



Winter 2021-2022 Youth Basketball League

Welcome Letter



On behalf of the Parsippany PAL, it is a pleasure to welcome you to the **WINTER 2021-2022 Youth Basketball League**. We extend our very best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable season. The purpose of this document is to provide all participants in the PAL youth basketball program with a season overview. Thank you and have a great season!

1. League:

- 7 Divisions based on grade level (see divisions below #3). Each division will be scheduled with a full regular season game schedule. Each team will make the playoffs; playoff format will be a tournament style - "PAL MARCH MADNESS" Tournament. Season is planned to wrap up around Mid-March.

2. Coaches:

- We are always in need of coaches! Experience is not necessary but does help. Assistance in coaching and specific basketball coaching clinics can be provided for new coaches. If you are interested in coaching, please contact basketball@parsippanypal.org. Please include your players name, your name, phone # and email.
- Divisions will NOT start until every team has a coach. If NOT enough coaches' volunteer in EACH division, we will NOT be able to begin on time.

3. Player Evaluations: ALL EVALUATIONS HELD at the Parsippany PAL (33 Baldwin Road)

- The purpose of player evaluations is to rate the skills of each registered player in order to create competitive and balanced teams. It is expected for all participants to attend the player evaluations, this is an **IMPORTANT** method so that teams can be formed as fair as possible. Though this is not a perfect system, it is a fair system and the best method available.

***** All players attending, please wear a sports jersey or t-shirt with a number on the back.**

| DIVISION | DAY / DATE | TIME | PLAYERS LAST NAME |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| A) BOYS 3-4 GRADE | Saturday 11/20 | 9:00am - 10:05am | 'A' THROUGH 'G' |
| | Saturday 11/20 | 10:10am - 11:10am | 'H' THROUGH 'O' |
| | Saturday 11/20 | 11:15am - 12:15am | 'P' THROUGH 'Z' |
| B) BOYS 5-6 GRADE | Saturday 11/20 | 12:30pm - 1:30pm | 'A' THROUGH 'J' |
| | Saturday 11/20 | 1:45pm - 2:45pm | 'K' THROUGH 'P' |
| | Tuesday 11/23 | 6:00pm - 7:10pm | 'R' THROUGH 'Z' |
| C) BOYS 7-8 GRADE | Saturday 12/4 | 10:10am - 11:10am | 'A' THROUGH 'H' |
| | Saturday 12/4 | 11:15am - 12:15pm | 'J' THROUGH 'N' |
| | Saturday 12/4 | 12:30pm - 1:30pm | 'O' THROUGH 'Z' |
| D) BOYS 9-12 GRADE | Wednesday 12/8 | 6:00pm - 7:10pm | 'A' THROUGH 'H' |
| | Wednesday 12/8 | 7:15pm - 8:15pm | 'J' THROUGH 'P' |
| | Wednesday 12/8 | 8:30pm - 9:30pm | 'Q' THROUGH 'Z' |
| E) GIRLS 3-4 GRADE | Tuesday 11/23 | 7:15pm - 8:15pm | ALL Girls 3/4 |
| F) GIRLS 5-6 GRADE | Tuesday 11/23 | 8:30pm - 9:30pm | ALL Girls 5/6 |
| G) GIRLS 7-8 GRADE | Saturday 12/4 | 9:00am - 10:05am | ALL Girls 7/8 |

4. **Coaches Mandatory RULES Review:** DATE TBD - at Parsippany PAL (33 Baldwin Ave.)

- Review all of the general playing rules and regulations, highlighting those that are new, or have been adjusted, for the current season. Commissioners/Head Official will address any coach questions, provide explanation and interpretation. Coaches will receive a separate email regarding rules, practice scheduling, etc.
- We will go over anything that is unique to our league and set coach expectations

5. **Practice/Game Sites:**

- All practices will begin during either the 1st or 2nd week of December. Practice Times and locations will vary based on facility availability. Each team will be provided 1-2 practices per week and a maximum of one hour in duration. It is the sole responsibility of the parent to provide transportation for their child to/from practices and games.
- **PRACTICES** will take place at various Parsippany Schools & the PAL
 - For location addresses, visit <https://parsippanypal.org/programs/basketball/>
- **ALL GAMES** will be scheduled at the **Parsippany PAL** (33 Baldwin Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054)
 - * **GIRLS Divisions may vary based on league and teams. Updates will be provided ASAP.**

6. **Games:**

- All games will begin Saturday, January 8th. A detailed game schedule will be provided by mid-December. Game times will vary. For planning purposes:
 - **Weeknight Games;** approx. start times = 6pm/7pm/8pm/9pm; younger ages playing earlier.
 - **Weekend Games;** start times will vary throughout the day / evening.

7. **Team Placement:**

- Our priority is to place children on teams according to their rating. In order to create parity across all teams, each player will be placed on a team based on player evaluations (see #3). NO EXCEPTIONS. Due to the size of the program, there will be **no player/coach requests.** All requests to be placed on a specific team with a specific coach will be denied, including if that request is for ride share/transportation. The ONLY exception will be for siblings to be placed on the same team if they are in the same age group/division.

8. **Uniforms:**

- Custom reversible GAME JERSEY'S will be provided. Shorts are NOT provided. Participants are encouraged to wear black shorts. Sports performance/basketball sneakers are recommended.

9. **Safe Playing Environment:**

- The PAL is committed provide safe playing facilities and equipment, healthful playing situations and be ready for emergencies, should the need arise. **Parsippany PAL's Philosophy:** The philosophy of the PARSIPPANY PAL is to instill in young people a positive attitude, good sportsmanship, sound fundamentals, confidence, and high moral standards.

10. **Contact Information:**

PAL BASKETBALL COMMISSIONERS: Jay Hersh and/or Jay Exter

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- PAL BASKETBALL INFORMATION: visit www.parsippanypal.org/programs/basketball
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