



Youth Basketball League FAQ's

Dear Parents,

We would like to take this time to thank you for choosing to participate in the Oviedo Recreation & Parks Youth Basketball program. This year promises to be fun, exciting, and will give each participant a chance to improve upon his or her skill level.

The following is a list of frequently asked questions about practices, game times, coaches, etc. If you should have any other questions, please feel free to contact us at (407) 971-5568.

1) **What days and times will practices take place?**

Practices will be up to the coaching staff. City will have practice slots available for coaches to sign up. Practice could take place any night of the week, and coaches have the option to have more than one practice. Please be aware that the time delegated will be set for the remainder of the season.

2) **What time will my child be playing on Saturdays?**

The Recreation Division will be playing on Saturdays anywhere between 9:00am and 6:30pm, with the youngest age groups starting the earliest.

3) **How are the teams formed?**

The League Coordinator and City of Oviedo Staff will break up the teams as even as possible based on their ratings from player placement day. This is why it is very important to attend placement day and the main reason that we do not take any requests.

Why it's not perfect: Not all registered players attend player ratings day. The league has no idea what kind of skill a player has if they don't attend. These players are then given an "average" rating of those of the same age that did attend player ratings. This means that an unrated player could be an excellent player but is assigned an average rating and makes the team better than others. Or, the opposite could happen, a below-average player could get an average rating and the team might not be as skilled.

4) **I have registered my child for basketball, but have not heard from a coach.**

Teams will be formed following the player placement skill assessment. This process could take a few days. Coaches will be receiving their team rosters, schedules, parent information. Coaches will then be asked to contact every child to set-up practice times. Some teams may still be in need of a coach, so the coach calling you may be delayed a few days. If you have not heard from a coach two weeks after placement day please contact the Oviedo Gymnasium for more details on the league.

5) **How can I get involved as a volunteer coach?**

During the time of registration, you can ask to be added to the coaching list. We now offer coaches who successfully complete a season a 50% discount for their child to play in a future season. A city staff member will be in contact with you with information about attending the coaches meeting and training. We always need coaches and time constraints are minimal!

6) **Can I make a coach or practice request?**

Unfortunately we do not take coach or practice requests. The main reason being that there are too many kids and requests to accommodate everyone's specific schedule. The other reason is that requests would throw off the balance of the teams and our player ranking system. If a family wants a request because of carpooling issues we recommend you talk to your coach and teammates, and more than likely there will be someone on the team more than willing to help out.

7) **When will the individual & team pictures take place?**

Picture day will tentatively take place the third week of the season. Information will be sent home during the 2nd or 3rd week of practice.

8) **How can I sign up to sponsor a youth basketball team?**

Please call (407) 971-5566 for details on obtaining a gymnasium youth sponsorship packet that will explain the program, the costs involved and the benefits of you or your business's contribution.