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## Slammers Grades 2-3 & 4-6 Basketball Rules

1. The game consists of two 20-minute running halves. The clock will stop for all free throws throughout the game, timeouts, and substitution periods. The clock will also stop on all whistles during the last 2 minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, if the point differential is 15 points or less. Each game will have a 2-minute halftime.
2. Each team is allowed 2 time-outs per half. The time-outs may not be carried over to the second half.
3. There will be NO overtime. If there is a tie after the second half, then the game is FINAL.
4. Man to man defense must be played at all times. Once the offensive player crosses half court, the defender must be within 3 feet of the person he/she is guarding. The defense may not double-team the ball. Help defense can be taught on screens, but then players should find their colored wristbands to guard once both teammates are able to guard their appropriate color. Colored wristbands will be worn by each player in the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade divisions to help determine who he/she is guarding. Coaches need to talk to each other before the game to decide which color should be worn for the strongest player (RED) and which color for the weakest player (WHITE) on the court, so that they are guarding each other – Please be honest!! Switching of wristbands by the players is NOT allowed.
5. There will be no stealing the ball from a player (dribbling or holding) in 2/3 gr girls and boys divisions for the entire season. Stealing a pass is allowed the entire season however. ALL stealing in the 4-6 gr girls and boys division is allowed all season. No trying to tie up the ball or slapping at the ball when a player is holding it.
6. There will be NO full court press at all throughout the game.
7. 5 fouls on a player and that player is out of the game. 7 team fouls per half is a 1-1 bonus free throw and 10+ team fouls per half is a 2 shot free throw. No intentional fouls at the end of the game to stop the clock.
8. The free throw line will be moved closer to the basket for the 2/3 Grade divisions (2 ft closer). In all leagues the free throw shooter must line up behind the free throw line, but after the ball is released the player's momentum may carry him/her over the free throw line without penalty.
9. Jump Ball situations will always be awarded to the defense.
10. Coaches should make every attempt to allow all players to bring the ball up the court during a game at least once.
11. It is the coaches' responsibility to make sure that all of the players get equal playing time. Substitutions are made every 5-minutes of each half unless there is an injury. The official will stop the clock for substitutions. Substitutions will be made quickly. This is not a time-out. A player cannot play more than two consecutive substitution periods. Each player should play in at least half the game. The score sheet will have eight squares to correspond with the eight substitution periods.
12. A women's ball (28.5) is used for each division except girls Gr 2/3 uses a junior size (27.5).
13. Games will played on 9' baskets for Girls & Boys 2/3 Grade divisions. Game will be played on 10' baskets for Girls & Boys 4-6 Grade divisions.
14. A rack of balls will be set out for practice – 4-5 balls per team. Please return the balls to the rack after practice. Keep one ball for the game ball. Make sure to return game balls to the rack after the game.
15. Each team must provide an adult at the scorer's table. One adult will run the scoreboard and the other will run the score sheet.
16. Any player or coach who repeatedly exhibits negative behavior will be dropped from the league.
17. No earrings are allowed – Must be taken out to participate.