

## 8.1 Under 8 Competition Specific Game Rules

	Top Age Teams		Bottom Age Teams	
	When Called	Not Called	When Called	Not Called
<b>Timing Rules</b>	17-minute halves - 6 minute half time			
<b>Ball Size</b>	Size 5			
<b>Ring Height</b>	Lower height			
<b>Fouls</b>	Any contact is made on the dribbler or contact is made on the shooter (will result in free throws)			
<b>Out of Bounds</b>	As normal			
<b>Defense</b>	After score, defense must find an opposition player. Man to Man encouraged throughout the game. Zone is permitted although must not line up across the centre line			
<b>Mercy Rule</b>	10-point lead			
<b>Travelling</b>	As normal	Player gathers ball when on ground and stands up	Player commences to walk or run with ball, and makes no attempt to dribble	Player is sitting on floor and stand up, or, Player uses two steps to gather balance commencement or ending of dribble, or receiving a pass
<b>Double Dribble</b>	As normal	No exceptions	Player continually to dribble with two hands	Player is dribbling picks the ball up and dribbles again, providing they are not avoiding defense.
<b>Cross Court</b>	Ball by rule is in front court and offensive player dribbles into the back court to avoid defense, passes to a team mate, or dribbles towards wrong basket	Player not being defended and goes into back court	Rule is not applied	
<b>Free Throws</b>	Player must be behind mark to begin the shot	No violation for jumping line after releasing shot	Player can shoot from a distance where their attempt will at least make contact with basket	No violations
<b>Alternative Possession</b>	As normal	No exceptions	Not applied	
<b>Jump Balls</b>	Only at start of game	No exceptions	Throughout game	In jump ball situations, alternate players to allow all players to have a go
<b>Jump Ball Violation</b>	Catching or punching the ball by the jumper (explain rule)	Non jumpers moving around circle	Catching or punching the ball by the jumper (explain rule)	Non jumpers moving around circle
<b>Coaches</b>	Only permitted to between the 3pt line and the sideline. Not permitted in key (exception setting players for free throws)		Permitted all over the court except in key area and assist players in positions for defense providing there is no obstruction to offensive team	
<b>Additional Information</b>	All players shoot two (2) free throws each at half time with points scored added to score. Allowances to be made to lesser skilled players. No ladder for competition visible on the website		<b>All players shoot two (2) free throws each at half time with points scored added to score. Allowances to be made to lesser skilled players.</b>	
<b>Referees</b>	<b>One (1) referee per game. Referees are encouraged to participate in the game and assist the coaches by providing direction and information to players.</b>			