

## Johnston Recreation Department Boys Basketball – FAQ's

### 1. Program Structure

- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Clinic
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Clinic
- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade League
- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade League
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade League
- High School League

### 2. When and where do they play?

- All practices and games will take place at the Johnston Indoor Recreation Center.
- All practices for all age divisions will last approximately 50 minutes.
- The clinics will take place once a week, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade divisions will practice once a week and have a game once a week, and the high school league will have games once a week.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Clinic
    - Saturday mornings/early afternoon
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Clinic
    - Saturday mornings/early afternoon
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade League
    - *Practices:* Wednesday nights
    - *Games:* Saturday mornings/early afternoon
  - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade League
    - *Practices:* Monday nights
    - *Games:* Friday nights
  - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade League
    - *Practices:* Tuesday nights
    - *Games:* Saturday mornings
  - High School League
    - *Games:* Wednesday nights

### 3. Can I make a special request?

- *Special requests will not be accepted;* only siblings will be placed on the same team. Player evaluations will be held for children in grades 3 and up and that is how the teams will be determined.

### 4. When does the basketball season start and how long will it run for?

- The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade clinic will be on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Leagues: Player evaluations will take place on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Ferri Middle School for players in grades 3-8. The first

practice for boys in these grades will take place the weekend of the 10<sup>th</sup>. The first games for these leagues will begin November 30<sup>th</sup>.

- High school boys evaluations will take place on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> and their first games will take place on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>
- All leagues will run until the second weekend in March.
- Breaks in the season:
  - Thanksgiving – November 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Christmas – 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>
  - New Year's Eve – 31<sup>st</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Martin Luther King – January 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Week of February Vacation

#### 5. What is the player evaluation and who has to attend?

- Player evaluations are for all boys in grades 3 and up. All players in these grades must attend evaluations. The evaluations are simply a way to gauge all of the player's abilities. From this, we are able to create evenly balanced teams. All children will be placed on a team.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders: evaluations will take place on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Ferri Middle School
  - High school league: evaluations will take place on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at the Johnston Indoor Recreation Center.

#### 6. How come my child's team doesn't have a coach yet?

- All of our coaches are volunteering their time. The majority of our volunteer coaches are the parent/guardian of a player. We do not hire or pay coaches for recreation sports; they are all individuals volunteering their time to coach and help the youth of our community. This process does take time because individuals can be reluctant to step-up and help out. We will assist in any way we can to make your coaching experience run as smoothly as possible.
- To become a volunteer coach and to help assist with the basketball league, there is some paperwork that is to be filled out which can be found online or at the Johnston Recreation Department office. All coaches are required to fill out a Background Check and we provide all of our coaches with a CPR/AED/First Aid course.

#### 7. How come my child's team does not have a sponsor? Does that mean they will not receive uniforms?

- Sponsors are local business's / people who donate to the youth basketball league to sponsor a team. If you know anyone who would be interested in sponsoring, please let the Recreation Department know and we will gladly contact him or her. We also have the sponsorship form on our website and have them at the recreation office. Teams will receive jerseys with or without a sponsor.

8. What does a uniform include?

- For boys in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade and the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade clinics: uniforms include a t-shirt and shorts
- For all other divisions: uniforms include a t-shirt

9. How much does it cost for my child to play?

**\*\*Early registration ends on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Please add \$5.00 to the registration prices below after October 13<sup>th</sup>. Registrations end on October 20<sup>th</sup>.**

- **1<sup>st</sup> grade clinic:** \$75.00 per child || \$55.00 for each additional sibling
- **2<sup>nd</sup> grade clinic:** \$75.00 per child || \$55.00 for each additional sibling
- **Leagues for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>:** \$90.00 per child || \$70.00 for each additional sibling