

Eola Youth Basketball League – FAQ

What level of experience does my child need to have to play?

Participants do not need to have any experience with organized basketball since this is a recreational league, however participants can be at any level to play. The goal of the league is for participants to learn the fundamentals of the game and develop individual skills.

What does the league fee include?

The league fee covers a 7-game season for 5-6, 7-8 and 9-11 year olds and a 6-game season plus single-elimination postseason tournament for 12-14 year olds. In addition, each team will have 7 weekly one-hour practices. Seasons may stretch out longer than 7 weeks in duration if there are planned “off dates” due to holidays, special events, etc.

What about uniforms?

Parents are REQUIRED to purchase a reversible jersey at Kirhofer’s Sports in Aurora. (2112 W. Galena Blvd. in Aurora)

5-6, 7-8 and 9-11 year olds wear red/blue jerseys; 12-14 year olds wear orange/white jerseys.

Can requests be made for children to play for a certain volunteer coach?

Yes, volunteer coaches can be requested for the 5-6, 7-8 and 9-11 year old “recreational” levels BEFORE the draft and every effort will be made to accommodate those requests. Preferences can be made known for the 12-14 year old “semi-competitive” level but coaches have to abide by draft rules and choose in designated order.

Can requests be made for children to be grouped with friends, neighbors, etc.?

Similarly to coaching requests, teammate requests can be made for the 5-6, 7-8 and 9-11 year old recreational levels BEFORE the draft and efforts are made to accommodate all requests. Teammate requests are not accepted for the semi-competitive 12-14 year old level as coaches and players take part in a skills analysis at the draft and teams are then chosen accordingly.

How many players are on a team?

This depends on the number of participants registered. Teams can range from 8-12 players with 10 being the preferred number.

When are practices? Can I specify certain times I can or can't have my child at practice?

Practices are chosen by volunteer coaches at the draft. When registering your child, you can indicate days or times that do not work with your schedule. Every effort will be made to accommodate practice availability based on practices days and times that are chosen within your child's specific age level.

When are games? When will the game schedule be released?

Saturday game times can vary from week to week. The schedule is typically released 7-10 days before the first Saturday of games (see the *Important Dates* handout for this season's date). The schedule is e-mailed to parents that have e-mail addresses in our computer system, posted to the league's website and is also available at the Eola front desk.

When do league practices and games begin and end?

See the *Important Dates* handout for this season.

What dates will there not be any games?

See the *Important Dates* handout for this season.

What do I need to do to volunteer coach?

When registering your child, indicate that you would like to volunteer to coach. Volunteer coaches are required to fill out a Volunteer Coach Application and, if approved, will be contacted by the Program Manager with further details (incl. fingerprinting/background check setup conducted for all volunteer coaches).

Who can I contact for more information?

You can contact Matt Odom for more information at (630) 851-8990 or modom@fvpd.net

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