



## **Boys Basketball**

**Goal:** The primary goal of the league is to develop your son's joy of basketball and improve his skills. We strive to create a team approach/spirit, improve understanding of the fundamentals and practice within healthy competition.

**Recreational League:** Kindergarten and 1st grade have single conferences. Grades 2-6 have 2 conferences, Eastern and Western. Each conference attempts to match skill sets so all players have an enjoyable experience. The Eastern conference is more competitive than the Western.

**Junior High League:** The JH league is combined for 7th and 8th graders and has one conference. Teams are formed and practice begins following school team selections- typically early November.

**Travel League:** For those players interested, a travel league exists for grades 3-6. Each grade is split by the appropriate high school [HSE or Fishers] and within each grade there may be up to 3 different teams. The evaluations will be performed by the HSE and Fishers high school coaches. The travel league will compete with nearby towns. Players selected for travel teams will not play in the recreational league.

**Rec Plus:** Now in its second year, we are targeting families in our rec program that want their son to play more basketball, but don't want the commitment of our travel program. Our Rec Plus teams will have no interference or competition with our rec program. Teams will practice once a week on either Friday evening or Saturday afternoon at one of our schools and after rec games are completed. Games will be held primarily on Sundays (may have a few Saturday evening games due to scheduling conflicts). Boys basketball board will hold an open tryout for anyone interested, and have players go through evaluations. Boys basketball board will be responsible for selecting teams. We will form at least 1 team in grades 3-8 (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> division is NEW for 2020/21). Boys basketball will look to expand offering to first and second grades in the future. All players must be in our rec program in order to try out for one of our Rec Plus teams. Games will be played against other community all-star teams.



**Registration:** Register online at [www.myathletics.com](http://www.myathletics.com). Registration for boys basketball begins in August and closes at the end of September for recreation league grades 1-6. JH league registration remains open through October. After registration is closed, a waiting list will be started.

*\*Please note for the 2020/21 season, the registration timeline has been adjusted to 9/11 – 10/31.*

**Evaluations:** To participate in the travel league, you must attend evaluations conducted by either Fishers or HSE high school coaches.

For the recreational league, evaluations will be conducted by the basketball board in late September/early October for grades 2-6 and November for JH. To participate in Rec Plus, your son must be in our rec league, and evaluations will occur after teams are formed.

**Time Commitment:** Kindergarten league runs from January through March. All practices and games will be held on Saturdays (no weekday events). Grades 1-6 runs from the beginning of November to the middle of March. JH plays from Jan to March. Typically, the teams will practice 1 time per week and play games on Saturdays. Weekday practices are scheduled to begin and end somewhere within the 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. time frame. Days and times depend on gym availability. Saturday games begin and end somewhere within the 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. time frame. Practices and games will take place in Hamilton Southeastern school district gyms.

The travel league runs from early October to the middle of March. Travel teams will typically practice 2 times per week and play games 2 times per week. Rec Plus teams will begin practice in mid to late November, with games beginning in January.

**Team Selection:** Kindergarten and 1st Grade- There is only one conference and the



League Commissioner chooses teams.

Grades 2-6- Teams will be formed via draft for both the Eastern and Western Conferences. Head coaches will select the teams.

Jr. High League- Teams will be formed via draft. There is only one conference.

For the recreational league, teams will NOT be divided based upon Fishers versus HSE high school boundaries.

**Cost:** \$85 for Kindergarten, \$130 for grades 1st-Jr High. This cost covers jersey, Mudsock Youth Athletic membership dues, insurance, officials, etc. The travel league and Rec Plus may cost an additional amount to cover additional uniforms and gym time.

**Refund Policy:** There is a \$32 non-refundable fee on all registrations. The \$10 late fee for registrations after August 31 is also non-refundable.

August 1 – September 15 – Refund after \$32 non-refundable is subtracted  
September 16 – September 30 – 50% refund after \$32 non-refundable is subtracted  
October 1 – October 15 – 25% refund after \$32 non-refundable is subtracted  
After October 15 – No refund

*\*Please note for the 2020/21 season, the refund policy has been adjusted.*

**Travel program-** Families are required to register for travel tryouts at [myathletics.com](http://myathletics.com) prior to tryouts. If a player is selected for one of our travel teams, they will pay the travel fee for the 2020/2021 season to accept the position.

**Coach Selection:** Parent coaches and independent coaches are utilized. The grade commissioner along with the basketball board will select the recreational league coaches. Both high schools provide additional assistance for the travel programs.



**Playing Time:** The recreational league intends to provide equal playing time for all players. Rec Plus and the travel program is intended to be more competitive and playing time will vary based upon performance.

**General Rules:**

- K-6<sup>th</sup> grade will use 28.5 size basketballs, JH and HS will use 29.5 size basketballs.
- League will provide referees for all grades except K.

Kindergarten will play on 8ft goals, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd grades will play on 9ft goals, remaining grades on 10ft goal.