**UTAH JAZZ YOUTH BASKETBALL**

**Rules For 3rd - 4th Grade Teams**

The 3rd - 4th grade basketball games will follow the High School Association Rules, except for the following modifications:

1. **TIME:** Each game will be played in two - 15 minute halves, with a running clock, only stopping every 3 minutes for substitutions.
2. **DEFENSE: MAN - TO - MAN** must be used. This may be a switching man-to-man, but they must release any double teaming on a two second count or an illegal defense will be called. No full - court presses can be used. Half court presses are OK as long as it is man-to-man. On a fast break, any player may stop the player with the ball, as long as they are not double teamed.
3. **OFFENSE:** All players must be involved in the offensive play. Positioning players in order to set up one-on-one situations will be called as an illegal offense and result in a turnover…an EXAMPLE would be: placing all offensive players near the mid-court line so that according to the man-to-man defense rule all the defensive players must be in the same area, making it possible for a player with advanced skills to dominate the game. This does not apply to out of bounds plays.
4. **PLAYING TIME:** Each player **MUST PLAY ONE HALF (½)** of the game. The coach can substitute as they wish as long as all players are getting in half of the game. All players should have a chance to learn and have fun regardless of the players experience or ability. We trust that the coaches would want a positive experience within the team….by having the opportunity to even play, thus creating a win/win situation.

No score will be kept - both teams are winners!! Again we encourage good sportsmanship to be displayed by the team as well as the coach and parents. Remember, Utah Jazz Youth Basketball is a program to develop skills, sportsmanship, and progressive competition. Make it **“Positive”** for all who participate. We appreciate your time and support!!