

PBYBA Girls Instructional (Ages 7-9)

Another exciting Palm Bay Youth Basketball Association's winter season has come to an end. Each week the parents, fans, and coaches got a chance to watch the players' skills grow with every game they played. The hard work and dedication that each young lady exhibited at the practices and games was on full display every weekend. The most important thing that was evident: every week these young basketball players were having fun. A huge thank you to our excellent coaches: Henry Torres, Bridgette Myers, Rosha Renyolds and Deuel Fider.

During our 11 week season, all four of our Girls' Instructional teams went out to show everyone how much they had learned during the week of practice. Since this was, in fact, an instructional league, the first half of the season was played with modified rules. These rule modifications were to allow each young player the opportunity to develop some of their fundamental game skill without the normal pressures of competitive games.

- The defense was limited to playing defense within a 20 ft. radius of the goal
- The timed offensive penalties were relaxed
- Player control penalties were called but at the same time explained to the players
- Warnings were given for the different traveling penalties before penalties were assessed

The second half of our season, many of the modified rules changed to give the players a taste of the "true nature" of basketball. The girls were allowed to play half-court defensive and timed penalties, player control, and travelling penalties were more strictly enforced. A tribute to our coaches, the girls adapted well to the rule changes and gave the spectators many thrilling games.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the League, I want to thank the coaches, the parents, the bookkeepers, the scoreboard operators and the officials. These people donated their time and efforts to help this season to be the success that it was.

I sincerely hope to see each family return next season to continue to help us make a safe and fun learning environment for these young ladies.

Deuel Fider
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