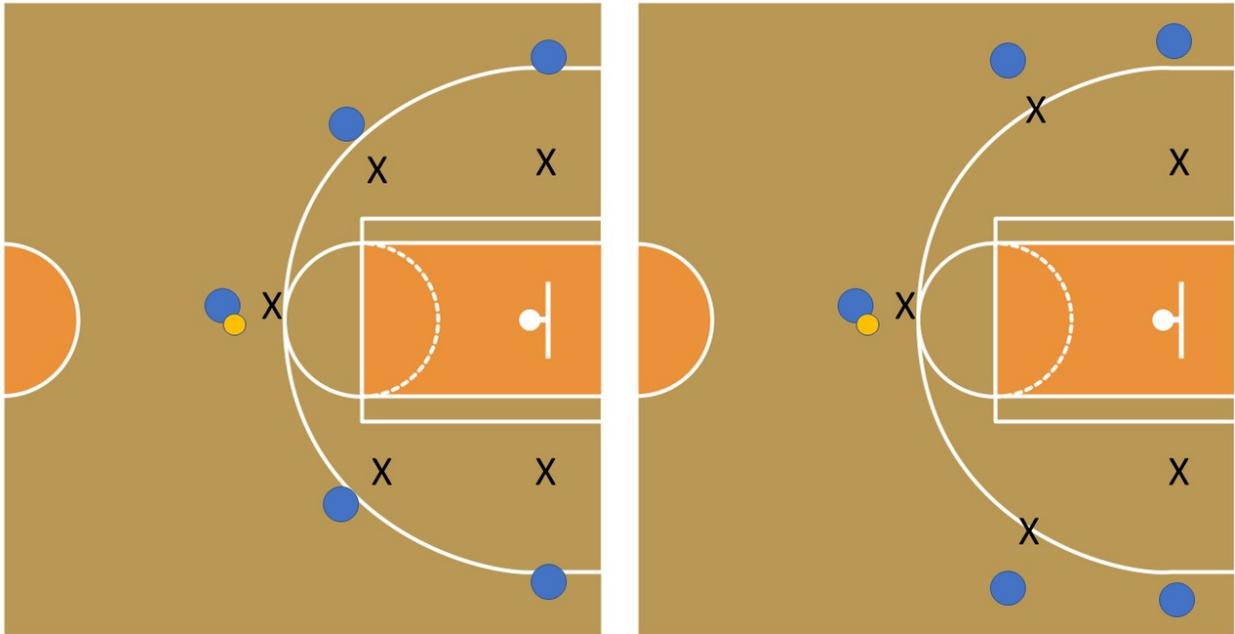
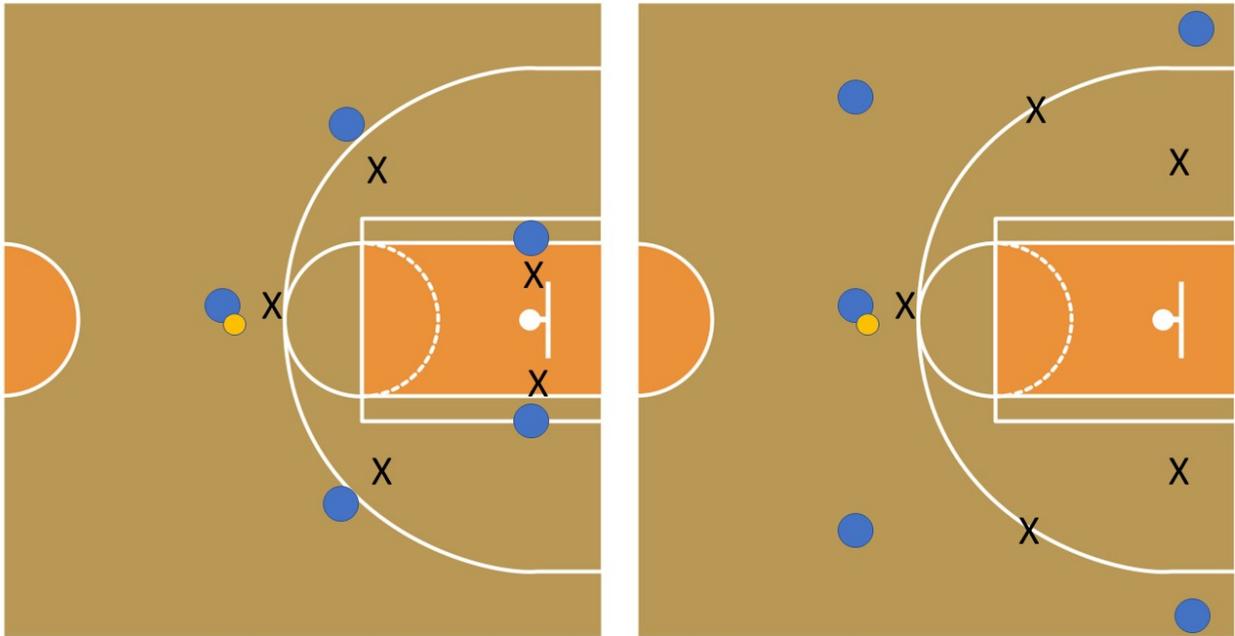


Deer Lakes Youth Basketball Rules – Boys

5th and 6th Grade Boys

- This division will use a full-size, 29.5 basketball.
- Games consist of four 6-minute quarters (clock stops on whistles). No overtime.
- Two one-minute timeouts and two 30-second time outs per game.
- Due to the tight scheduling, there will be a 1-minute break between quarters and a 2-minute half time.
- The game will be stopped as close as possible to the 3:00 minute mark of each quarter for substitutions to occur. This ideally will happen anywhere between 3:15 - 2:45 mark of each quarter and at the discretion of the clock operator. At this time, all players on the bench will be substituted into the game.
- Man-to-man defense must be played. No zones are permitted. Fundamental man to man principles should be taught and utilized at all times:
 - The ball must be guarded.
 - Defenders who are one pass away from the ball should be within an arm length of their man within the three-point line.
 - Defenders who are two passes away from the ball may be in help position, but no farther that seven feet away from their man within the three-point line.
 - All players must be guarded on out of bounds plays under the hoop including the man taking the ball out of bounds. Stacking a player or players in the paint is not permitted.
 - Examples are below:





- Pressing (full court man-to-man defense) is permitted in the last two minutes of the 4th quarter only. No zone presses are permitted. No trapping is allowed. Switching is permitted; however, every player must have a man. Players are not permitted to leave their man to help another teammate who was beaten on the press. The player taking the ball out of bounds **MUST** be guarded. A team leading by 10 or more points is not permitted to press.
- A team must have five players to start a game. If a team ends up with less than five eligible players in the course of a game, they automatically forfeit the game regardless of score. The game may continue in a four-on-four format after that.
- Players must start and finish behind the free-throw line on free throws.
- No player is permitted to question any call made by a referee.
- Head coaches only may question a call, but no arguing is permitted. Head coach only may stand during game. Only one assistant coach is permitted on the bench. If you have more than one assistant helping with practices, rotate games with them throughout the season.
- No taunting will be permitted. Players may or may not receive one warning prior to being ejected from the game.
- Any players that fight will be immediately ejected from that game and suspended for the next game. A second fight results in expulsion from the league.

3rd and 4th Grade Boys

- All 5th and 6th rules apply with the following exceptions:
 - This division will use a 28.5 basketball.
 - Players can move in front of the foul line for fouls shots if it is apparent the player is having difficulty with the distance. Players may also finish over the line if starting behind the line.