

CLOUD-9 SPORTS LEAGUE

Youth Basketball League | Division Rules & Guidelines

1. Divisions and game formats

Division	Format	Roster target	Basket height
Kindergarten	3v3 half-court	6	7 ft
1st Grade	3v3 half-court	6	8 ft
2nd–3rd Grade	4v4 full-court	7	9 ft
4th–5th Grade	5v5 full-court	8	10 ft
6th–8th Grade	5v5 full-court	8	10 ft

2. Season and awards

Eight-week season; four teams are planned per division. Kindergarten is developmental and does not receive championship rings. First through eighth grade championship-winning teams receive custom Cloud-9 rings. Week 8 is planned as championship week for eligible divisions, without a traditional playoff bracket.

3. Game timing

Division	Playing time	Scheduled slot
Kindergarten	4 × 6-minute quarters	30 minutes
1st Grade	4 × 6-minute quarters	30 minutes
2nd–3rd Grade	4 × 7-minute quarters	40 minutes
4th–5th Grade	4 × 8-minute quarters	50 minutes
6th–8th Grade	4 × 8-minute quarters	50 minutes

Running clock; stop for injuries, referee delays, and timeouts. Two-minute halftime. Each team receives one 30-second timeout per half.

4. Division-specific gameplay

Kindergarten: No stealing, double-teaming, aggressive defense, contact screens, free throws, or three-point shots. Rotate groups of three each period to support equal participation.

1st Grade: Man-to-man defense; no double-teaming. Controlled steals while dribbling are allowed. Rotate groups of three each period.

2nd–3rd Grade: Man-to-man defense; no full-court pressing or intentional trapping. Use a shortened free-throw line when marked. Every player participates in both halves.

4th–5th Grade: Man-to-man or zone defense. No full-court press when ahead by 10 or more points. Five personal fouls result in disqualification. Every player participates in both halves.

6th–8th Grade: Man-to-man or zone defense. No full-court press when ahead by 15 or more points. Five personal fouls result in disqualification. Every player participates in both halves.

5. Overtime, rosters and participation

Regular-season games may end in a tie. Championship games use two-minute overtime periods until a winner is determined. All players must be registered, assigned to a team, and have a completed waiver. Unregistered substitutes are not allowed.

6. Practices

One team practice per week is planned. Kindergarten and first-grade practices are scheduled for 30 minutes; second–third grade practices are scheduled for 60 minutes. Monday practice times are subject to gym space and coach coordination.

Administrative note: This is a website-ready working rules draft based on the league plan discussed. Confirm division formats, game lengths, foul rules and all proposed gameplay policies before publishing as final.