



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Dear YBL Parents and Participants,

The Tri-Cities Family YMCA welcomes you to the Youth Basketball League! Here at the YMCA we strive to give all participants, the children athletes, coaches, parents and spectators an enjoyable basketball experience! This is a league that focuses on both skill and character development. There are no try-outs or cuts and everyone is a valuable member of the team. The most skilled and least skilled players are given equal attention. YMCA coaches and athletes keep winning in perspective. Trying to win is natural, but it is not the primary objective of the YMCA Youth Basketball League. Building their character by focusing on the values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility, we will be able to give them and the rest of society a lasting gift.

Please review the following as it contains new information as well as reminders about our YBL program.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

SEASON: January 11- March 12

FIRST PRACTICE: The week of January 11

FIRST GAME: January 16 (Clinic/Scrimmage)

NO GAMES ON: Winterfest Weekend- January 30th

PICTURE DAY: February 6th

LAST GAME: March 12

WHO IS MY COACH?

You will be contacted by your coach during the last week of December. If by January 1st you have not been contacted, please contact Tori or Ellie Holman via email at youthsports@tcfymca.org.

TEAM PRACTICES AND GAME SCHEDULES

Each team is allotted one 1 hour practice per week at the YMCA gym. Each team is scheduled for a single hoop or a quarter court. Your practice time is decided based on the availability you indicated on your registration card.

Game schedules will be released the week of January 11.

LENGTH OF GAME

Each division will play (8) 5 minute quarters.

EVALUATION NIGHT

It is MANDATORY that all Winners/Champion players and coaches attend the evaluation night. This is how we attempt to keep all of the teams as evenly matched as possible. This year you must PRE REGISTER for one of the evaluation times, at no cost to you. You can do this by phone, or in person at the Welcome Center.

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TEAM ASSIGNMENTS

The YMCA will try its best to accommodate requests; however these requests are not guarantees. The YBL staff takes into careful consideration: age, skill level, school, as well as practice availability. This year the Winners & Champions league teams will be chosen through a draft after the last evaluation night.

NEW: PARENT ORIENTATION

Please join us during your child's first week of practice at the Tri-Cities Family YMCA board room, located behind the welcome center for a brief introduction orientation. Meet the staff, some of the referees and other parents, learn more about YBL and get any questions or concerns answered! If you have multiple children in YBL you only need to attend the orientation once.

UNIFORMS

On your child's registration card you indicated your child's t-shirt size. If you are in doubt of your child's size, a little too big is always better than too small. If the t-shirt does not fit, we WILL NOT be able to order a new one.

VOLUNTEERING

This YBL program could not be possible without our many volunteers! We have a great need for coaches and assistant coaches. If you or someone you know is interested in coaching, have them come into the YMCA and pick up a coaches packet at the Welcome Center.

YBL OFFICIALS

We are looking for high school or college aged students to help referee and teach the game of basketball to our youth. All officials must have knowledge of every basketball rule. Please email youthsports@tcfymca.org by December 1st if you are interested.

SEVERE WEATHER

Inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances may cause us to cancel YBL games. We will make every effort to make an announcement via email/WZZM13 by 7:00am. Note: if a game does get cancelled, we will NOT be able to reschedule games.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us and we will get back to you ASAP!

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