the game. **REQUIRED**

 3. No player can play the entire game unless only 4 players show up. If only 5 players show for the game, all players must sit at least one 4 minute period. If 6 or more show, everyone sits at least 4 minutes per half.

4. Man-to Man defense only. On change of possession, defense must retreat to inside the basket key until ball crosses half court (no press). Double-teaming is not allowed unless offensive player dribbles into double team.

5. Each team is allowed 2 time outs per game to be used at coach's discretion. Coach may call time while in possession of ball.

6. A "jump-ball" starts the game, after that alternate possession rule takes effect.

7. Each team shall supply one parent to operate clock. (1 parent is adequate.)

8. The coach is responsible for the conduct of the parents.

9. No Keeping Score.

**A COMMITTEE MEMBER WILL HANDLE ALL REFEREE ISSUES. PLEASE DO NOT**

**CONFRONT THE REFEREES, AS THIS IS THEIR CLINIC ALSO !!!!**

Gym set up

 Split gym in half with curtain (may need to find Janitor to help.)

 Observers (Program Coordinators) should observe both sides of gym

 Place table at side of playing courts so as to be in the middle of the floor

 Put Score/Timer box on the table (Recommend not keeping score)

 Place two chairs at the table; time keeper from each team

 Suggest putting teams across from table, curtain side of court.

Players not playing sit of floor or stand near their coach (\*Do not bang curtain or players on other side of curtain, the space is narrow and tight)

 Suggest spectators along sides of gym opposite of team ort base/end lines.

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Play

 Set timer for 8 minutes

 Line players up with one team facing the other

 Match players up against each other on both teams

 (… blue number 3 you cover yellow number 10….)

 Start play with jump ball

 Timer blows horn at 4 minute mark

 Coaches put in subs, puts in all players that were the bench

 Line up players again and match up

 Go by possession on who gets ball and start play

End of Play

 Each team runs a line shaking hands with each player and coaches