

## 2026 PEE-WEE BASKETBALL PROGRAM

- Hosted by Springfield St. Aloysius Booster Club.
- Practices will have to be held at your home gyms if going to practice. Lots of practice at the younger grades is not always necessary.
- Games are scheduled to start on January 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> depending on numbers.
- Times for games TBD once numbers are finalized. Most weeks to be played on Saturdays unless we have a large number of entries. Then Sundays would also be used. Coaches' meeting is usually held the week of December 26<sup>th</sup>. Please plan on attending as that is when teams are decided.
- Teams would be (Pre-K/K), (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>), and (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>). Boys and girls will be on the same team until 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> level. May even be mixed at that level depending on numbers.
- Pre-K, K and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> will be 4 on 4.
- Games shall be scheduled every 45-minutes. Time will be built into the schedule to allow for basket height changes.
- Four, six-minute quarters with a running clock except for injury. The clock will also stop at the 3 minute mark for teams to make substitutions.
- 2 coaches on the floor from each team, providing instruction. Coaches will be the referees at the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade level. We will find a referee for the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade level. Coaches will be expected to actively direct the kids especially at the younger level.
- Teams will only be allowed to play man-to-man defense...using colored wristbands as an aid. Wrist bands will not be used at the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade level. Note: The wristbands will be discussed at the coaches' meetings.
- No pressing in the backcourt. May start playing defense once the offensive team **reaches yellow volleyball line.**
- Teams will be allowed to set screens and run plays at 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade level.
- 27.5" basketballs will be used for practices and games at the Pre-K/K level and 28.5" women's basketballs for the other 2 levels.
- Rims will be at 7 feet for Pre-K/K, 8 feet for 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>, and 9 feet for 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>.
- Score will be kept at 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade level. Score will remain on the board (under 20 point-differential) for both.
- Starting in 2023 we played cross-court with the PreK and K grade levels (2 games going at once) and had a successful year. We will be doing this again this season.
- **Numbers have been on the rise the last few years. A cap may be placed on entries to make this manageable for the staff if we get to that point.**
- **Attention 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:**

Our numbers are not the greatest when it comes to this age group, however, we do our best to get the kids some quality court time. We are going to try another year to get more kids but if we cannot accomplish this, we will just return your check or refund your money if check has been cashed.