

**What height are the baskets?** Nine feet for 2 & 3 graders, ten feet for 4-6 graders.

**How will I know what team my child is on?** The coaches will call you and let you know when you practice. At the first practice coaches will hand out a complete roster with game and practice schedule.

**When do they get jerseys?** The coaches will hand jerseys out before the first game. If your child played in the fall, he/she will not get another jersey for the winter season.

**Will my child play?** The YMCA league is set up so all players play an equal amount of time. If this is not happening, you should contact Dave Harman right away.

**Are there scholarships available for basketball?**  
Yes.

**What happens to practices and games due to bad weather?** Practices and/or games cancelled due to bad weather will not be made up and no credit will be given. Coaches will contact you regarding any changes in practice time or game times and locations. Please call your coach before calling the YMCA.

**If I have a problem with the league who do I contact?**

Questions and comments should be directed to Dave Harman, Youth/Sports Director. Dave's office is located at the Downtown YMCA or call 701-364-4116.

**Storm Line: 701-364-4159**



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## **YOUTH BASKETBALL**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**



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## **Kindergarten and 1st Grade Boys and Girls Basketball Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Do parents have to stay in the gym with the players?**

No, but each parent should know her/his child's make-up and the child's attention span. If your child is one that needs more cuddling and parenting, then you should stay to help guide your child.

**Will someone call us to let us know when the program starts?** No, the programs start on a designated Saturday and run for five Saturdays. This is in the program guide and on the receipt.

### **Where do they play?**

If you sign up for YMCA Fercho Branch then you would go to the YMCA gym at 400 1 Ave S, Fargo. If you sign up for Schlossman Branch then you would go to the Schlossman gym at 4243 19 Ave SW, Fargo.

**What should the participant bring?** Gym clothes-shorts and tennis shoes.

**Do they get a t-shirt?** No.

## **Youth Basketball League for Grades 2-6 Boys and Girls Frequently Asked Questions**

**How many practices do the player have?** Once a week for one hour. If schools are closed we can not use the gyms, so on those days we have no practice.

**Where are practices held?** We use local elementary school gyms for our practices. We try to have your child practice as close to his/her home school as possible.

**What days are practices?** Practices could be held Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. We do not practice on Wednesdays.

**What times are practices?** The majority of gym times are at 6:00pm, 7:00pm and 8:00pm. We try to have the younger ages practice at the earlier times and older ones later.

**When are games played?** Games are played on Saturdays. We try having games done by 2:00pm. Most games are played in the morning starting at 8:00am. Game times depend greatly on how many teams are signed up in each grade.

**Where are games played?** Currently we are using Washington gym for 2 & 3 graders. Madison gym for 3 graders. Longfellow gym for 4 graders and South High II (formerly Agassiz) for 5 & 6 graders. This is not set because of the number of teams and the school gym availability could change each season.

**Who coaches the teams?** The teams are coached by volunteers. The majority of the coaches are parents and few teams are coached by college students.

**How are teams put together?** We try to place players together on teams according to what schools they go to. We also try to keep players that played together in the fall on the same team for the winter season. No guarantees that your child will be on a certain team.

**Can I get my child on a team after the deadline?** Maybe, if there are any teams in your child's grade that needs players we can place your child on one of those teams-you will be charged a late fee. After the deadline, your child will not be placed on a team that already has ten players.

### **How many players on a team?**

We try not to place more than a maximum of ten players on a team. On rare occasions a team may have more.

**What size basketballs do the players use?** All grades use women's size basketballs-28.5.