

**NORTH ATTLEBORO PARK & RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAM  
2017-2018**

**5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls & 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys**

**POLICY STATEMENT**

The purpose of Recreation Basketball is to provide youngsters the opportunity to learn and develop their basketball skills in a forum geared for equal participation and fun. We require that all children, regardless of their skill level, get the same amount of involvement. This approach helps nurture enthusiasm and interest in the sport, as well as all the athletic aspects that we are trying to teach. In the above divisions, we introduce the aspects of keeping score and a higher degree of competition.

**RULES & REGULATIONS**

1. Games will consist of two 20-minute halves.
2. Stop time last 1 minute
3. Before a player enters the game, the player **MUST** check in at the scorer's table.
4. Coaches will be allowed three timeouts per game, but no more than two in one half.
5. There will be an official scorer recording points, team fouls, and personal fouls. Coaches must provide a roster with numbers to the official scorer prior to the game.
6. All players should play as equal amounts of time as possible. **No player should play more than 10 minutes in a row.**
7. Arguing with the referees is strictly prohibited. If a coach has a question about a matter, he/she should speak directly to the site supervisor.
8. Both zone defense and man-to-man should be employed. One half zone and one half man. Order to be determined by the coaches.
9. Pressing is allowed starting week #3. If the score of the game becomes lopsided of more than 20 points, the team ahead can not press.
10. One-and-one foul shooting will commence on the 7<sup>th</sup> team foul in each half.
11. A player who attains five fouls will foul out.
12. If any child willingly attempts to hurt another player, the child will be asked to leave the game.
13. Violations that will be called: 5 seconds to inbound ball, 10 seconds to cross halfcourt, 3 seconds in paint, traveling, double-dribble.
14. Only 2 coaches are allowed per bench. Too many coaches can create confusion for players and our referees.
15. Players must not wear jewelry during games for safety reason. Players wearing jewelry will be asked to remove it prior to entering the game.