



The City of Grove City Parks & Recreation Department

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Youth Basketball Frequently Asked Questions

Cost: Recreation league fees: \$83 for Grove City residents; \$88 for all other participants

Practices: Practice schedules are given to each coach at the coaches' meeting.
Practices begin the week of Monday, Dec. 9. Teams will practice one hour each week.
Due to lack of facility space, some practices will be scheduled from 8:30-9:30 p.m. If schools are closed due to inclement weather, practices will not be held or made up.
****ROSTERS WILL NOT BE ADJUSTED TO ACCOMMODATE PRACTICE TIMES.****

Games: Each team plays one game per week.
***Post-season tournaments for grades three through 12.**

Game dates are:

- Saturday, Jan.4
- Saturday, Jan.11
- Saturday, Jan.18
- Saturday, Jan. 25
- Saturday, Feb.1
- Saturday, Feb. 8
- Saturday, Feb. 15
- Saturday, Feb. 22
- Saturday, March 1*
- Saturday, March 8*

Official schedules are passed out to each team at practice before the season begins.

Observations: Participants in several age groups in the youth basketball program will have their performance evaluated in an informal observation to help balance teams. **Please make sure your child is present 15 minutes before his/her scheduled observation time. Children of head and assistant coaches need to attend the observations.** Participants who cannot attend will be assigned to teams in a blind draft. Children are graded by the Youth Sports Advisory Board.

Saturday, Nov. 9 at the Rec Center (behind the Grove City High School)

- *7th-8th Grade Boys* 8-8:30 a.m.
- *6th Grade Boys* 8:30-9 a.m.
- *5th Grade Boys* 9-9:30 a.m.
- *4th Grade Boys* 9:30-10 a.m.
- *5th-6th Grade Girls* 10-10:30 a.m.

Everyone must wear tennis shoes, shorts and a shirt to the observation.

Picture Day: Individual and team pictures will be taken at each game site on **Saturday, Jan. 11.** Coaches will hand out picture day information before the first game.

Uniforms: Uniforms are ordered immediately following the coaches' meeting. Due to the timely nature of uniform ordering, exchanges cannot be honored. Please double check the size you ordered (sample clothing will be available at sign-ups). A reversible mini-mesh jersey will be provided. We ask participants to wear black or navy blue shorts to games.
Jerseys must remain tucked in during games.

- Team Notification:** Volunteer coaches contact each player assigned to their team after the coaches' meeting. Information concerning practice days and times will be given to players at that time.
- Winter Break:** There are no practices or games between Monday, Dec. 23 and Friday, Jan. 3.
- Weather Hotline:** In the event of inclement weather, please call the weather update/information hotline at 614-277-3060. Press # 4 for field conditions and then # 5 for local gym conditions.
- Background Checks:** All coaches undergo a background check before coaching with the Grove City Parks and Recreational youth leagues.
- Coaches' Meeting:** **(Head Coaches Only)**
The meeting is held at City Hall, 4035 Broadway, on **Sunday, Nov. 24 at 1 p.m.**
- Honoring Requests:** Balancing talent levels is the primary goal when assembling teams in each division. Unfortunately, we do not accept player requests. The only exception is for siblings and children living in the same household where age and gender would place them in the same grade division. The Parks and Recreation Department has the right to honor certain requests that may arise.
- Coaches Needed:** Coaches are needed for all grade divisions. Coaching applications are available in the Parks and Recreation office and online. Coaches' children must attend the observations, if appropriate. Background checks are performed on coaching applications.
- NYSCA Coaches' Clinics:** All head coaches in the program are required to be certified through the National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA). The Grove City Parks and Recreation Department will pay the annual fee for all head coaches. Head coaches who are not certified can get certified online at <https://www.nays.org/nyscaonline/>.
- Coaches already certified through NYSCA who need their certification updated should call Michael Craig at 614-277-3050.
- Note: Coaches are not required to attend this online clinic every year. Once you attend the initial clinic, the certification is renewed on an annual basis.
- *Important: Head coaches who receive a renewal notice in the mail from the NYSCA should bring it to City Hall immediately. The Parks and Recreation Department will pay this fee for active head coaches.