



## 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.

**High School Intramurals:** Open to all HSE and Fishers students-boys and girls. All grades play together but can choose from 2 conferences with one being more competitive. Season begins in December and concludes in late February/early March.

**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 against nearby towns. Players selected for travel teams will not play in the recreational league.

**Mudsock Basketball:** This is a new offering from Boys Basketball. 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 Mudsock Basketball 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. Initial goal is to form at least 1 team in grades 3-6, and possibly JH depending on interest. 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 Mudsock Basketball teams. Games will be played against other community all-star teams.

**Registration:** Register at the S.P.O.R.T.S. office or on-line at [www.hsesports.org](http://www.hsesports.org). Registration for boys basketball begins in August and closes at the end of September for recreation league grades 1-6. JH league and HS intramurals registration remains open through October. After registration is closed, a waiting list will be started.

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



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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 Mudsock Basketball, 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. Mudsock Basketball teams will begin practice in mid to late November, with games beginning in January.

HS intramurals start in December and end in early March. There is no practice, and games will only be played on Sunday evenings at HSE and/or Fishers HS.

**Team Selection:** Kindergarten and 1st Grade- There is only one conference and the League Commissioner chooses teams.

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade- Eastern and Western Conferences, and League commissioners will select teams.

Grades 3-6- 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, S.P.O.R.T.S membership dues, insurance, officials, etc. The travel league and Mudsock Basketball may cost an additional amount to cover additional uniforms and gym time.

**Refund Policy:** While registration is still open, a full refund (less \$32 S.P.O.R.T.S. non-refundable processing fee) will be given to players that pull out of the rec league. After registration is closed, no refunds will be given.



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Travel program- Families are required to pay \$130 registration fee before tryouts. If a player is selected for one of our travel teams and declines to player in either our travel or rec program, then no refund will be given.

**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 goals.