



**COBRA Optimists / Jr Jackets**  
**2011 Youth Basketball League**

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**LEAGUE RULES**

- ✓ Iowa High School Athletic Association rules used, except as otherwise noted.
  - ✓ Twenty minute halves with continuous clock until last minute of each half, when normal dead ball rules apply. Half time intermissions will be five minutes. An overtime period, if necessary, will be three (3) minutes, with a continuous clock until the last minute. A second overtime, if necessary, will be sudden death (first team to score wins). A coin toss will determine possession in second overtime. A “free throw” sudden death is also possible.
  - ✓ Three (3) time outs per team per game, to be used at coaches discretion. Time-outs are limited to one minute. An additional time out per team will be allowed per overtime period.
  - ✓ Warm-up periods between games will be limited to seven minutes. This may be modified if needed to keep games on schedule.
  - ✓ All team players must wear numbered jerseys.
  - ✓ **Teams in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> division can use either man-to-man or zone defense, though man-to-man defense is highly encouraged.**
  - ✓ **Teams in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> division may full court press to a 15 point lead. Teams in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> division CANNOT use a full court press.**
  - ✓ **Teams in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade division must use a half court man-to-man defense only. No zone defenses are allowed. Double-teaming is allowed only in the lane area.**
  - ✓ Game balls will be provided by the league. Game balls will be the 28.5 inch size. Warm-up balls are to be provided by the teams.
  - ✓ We may ask that teams provide one person each per game to assist in scorekeeping and running the clock.
  - ✓ Only players in uniform and 2 coaches are allowed in the bench area.
  - ✓ Any three (3) technical fouls on one team per game results in game forfeit.
  - ✓ One-and-one free throws awarded on 7th team foul. Two free throws awarded on 10th foul. **A shorter free throw line will be used for the teams in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> division. Because of restrictions on taping, the free throw “line” in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> division will be directed by the officials.**
  - ✓ The three point line will be used for all division play, except where court markings might make this difficult for officials to determine.
- \*\*\* Coaches, please be aware that, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade division, officials may be a little more tolerant of ball-handling violations, e.g., traveling, since many kids in this age group are just learning. Personal fouls will be called more closely, since it is important for kids to understand what is right and wrong about these types of fouls.**
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