## **Youth Basketball Winter League Rules**

- 1. All teams will practice prior to their weekly games (1/2 court practice).
- 2. Games will run six 5-6 minute periods. Player substitutions will be made at each 5 minute period. Game time will be kept on the court with the coaches/officials.
- 3. Coaches will coach their team and designated officials will officiate the games.
- 4. If designated official gone, one of the coaches will officiate that day.
- 5. Back court guarding will not be allowed (no pressing).
- 6. Once defensive team gets the rebound in their end, other team has to drop back to ½ court.
- 7. Players <u>cannot</u> reach in to try and steal the ball (too much fouling or non-productive contact).
- 8. Not shooting free throws at this level.
- 9. Be aware and do not allow excessive contact (much of this at that age).
- 10. Players can intercept the ball on passes.
- 11. Players should be taught what double-dribble and traveling is.
- 12. Scores will not be kept (although the kids may do this).
- 13. Games are 4 v 4 or 5 v 5 small court games.
- 14. Coaches to do their best to get all kids equal playing time (rotate every couple of minutes).
- 15. PLEASE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE ALL PLAYERS
- 16. MOST IMPORTANT GAMES ARE FOR FUN

(2 pass before you shoot rule may be implemented if needed)