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**Basketball - Bandit Rules****There are to be no parents at the scorer table. League will provide scorer and scorekeeper. Assistant coach can keep unofficial book on bench. If head coach would like parent to keep book the parent must be in bleachers. Official scorer runs official book.**Every player is to play one half of the game (14 minutes) of which one quarter must be uninterrupted, no excuses. No player is to play in more than three quarters (each player must sit out one complete uninterrupted quarter). If a coach does not abide by this rule, he will be warned the first offense, second violation will result in a one game suspension, third violation will result in termination.If a team has six or less players both sides get free substitutions. Meaning no kid should sit out an entire quarter. However all kids should play at least half of the game and all kids should sit at least half a quarter. With 6 players no kid should play entire game.If a player shows up before the second quarter begins, he is required to play one half of the game. If the player shows up after the second quarter begins, the players is onlyrequired to play one quarter.  If a player gets hurt during a game you can use a bench player until the player is able to go back into the game. Please do not sub your best player back into the game and put injured player back in ASAP. 8.5 Foot BasketsYouth size basketballs, 27.5�Four 7 minute quarters with a running clock, except clock will be stopped for timeouts and shooting fouls. The clock will be stopped the last two minutes of the fourth quarter for any infractions, out of bounds or substitutions, etc. One minute break between quarters and three minutes at halftime. Timeouts limited to 30 seconds.2 minute overtime, 1 minute double overtime, sudden death for triple overtime4 time-outs per team (one additional for overtime)5 fouls per playerGame starts with jump ball, second half starts with possession arrow, overtime starts with jump ballAll baskets count two points, foul shots one point (no three point baskets)Two free throws plus the ball will be awarded as a result of a technicalFree throws to be taken from the front circle (there is a yellow line in the lane)Defense plays inside the three point arc for the first three quarters and will be allowed to play a half court defense in the fourth quarter. If in the opinion of the referee, a team is intentionally holding the ball outside the arc to run the clock, the referee will give that team a warning and they will have five seconds to get the ball inside the arc, if the team does not do so, then the referees can instruct the opposing team to go outside the arc. If a team continues to intentionally hold the ball outside the arc, the team will be accessed a technical foul.Guarding outside the three point area will result in 1 warning per team, the second offense will result in a 1 technical, unless the above rule applies. Referees have option to just award ball to offense if they feel violation occurred due to accidental touching of ball and not a wilful disregard for rule.Kids will be called for traveling (warning first game)Offense to be called for 5 second lane violation (warning first game)Coaches to set good example, control players and fans, no shouting at referees, only one coach allowed to stand during the games. Referees will have total control of the game. There will be no arguing or trying to work the referees, continuously trying to do so will result in a technical or being asked leave.There will be a coaches box (area) and the coaches cannot leave this area, if they do, it will be an automatic technical.Two technicals in a game, the coach will be suspended for the remainder of that game and the following game, any additional technicals during the season will result in disciplinary action, including the possibility of being removed from all Mallard Creek Optimist Club programs (without a refund)Kids can be suspended for misconductEach team is responsible for lowering and raising goals during practice at Martin Middle. FOR PRACTICES PLEASE DO NOT LOWER GLASS BACKBOARDS.Each team is responsible for leaving the gym clean and controlling the spectators No hard sole shoes allowed on gym floor Absolutely No Food or Gatorade type of drinks allowed in either gym, snacks to be taken outside facility. Please emphasize this with the parents. Water for players is allowed.* Last Ten Seconds of game. To prevent team from killing clock while holding ball in half court defense is allowed to play full court.

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