Coach, Parent, Volunteer:

First, we want to thank everyone for participating in the upcoming youth leagues here at The Courthouse. As coaches we thank you for taking the time to help these kids improve their games and develop as young men and women. We hope to make this another great session, and to ensure that we want to pass along some of our policies to help things go smoothly.

**Specific Rules** No zone / limited pressing - For the 3rd-4th grade boys league we ask that teams stick to man to man defense and get back to half court on defense once the other team gains possession. The exception to this rule is pressing is allowed in the **final 2 minutes** of the game if the score is within 10 points.

The primary reason being that the vast majority of players at that age lack the physical strength to make the necessary, proper passes to navigate presses and zone defenses. With zones and presses in place full time it tends to lead to endless jump balls. Help and recover/gap defense is allowed and encouraged.

Point on fouls - Teams are awarded 1 point when fouled (one exception, see final 2 minutes). On common fouls the ball is taken out of bounds by the offensive team. On shooting fouls, one point is awarded and 1 free throw is taken. This helps cut down on time spent waiting at the FT line, offset the lower % of FT shooting at that age, and hopefully discourage unnecessary fouls.

\*Final 2 minutes - If the score is within 10 points in the final 2 minutes of the game the clock will stop on all dead balls. If the score is within 10 points no additional point will be added on fouls. Fouls on the floor will be a 1-and-1, while shooting fouls will be 2 shots (3 on a 3pt attempt)

Teams are allotted 3 Timeouts per game

**Team Payments** - Please provide payment for any remaining balances when you're here for your first games. We will have a sheet at the front counter with current balances and can take check, cash, credit card, Apple Pay.

**Coaching Expectations** - We ask the coaches in our league to do their best to focus on the development and instruction of their players. If you have a rules issue, disagreement or conflict of any sort please come find Kurtis, Trent, Coach Terry or any of our staff for assistance. We are motivated to keep this a positive environment for development at all levels (players, coaches, fans, officials) Please know going in this is FOR THE KIDS and not the egos of the adults. No abuse towards officials or anyone else will be tolerated.

**Entry Process** - When you enter the building there will be a sign-in sheet for (2) coaches and (1) scorekeeper per team. They, along with players and kids under 5 will not be charged admission. Admission will be $3 per spectator. We will also have passes available for $25 that are valid for 10 entries (these do not expire).

**Scheduling** - Schedules will go up each week directly to the website to allow for matching up of teams, adding in any new teams and accommodating weekly requests. The Thursday night schedules will go up on the website on Mondays.

**Weather Cancellations** - In the case of bad/extreme weather, for weekday leagues we will make a determination by 2:30pm on games for that day. If we do cancel we will notify coaches via email, post it to our website and social media, and notify Wood-TV 8. Please pass this along to parents to cut down on unnecessary phone calls.

https://www.thecourthouseac.com/gr-youth-leagues

If you have any special requests we ask that you either email (grandrapids@thecourthouseac.com) us a week in advance or let us know at your games the week prior. Once the schedule is posted it gets tough to make changes.

**Food/Drink Policy** -

\*No outside food please

\*Players/spectators bringing their own drinks will be asked to do so in a thermos / Yeti / take home squirt bottle to reduce excess garbage in the building (Starbucks, etc will not be allowed past the tiled areas)

\*Please do your best to pick up benches after games