

Welcome to YMCA Basketball! Here are IMPORTANT THINGS to know.

WE ARE A RECREATIONAL LEAGUE. FUN BEFORE WINNING AND WE BEFORE ME. It is our goal that every child in our program develops a basic understanding of the game and skills but even more importantly a life long appreciation for exercise, team sports and community. Our core values are: Respect, Responsibility, Caring and Honesty.

Team Formation:

Teams are formed using the following criteria:

- 1). 3rd grade and above will be placed on the team you played on the previous year providing that your coach is returning.
- 2). your child will be placed on teams according to the school that they attend.
- 3). every effort will be made to make sure teams are even regarding gender and age.
- 4). after returning players have been placed and the above criteria is met requests for particular coaches and/ or friends will be honored at the end of the registration date. At that point decisions will be made on a first come first served basis so the earlier registration will get top priority.

Practice:

- We are guests in the schools and they set rules they expect us to follow which include not allowing children on stages or in hallways AND cleaning up after ourselves. Please keep a close eye on any children you bring with you to practice and don't expect the coach to clean up alone.
- Please walk your child all the way into the gym for practice just in case something has gone wrong and practice had to be cancelled suddenly.
- The coaches get to choose the school they practice at. We attempt to put you at a school that is convenient but that is not always possible.
- If problems with behavior arise you may be asked to stay at practice and help your child focus.
- We ask that your child bring a basketball to practice. If you do not have one at home and this causes a financial strain on your family please don't feel like you have to make this purchase.
- If school is cancelled at the school you are practicing at due to in-service, book fair etc., your practice will also be cancelled for that day.

Equipment

- We ask that you bring your own basketball to practice. For grade K we use 7 inch diameter mini-ball. Grades 1-2 and 3-4 use a junior ball, size 110. Grades 5-6 use women's size 28.5. Please also wear shorts and sturdy gym shoes to games and practice.

Weather

- Sometimes the roads are great in the central part of town and really icy on the west side etc. We leave the cancellation of practice or games due to poor weather up to the individual coach since his/her practice site may be on the icy side of town. If we get snow or ice throughout the county the YMCA will officially cancel all activities via phone tree, email and KONP Radio.

Communication

- It is not prudent for us to call every child with each change of schedule etc. We alert the coaches and expect them to pass the word. **Making sure you ask the coach after each practice if there is anything you need to know is a great way to stay informed.** We will also send a mass email from our office if changes occur to all who have provided us with one. Please check your email.

Problems

If a problem arises your first call should be to your coach. If your concern is not addressed to your satisfaction you can call Tim Tucker who is the Sports Coordinator at the Y at 452-9244.

- Games are played at Stevens Middle School.
- We make the schedule out for 8 weeks. Since we are not the only organization using the gyms on the weekends there will no doubt be a time or two when a City Tournament or School function forces us to change the schedule. We do try to keep these changes to a minimum.

