Under 8 – Under 10 Rule Modifications 2021

Rule	Under 8 (Mixed)	Under 10 Div 2	Under 10 Boys Div 1
Game Duration	10 minutes of skills 12-minute halves	18-minute halves Half time shots – 2	20-minute halves No half time shots
	Half time shots – 2 shots each player	shots each player	
Coach on the court	YES – must be out of the line of play	YES – must be out of the line of play	YES – walking the sidelines only
Limit of personal points per player	10 points (11 if the last 2 come from a field goal or a set of free throws) Players should then be encouraged to pass to teammates. PENALTY = Violation & cancel	10 points (11 if the last 2 come from a field goal or a set of free throws) Players should then be encouraged to pass to	No limit
	points	teammates. PENALTY = Violation & cancel points	
Rules about substitutions	Frequently, allowing for even court time for all players MANAGEMENT = Players must	Frequently, allowing for even court time for all players	Frequently allowing for even court time for all players
	request a substitution from the score bench. Referees will permit players to the court once advised at the next dead ball period (Whistle blown)	MANAGEMENT = Players must request a substitution from the score bench. Referees will permit players to the court once advised at the next dead ball period (Whistle blown)	MANAGEMENT = Players must request a substitution from the score bench. Referees will permit players to the court once advised at the next dead ball period (Whistle blown)
Defensive set-up	Man to man. No Zone	Man to man. No Zone	Man to man. No Zone
	PENALTY = Remind the coach. Violation for repeated infractions	PENALTY = Remind the coach. Violation for repeated infractions	PENALTY = Remind the coach. Violation for repeated infractions

Pressing defense	Set the defense behind the centerline. Encourage all players to find a player and tag them.		Set the defense behind the centerline. PENALTY = Talk to the coach. Violation for repeated infractions	Margin under 20 points: Full court defense permitted. Margin greater than 20 points: Mercy Rule Set defense behind the centerline. PENALTY = Talk to the coach. Violation for repeated infractions
Dribbling restrictions	Players must pass the ball 3 times, before a shot can be made. AIM: To prevent more skilled players from going 'coast to coast'. PENALTY = Violation		Players must pass the ball 3 times, before a shot can be made. AIM: To prevent more skilled players from going 'coast to coast'. PENALTY = Violation	No restrictions
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Time permitted in the backcourt		Unlimited	Unlimited	8 seconds maximum
Centerline Vic	olation	Apply the rule (but use discretion)	Apply the rule (but use discretion)	Apply the rule
Offence in the key		Rule does not apply – encourage movement	Approximately 5 seconds. Use discretion	3 seconds maximum
Travel violations		Use discretion 'Shuffling' – may be permitted if no advantage gained. Several steps in one direction – must be called	Use discretion 'Shuffling' – may be permitted if no advantage gained. Several steps in one direction – must be called	Apply the travel rule
Double dribble		Use discretion. Teach as you go.	Not permitted	Not permitted
Fouls		5 Personal Fouls must be substituted. No further part in the game.	5 Personal Fouls must be substituted. No further part in the game.	5 Personal Fouls must be substituted. No further part in the game.

3 point shot successful	Not permitted – count as 2 points	Not permitted – count as 2 points	Not permitted – count as 2 points
Free throw shooter	Reduced free	Reduced free	Reduced free throw
position	throw line bottom	throw line bottom	line
	of circle	of circle	
Ring height	Lowered rings	Lowered rings	Regular ring height