



Fern Creek Optimist 8 & Under League Rules



1. **Game Ball:** 27.5 inches, or size 5
2. **Game Time:** 6 minute quarters with a running clock
 - 2.1. Clock stops on:
 - 2.1.1. Time outs
 - 2.1.2. Injuries
 - 2.1.3. All whistles during the last minute of each half
 - 2.2. Clock runs during free throws except for the last minute of each half.
3. **Mercy Rule:** Up by 20 points or more, running clock except for injuries.
4. **Half Time:** 3 minutes
5. **3 Pointers:** Only scored as 2 points
6. **3 Second Lane Violation:** Does not exist
7. **Free Throws:** Shot from the bottom of the circle (or red line)
 - 7.1. Lane Violations are generally treated with leniency, and officials may provide reminders rather than immediate penalties.
8. **5th Foul Bonus:** Teams shoot 2 free throws on the 5th foul of each quarter.
9. **Backcourt Press:** Allowed the last 3 minutes of 4th quarter
 - 9.1. Not allowed if up by 15 points or more