

2021-2022 YOUTH BASKETBALL FAQ

COACHES INFO

Who coaches the teams?

- Our coaches are parent and community member volunteers. If you are looking to coach, please [submit a form online](#).
- Coach's meetings and more info can be found on our website under [Coach's Corner](#).

LEAGUE OVERVIEW

What day of the week will my child's team practice?

- **K – 2nd GRADE:** Practices are on Saturdays at the Issaquah Community Center or a local school. Practice times are based on the league size and gym availability.
- **3rd – 8th GRADE:** Practices will happen midweek at a school location. Practice times are based on the coach's preferences, league size and gym availability and will be finalized after Team Formation Day.
- **9th – 12th GRADE:** High School teams do not have league scheduled practices.

When will I know my child's practice schedule?

- Issaquah Parks & Community Services will be finalizing practice schedules following Team Formation Day. Your coach will communicate the schedule the following week. Please note that practice schedules are subject to change throughout the season due to gym availability and other conflicts.

Where will my practices / games take place?

- Mid-week practices are scheduled at local elementary or middle school gyms. Our goal is to have teams' practice at their local school when gym time is available. Weekend practices / games will take place at local school or the Issaquah Community Center.
- [Season outlines](#) are available online and will list practice / game dates and other important meetings.

When will I know my child's game schedule?

- Issaquah Parks & Community Services will be finalizing games schedules following Team Formation Day. Game schedules will be posted online, and you'll be notified when they are available. Game schedules will be available two weeks prior to the first game. Please note game schedules are subject to change throughout the season due to gym availability and other potential conflicts.

TEAM FORMATION

What is Team Formation?

- Team Formation is a set date where all players are invited to run through basketball drills to help determine fair teams and meet their teammates and coach(es).

How are teams formed in each league?

- **K – 2nd GRADE:** Teams are formed by gender, grade, and school. Reciprocated buddy requests will be honored. There will NOT be an in-person team formation for K-2nd Grade. *Teams will be communicated via email between Oct. 21 – Nov. 5.*

- **3rd – 5th GRADE:** Teams are formed by gender, grade, and school. In the event of a school having enough players to create multiple teams, all efforts will be made to create balanced teams. *Teams will be communicated via email between Nov. 1 – Nov. 5.*
- **GIRLS MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Teams are formed by gender and school. In the event a school has enough players to create multiple teams, all efforts will be made to create balanced teams. Grades 6th – 8th will be combined in the Girls Middle School leagues. *Teams will be communicated via email between Dec. 13 – Dec. 20.*
- **BOYS MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL:** Teams will be formed by an evaluation process; players are no longer grouped by school. Coaches and staff will collectively evaluate player's skill. Players will then be placed on teams based on ability level. The overall goal is to have teams with equal numbers of beginning and advanced players. *Teams will be communicated via email between Dec. 13 – Dec. 20.*

What if my child cannot attend Team Formation Day?

- Participants unable to make it to Team Formation Day will still get assigned to a team.

GET YOUR PLAYER READY TO PLAY!

What should my child wear to practice and games?

- Issaquah Parks & Community Services will provide your child with a jersey / t- shirt to wear at practices / games. They will receive this at their first practice. Please send your child in comfortable athletic shoes and clothing.

Does my child need a basketball?

- It is recommended that each child has a basketball to use at practice.

What size basketball does my child use?

- Boys K & Girls K – 1st (25" / Mini sized)
 - Available to purchase at the Issaquah Community Center for \$10.00
- Boys 1st – 5th & Girls 2nd – 5th (27.5" / Official Junior Size)
 - Available to purchase at the Issaquah Community Center for \$10.00
- Boys 6th & Girls 6th – 8th – (28.5" / Women's Regulation)
- Boys 7th – 12th – (29.5" / Official Men's Size)

Registration

I have signed my child up to play – what is next?

- The first meeting for your child is the Team Formation Day. You will receive an email reminder one week prior to your start date. You can also find [season outlines](#) online.

My child cannot make the scheduled practice or game times – what's next?

- Refunds are not typically given based on scheduling; however, league coordinators will look to other schedule/team options when available. Coordinators can approve refunds in some circumstances where special considerations and other options have been exhausted.

It's past the registration deadline – can I still register my child?

- Late registrations will be directed to the grade specific waitlist online and payment will be taken upfront. Your child will be assigned a team if there is room in the league. We will do our best to get your child on their school team or other local team, but there is no guarantee during the late registration process.
- Please note late registrations may take up to a week to process.
- Late Registrations will be charged an additional \$25 fee.
- If we cannot place your child on a team, a full refund will be given by January 31st, 2021.

COVID-19 Safety Protocols

What COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed?

- A full Health and Safety Plan will be published in advance of final registrations and will detail policies around records and contact tracing, COVID-19 exposure response, cleaning and disinfecting protocols, hand-washing and sanitizing, physical distancing and mask requirements, among other required policies.
- Many of these policies are currently being practiced for programs at the Issaquah Community Center, Farmers Market and Julius Boehm Pool.

What guidelines are in place for youth basketball?

- State officials have provided [Sporting Guidance](#) policies. Our programs will closely follow these guidelines, but Issaquah Parks and Community Services reserves the right to have more stringent policies in an effort to ensure participant safety.

What happens if there is a positive or suspected case of COVID in the youth basketball program?

- If a participant, staff member, parent or other person within our program is suspected or confirmed with COVID-19, the following steps will take place:
 - If person is on site, they will immediately be sent home or isolated until sent home. If isolated while on site, person should wear a mask.
 - We will communicate with Staff, Participant Families and King County Health Department.
 - Issaquah Parks and Community Services will follow WA DOH guidelines on isolation and quarantining for all individuals in close contact with an individual positive with COVID-19.
 - Practices and games may be cancelled. Rescheduled practices and games will be made if space and time allow, but are not guaranteed.