Here are the current guidelines for the Fall Basketball League (8/17-10/23). This is a fluid document and will be updated when and if needed. There is a high chance of probability that similar, if not exact, guidelines will be in place for the winter basketball season. Thank you for your understanding.

**Fall Basketball Guidelines**

The following guidelines and recommendations will be in place for youth basketball games for the 2020 Fall season. The purpose of this information is to provide, best as possible, a safe environment at the Recreation Center and to comply with local government mandates. Below are recommendations and requirements that will be observed. Every attempt has been made to uphold the integrity of the game in its original form.

**SAFETY PROTOCOLS:**

1. All bleachers will be removed from the playing areas. Spectators are expected to follow the 6 feet social distancing guidelines and may stand or sit on the court floor.
   a) No Chairs Allowed.
   b) You are allowed to bring blankets to sit on.

2. The team benches will be for participant use only. Substitute players will sit 6 feet apart on their team bench and must wear a mask. A maximum of two coaches are allowed around the bench area. They must maintain 6 feet from the court, 6 feet from each other and 6 feet from substitute players.

3. The wearing of face coverings is required by everyone entering and exiting the building. Face coverings must be worn by everyone that is not physically participating in an activity. Face coverings may be homemade, or store bought.
   a) Coaches are required to wear a mask before, during, and after the game.
   b) Players on the Bench are required to wear a mask.
      a) Exception: players on the court are not required to wear a mask.

4. Parents/Chaperons – ONE per player. Spectators are expected to practice social distancing. Exception:
   a) Coaches do not count as a chaperon.
   b) Scorekeepers/Clock-keepers do not count as a chaperon.

5. Equipment – BVRC will provide the basketball for the game(s). The game basketball(s) will be disinfected before and after every game.
   - Table Personnel are encouraged to clean or exchange the ball at 60 second timeouts and intermissions.

6. Water – Water bottles will not be shared. Water fountains will be on; however, players are encouraged to bring their own water bottles.
7. At the conclusion of the game, no handshakes. Instead, teams are to line up by their bench area and wave to their opponents. This act of sportsmanship should be initiated by the coaches and officials.
   
   a) Visiting team leaves the floor first, followed by the Home team.

8. Teams are required to provide and display hand sanitizer by their team sideline for their team for use before, during, and after the game.

9. Social distancing is recommended whenever possible. Teams are strongly encouraged not to gather as a group within close proximity of one another for pre or post game meetings.

10. Limit team huddles. Communication with the team needs to follow social distancing guidelines.

11. Table Personnel (Scorekeepers/Clock-keepers): Social distance rules will apply and you will be required to wear a mask.

12. Game times on each court will be staggered. An additional 15 minutes will be built into the schedule between games to allow for teams to exit the building prior to the next teams entering.

13. Players, coaches, and spectators may not enter the building prior to 15 minutes before their scheduled game time.

14. Captains will not attend the pre-game meeting. Pre-game meetings will be with one coach from each team and the officials. The meeting will take place toward the center of the court. Social distancing rules apply.

15. In the event of an injury – Only the coach and/or player chaperon may attend to the player unless medical attention is required.

**RULE CHANGES:**

1. No Overtime. Games will end in a tie.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Wash your hands after each game and use hand sanitizer.

2. Once your games have concluded, please leave the Recreation Center. Do not remain to watch other games.
3. We strongly encourage those individuals who are at high risk (Senior Citizens, those with underlying medical requirements to avoid the Recreation Center).

4. All participants, fans and staff are encouraged to look for any signs of illness and do not come to the Recreation Center if you are showing any symptoms of Covid-19.