



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 non-residents.

Practices: **Practices begin the week of Monday, Dec. 6.** Teams practice one hour per week on the same weekday. Practice days are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday on days the South-Western City School District is in session.

Due to limited facility space, some practices are scheduled from 8:15-9:15 p.m., including kindergarten through third grade leagues.

If schools close due to inclement weather or other reasons or gyms are being used for school functions, practices are canceled and will not be rescheduled.

Coaches receive practice schedules in their team packets and will distribute them to their teams.

COVID-19 Restrictions: All participants, coaches and spectators are required to comply with all instructions and regulations related to COVID-19 mitigation as issued by Grove City Parks and Recreation (GCPR) and SWCSD as outlined in the Basketball Safety Protocol. This includes social distancing, mask wearing, temperature and symptom checks when entering facilities, and possible restrictions on number of spectators.

Masks:

- Spectators: required to wear a mask while in the facility at all times.
- Coaches: required to wear a mask while in the facility at all times.
- Players: required to wear a mask while on the bench; not required while playing.

All spectators, coaches and participants should self-check their symptoms and temperature prior to arriving at the facility. No one with symptoms or a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees should enter the facility.

Games: Each team plays one game per week on Saturday. Official game schedules are distributed to each team at practice before the season begins. These schedules may change due to game cancellations due to inclement weather or other issues.

2022 Game Dates:

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| • Saturday, Jan. 8 | • Saturday, Feb. 12 |
| • Saturday, Jan. 15 | • Saturday, Feb. 19 |
| • Saturday, Jan. 22 | • Saturday, Feb. 26 |
| • Saturday, Jan. 29 | • Saturday, March 5* |
| • Saturday, Feb. 5 | • Saturday, March 12* |

* Post-season tournaments for grades 3-8.

Picture Day: Individual and team pictures are taken at game sites **Saturday, Jan. 8 or Saturday, Jan. 15 depending on location.** Coaches will distribute picture day information before the first game.

- Uniforms:** Each player receives a reversible mesh jersey. Uniforms are ordered immediately after registration closes, so, due to the timely nature of uniform ordering, exchanges cannot be honored.
- Please carefully select the size based on provided dimensions. Due to supply and distribution issues, it could be several weeks to receive a replacement jersey. When ordering a size, keep in mind the **jersey must remain tucked in during games**. If in doubt, opt for a larger size.
- Participants should wear black or navy blue shorts to games.
- Team Assignments:** There are no special requests for team assignments. Players in kindergarten through grade 2 leagues are assigned to teams via blind draft by GCPR staff. If coaches meetings can be held, coaches for leagues serving grades 3-12 will draft players. If coaches meetings are not held, staff will assign players to those teams as well.
- Coaches receive team packets the week of Nov. 15. Volunteer coaches contact each player assigned to their team after picking up their packets, which include player assignments, practice schedules and game times. **Please be prepared to answer a call from an unfamiliar number.**
- Honoring Requests:** Balancing talent levels is the primary goal when assembling teams in each division. **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. GCPR reserves the right to honor certain requests that may arise (e.g., unavailability to practice on a specific weekday, request to *not* be placed with a specific coach).
- Winter Break:** There are no practices or games Monday, Dec. 20 through Saturday, Jan. 1, as SWCSD facilities are closed for winter break. SWCSD is also closed Jan. 17, Jan. 18 and Feb. 21.
- Weather Hotline:** In the event of inclement weather, please call the weather update/information hotline at 614-277-3060. Press (6) for field conditions and then (3) for local gym conditions.
- Facilities:** GCPR contracts with SWCSD to use district facilities. Be respectful of district property: participants and spectators should remain only in the necessary areas, i.e., restrooms, gymnasium, viewing areas and hallways accessing entry/exit doors.
- Abuse of district property and entering restricted areas of the buildings may lead to suspension of the department's usage of these buildings. This will severely limit the department's ability to offer basketball.** Use of buildings is at the discretion of the principal; the department has lost usage of buildings in the past due to abuse of facilities.
- All spectators at games and practices must wear a mask (mandated by SWCSD).**
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- Any coach, official, participant or potential spectator who has a temperature exceeding 100.4 degrees or who feels ill with a sore throat, dry cough, trouble breathing or other known COVID-19 symptom should not enter the facility.

COACHES

Coaching Applications:

Volunteer head and assistant coaches are needed for all grade divisions. Coaching applications are available online and in the GCPR drop box behind the Kingston Center.

Coaches are expected to follow a code of conduct including treating players on their own and other teams as well as officials with respect. GCPR reserves the right to reject coaching applications for any reason including past violations of the code of conduct.

Background Checks:

All head and assistant coaches undergo a background check before coaching with GCPR youth leagues. A list of disqualifications can be found online on the Coaching Information page. It includes violations related to drugs, alcohol, theft, violence and sexual abuse.

Coaches' Packet:

(Head Coaches Only)

Coaches meetings will be the week of Nov. 15, if health conditions permit. Teams are selected by blind draft for K-grade 2 leagues. If meetings are held, teams for leagues for grades 3-12 will be selected via draft, otherwise they will be assigned by staff. All head coaches should pick up their coaches packet including team rosters, schedules and other paperwork the week of Nov. 15 at the Kingston Center, 3226 Kingston Ave.

NYSCA Coaches' Clinics:

All head coaches in the program are required to be certified through the National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA). GCPR will pay the annual fee for all head coaches. Uncertified head coaches can complete certification online at www.nays.org/nyscaonline.

Coaches who need to update their previously completed NYSCA certification should call Jason Barnes at 614-277-3050.

Note: Coaches are not required to attend this online clinic every year. Once you attend the initial clinic, the certification can be renewed on an annual basis.

*Important: Head coaches who receive a renewal notice in the mail from the NYSCA should contact the GCPR office immediately. GCPR will pay this fee for active head coaches.

Required Concussion Education for Coaches:

Per Ohio law, a coach for a youth sports organization must complete a training program in recognizing the signs and symptoms of concussions and head injuries provided by the Ohio Department of Health every three years. The obligation also is fulfilled by holding a Pupil Activity Permit from the Ohio Department of Education or completing a similar program authorized and required by an organization that regulates interscholastic conferences or events.

The Ohio Department of Health has approved free online training available through the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). Click the "order here" button and complete a brief registration form to take the course. Membership in NFHS is not required. Visit the National Federation of State High School Associations learning center at nfhslearn.com and select Concussion Courses. For more information, visit odh.ohio.gov/concussion.

Required Lindsay's Law/Instant Cardiac Arrest Training:

Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) occurs when the heart suddenly, unexpectedly stops beating, cutting off blood flow to vital organs. It is fatal if not treated immediately, and is the number one killer of student athletes.

Per Ohio law, youth sports participants, parents and coaches now are required to complete training that includes (1) viewing a video; (2) reading a handout at odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/Lindsays-Law.

While the handouts and training videos for parents/youth athletes and coaches are similar, they are not identical.