

# WENDELL PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## TERMITE BASKETBALL LEAGUE (8 & UNDER)

### RULES & REGULATIONS

Regular High School Rules will be used with the following exceptions:

1. Games will consist of four (4) quarters of seven (7) minutes. There will be two (2) minutes between quarters and five (5) minutes for halftime. A regulation clock will be used throughout the game, stopping on every whistle.
2. No Overtime, games tied will end in a tie.
3. A five (5) second count will replace the three (3) seconds for a lane violation.
4. Five (5) personal fouls will disqualify a player from a game.
5. The bonus (one and one) will begin when the opposing team reaches it's seventh team foul in each half.
6. Each team will be allotted four (4) time-outs per game. (Two time outs in the first half and two time outs in the second half.) No carry-overs!
7. No defense will be allowed in the back court. When the other team secures the ball, the defense must retreat over the mid-court line and allow the offense to bring the ball into the front court. If this infraction occurs, the official will wave the defense back, or stop and allow the offensive team to throw the ball in.  
**Special Rule** - In the 6th - 10th game of the season, each team will be allowed to have back court defense in the **last two minutes of the game.**
8. If a team is fifteen (15) or more points ahead, the ***top*** highest scorers must be substituted, provided a team has sufficient reserves, until the score is within fifteen (15) points.
9. ***One (1)*** technical foul on a player or coach will result in their ejection from the game. Serious violations will be dealt with and may be subject to termination. If a player or coach is ejected from the game, they must leave the gym area and serve a one game suspension at your team's next game.
10. The league **will not** use the three (3) point shot rule.
11. A team must have four (4) players to start and two (2) players to end a game.

12. The free throw line will be marked at 10 feet from the face of the backboard.
13. Coaches **may** call time-outs from the bench.
14. Defensive players may not steal the ball from an offensive player that has control of the ball (dribbling or holding). However, a pass may be intercepted. If this infraction occurs the team committing the infraction will receive a warning. The second warning on the same team will result in a one-shot technical foul.
15. The following player participation rule will be in effect:  
It is highly recommended that each coach play each player at least half (14 minutes) of the game, however, it is mandatory that each player play at least seven (7) minutes of the game.
16. Games will be played with a “Junior” sized basketball.
17. Goals will be set at 8 ½ feet.
18. It is highly recommended that coaches prepare their players to play and play against a zone defense and man to man defense.
19. At the beginning of the halftime all eligible players from each team will attempt 2 free throw shots. All points will be added to their teams score.
20. Personal Basketballs: No personal basketballs will be allowed in the gym during practices or games. Wendell Parks & Recreation Dept. will provide all practice and game basketballs