

# FAQ for Preschool and Youth Basketball Parents



## Summary

1. Registration runs September 29-October 26. Late registration is October 27-31 and a \$15 late fee applies on any sign-ups. Preschool basketball is for boys and girls ages 3-4. The fees are \$30 for members and \$55 for nonmembers. Youth basketball is for boys and girls ages 5-12. The fees are \$50 for members and \$75 for nonmembers.

## Participation and Rosters

1. How do I know what age group to sign my child up for?
  - a. Whatever your child's age is as of September 1, 2025 determines which age group he/she is in.
2. My child played last season. Will he/she go back on the same team?
  - a. Your child will go back on the same team unless he/she aged up.
3. I have multiple children in the same age group. Will they be placed on the same team?
  - a. If you register on time and not late and there is room, siblings in the same age group will be placed on the same team.
4. My child has advanced basketball skills for his/her age. Can I register him/her for a higher age group?
  - a. Yes, your child can always play up in an age group if both you and the sports director are comfortable with that. However, you can never play down in an age group.
5. I requested my child to be on a certain team or with another player. Can you accommodate my request?
  - a. Teams are split up as evenly and fairly as possible based on experience, age, and gender. We also take into consideration any times you listed on the registration form that you cannot practice. Any other type of request is not guaranteed to happen.
6. How do I know what team my child is on?
  - a. For youth basketball, you should receive contact from a coach by noon Tuesday, November 11. For preschool basketball, you should hear something by noon Friday, December 5. If you don't hear from a coach by those dates, sign up for Remind, email the sports director or call the Y.
7. Due to circumstances, my child can't play anymore. What do I need to do?
  - a. Let your coach know. Call or email the sports director and let him know too.
8. Can I get a refund if my child isn't playing anymore?
  - a. Full refunds are only given prior to the first practice. After the first practice, only partial refunds may be given out. All refunds are subject to a processing fee. However, we can also credit your account with the partial/full amount instead of issuing a refund check.
9. Does the Y provide trophies or awards to the players?
  - a. No, it's up to the discretion of each coach and team if they want to get trophies/awards.

## Practices

1. When does the youth basketball (5-12 year olds) season start and end?
  - a. The season starts with practice the week (Sun.-Sat.) of November 9. The last game is scheduled for January 24.
2. When does preschool basketball (3-4 year olds) practice start and end?
  - a. Practice starts December 6 and ends January 24. They do not play games.
3. What days are preschool and youth basketball practices on?
  - a. Preschool basketball practices are once a week on Saturdays from 9-9:50 am. Youth basketball practices are once a week on Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday from either 5:30-6:30 pm or 6:40-7:40 pm. Around the midpoint and near the end of the season, there are just weekday and Saturday games for the youth league (ages 5-12).
4. Where are practices held and how long do they last?
  - a. All preschool and youth practices are held in the gym of the Y. All practices last at most one hour.
5. Does my child's team practice on the same day, at the same time, and at the same location each week?
  - a. Yes, the practice day, time, and gym location are set before the start of the season by the coach and sports director. That is your child's team practice day, time, & gym location for about half the season. Around the midpoint & the end of the season, there are just weekday and Saturday games for the youth league (ages 5-12).
6. Is there practice over Thanksgiving and Christmas?
  - a. There are no basketball activities November 22-December 1 and December 21-January 5.

## Games

1. When do youth (5-12 year olds) games start and what days are they on?
  - a. Saturday morning games starts December 6 and end January 24. Every team will not play each Saturday. There are also weekday games during 3 weeks of the season in which there are no youth practices those weeks.
2. Where are games played and how long do games last?
  - a. All games are played in the gym at the Y and last at most around one hour.
3. Are there games over Thanksgiving and Christmas?
  - a. There are no basketball activities November 22-December 1 and December 21-January 5.
4. Do preschool (3-4 year olds) teams play games?
  - a. No, they do not play games.
5. Where do I get a youth game schedule?
  - a. Your coach should email or text them out by your third practice.
6. My child won't be able to make the game. What do I need to do?
  - a. Contact your coach and let him/her know.
7. Where do spectators sit during youth games?
  - a. All spectators must sit away from coaches and players' sideline if possible. We do not provide seating for spectators so please bring your own chair. Space is limited.

## Equipment

1. Do I need to get any specific athletic gear for my child?
  - a. Basketball shoes are required.
2. What ball size and goal height does my child's age group play with?
  - a. 3-4 year olds      27.5      6 ft.
  - b. 5-6 year olds      27.5      8 ft.
  - c. 7-8 year olds      28.5      8 ft.
  - d. 9-10 year olds      28.5      9 ft.
  - e. 11-12 year olds      28.5      10 ft.
3. Can my child bring his/her own ball?
  - a. Yes, but please label it with his/her name.
4. When do we get uniforms?
  - a. Basketball jerseys are tentatively scheduled to be handed out at youth practice the week (Sun.-Sat.) of November 30 and at preschool practice on December 6. Your child can wear shorts or pants. Your coach may request a certain color.
5. My child's jersey is too small/big. What can we do?
  - a. Your child's jersey size was ordered based on the size you selected on the registration form when you signed him/her up. Reordering just one jersey isn't possible. Check with other players on your team to see if a swap can be worked out.

## Youth Rules

1. How much does my child get to play?
  - a. Every child will play at least half of every game and fully participate in each practice.
2. Does my child get to play different basketball positions?
  - a. Yes, every coach should rotate players throughout the season to different basketball positions.
3. Can my child wear jewelry during practices or games?
  - a. No, due to safety reasons all jewelry (rings, earrings, beads, bracelets, etc.) must be removed prior to playing.

## Facilities

1. Are pets allowed at the Y?
  - a. No, they are not.
2. Is smoking allowed at the Y?
  - a. No, the Y is a tobacco free campus. E-Cigarettes and vaping are also prohibited.
3. I forgot to bring my child something to drink. Where is a water fountain located?
  - a. The closest one to the gym is located by in the child care part of building by the 5K classroom and girl's bathroom. There is one also located by the Cybex weight room near the men's and women's bathrooms. Snacks and water are also sold at the desk in the front lobby.
4. Where are bathrooms located?
  - a. The closest bathrooms to the gym are the ones located in the youth locker rooms which are located close to the indoor pool.
5. Can I bring my own chair to practices and games?
  - a. Yes, you are more than welcome to bring a chair as we only provide seating to players during games.
6. Where should I park?
  - a. Please park in the main parking lot at the front of the Y, in the side parking lot adjacent to the childcare entrance, or on the side of Bob Danner Ave. Please do not park on the side of the road of YMCA Lane, Dexter Dr., or Rutherford Dr.

## Pictures

1. Do we take team/individual pictures? Where do I get a picture schedule?
  - a. Yes, each team takes individual and team pictures. The picture schedule will tell you when your pictures will be. Your coach should email/text it to you by your third practice.
2. Is there a form I need to fill out?
  - a. Yes, picture order forms will be handed out one week prior to picture day and are available day of as well.
3. How do I pay for pictures?
  - a. Quality Photo Sports takes cash or check.
4. When do I need to pay?
  - a. Payment is expected when pictures are taken.
5. When do I get pictures back?
  - a. Pictures will be returned towards the end of the season. The sports director will give your coach your pictures.
6. I haven't received my pictures yet. Whom do I need to contact?
  - a. Contact your coach to see if he/she has them. If not, then check with the sports director.
7. I have received my picture packet but I am missing some or there is some other error. Whom do I need to contact?
  - a. Contact Gene Robinson at Quality Photo Sports at 843-260-6744 between Mon.-Fri. 9a-5p or by email at [greatpicsinc@aol.com](mailto:greatpicsinc@aol.com).

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