LEAGUE CITY SHARKS YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE RULES

PRINCIPLES OF LEAGUE CITY SHARKS:

A. It is the aim of the League City Sharks to provide organized games and activities, recreation facilities, supervision and leadership to its citizens in their ideals and interests in the area of basketball.

B. To promote the ideals of good sportsmanship, teach basic skills, develop individual talents, and provide an opportunity to enjoy the best possible recreation advantages and atmospheres.

C. To recognize the Youth Participant as an individual with particular abilities and limitations. A great deal of consideration must be given to his/her physical, mental, emotional, and social development with every precaution taken to ensure that each is developed to its highest potential. It is the expectation that player minutes be as even as possible.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION: (Involving parents, spectators, coaches, and players)\

- Ejection from Game……Minimum 1 Game Suspension
- Unsportsmanlike Conduct…..Minimum 10 Day Suspension
- Profanity……...Minimum 10 Day Suspension
- Threatening an Official……Minimum Suspension for remainder of Season
- Hitting an Official……..Minimum 2 Year Suspension
- Drinking……..Suspended For Season
- Fighting……...Suspended For Season

a. Any coach, parent or spectator suspended must leave the playing facility immediately upon ejection; however, a player may remain at the playing facility. All suspensions will be reviewed by the Staff in order to determine if further disciplinary action need be taken. All decisions concerning disciplinary actions by the staff are final.

b. Individuals can be suspended after the game for unsportsmanlike conduct by a game official or staff member.

6U

1) Ball size: 27.5”.

2) The goal height will be 8’ feet

3) No backcourt or half-court defense (all defense must be played within the 3-point ARC. No stealing the ball while the player is dribbling. Defense is allowed when a player picks up the ball.

4) Cannot have a forced turnover in the backcourt

5) 5 Second Lane Violations

6) Offensive team must attempt to initiate play every l0 seconds (as long as they are attempting to swing the ball and initiate play and not eliminate clock time, they should be considered OK)

7) Foul Line is 10 feet (or best judgment by referee if not marked)

8) Understanding the limitations of the age, referees should use discretion on double dribbling and traveling. However, they should be called if it gives the player a scoring opportunity advantage. (In other words, a 5 year old may take 2 steps for every dribble and need to use both hands to temporarily catch and re-dribble simply because of physical capability, however that player should not be able to take 5 steps while holding the ball in order to take a scoring opportunity)

8U

1) Ball size: 28.5".

2) The goal height will be 8.5' for girls/coed and 9' for boys.

3) Three-point shots are allowed.

4) Defense begins after half court for the first 4 games. The final games ¾ ct defense is allowed.

5) Foul shots will be taken from the 12 feet line.

6) 5 fouls per player. 2 shot bonus after 7 team fouls per half

10U

1) Ball size: 28.5".

2) The goal height will be 10' for boys and girls

3) Three-point shots are allowed.

4) 5 fouls per player. 2 shot bonus after 7 team fouls per half. The foul shots will be taken from the 12 feet line

8) Half court defense for the first 2 games. Full court defense for the remaining games.

12U

1) Ball size: Girls: 28.5".

2) The 3-point shot is allowed.

3) Full ct pressing is allowed.

4) 5 fouls per player. 2 shot bonus after 7 team fouls per half. Regulation free throw line

8/10/12u Overtime

1) 3 minute sudden death. First team to score after jumping wins the game. During the regular season if a game ends in a tie after first overtime the game is finished. If a game ends in a tie after overtime in the tournament there will be an additional overtime played.

	Goal height	Ball size	Half lengths	TO/game	Halftime	Fouls	Stop clock	FT line
6U	8 feet	27.5	14 minutes	1 full/2 30	2 minutes	5	Last 30 seconds	10 feet
8U Boys	9 feet	28.5	15 minutes	1 full/2 30	2 minutes	5	Last 30 seconds	12 feet
8U Coed	8.5 feet	28.5	15 minutes	1 full/2 30	2 minutes	5	Last 30 seconds	12 feet
10U Boys	10 feet	28.5	16 minutes	1 full/2 30	2 minutes	5	Last 30 seconds	12 feet
10U Girls	10 feet	28.5	16 minutes	1 full/2 30	2 minutes	5	Last 30 seconds	12 feet
12U G/B	10 feet	28.5	18 minutes	1 full/2 30	2 minutes	5	Last 30 seconds	15 feet

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