



Johnston Parks and Recreation Department

Girls' Basketball FAQs: 2022 -2023 Season

1. Program Structure

- 1st & 2nd Grade League
 - 1st & 2nd graders will meet twice a week and have practices and games.
 - Please note, this age group is an introductory level and will play fewer games than the older leagues in order to focus on skills and drills.
 - During a few sessions, the JHS Boys' Varsity Basketball coach (Mike Bedrosian) and JHS Boys' Basketball players will run skills and drills for the players.
 - Standings will not be kept for this league. There will not be any playoff games for this league.
- 3rd & 4th Grade League
 - 3rd & 4th graders will meet twice a week and have practices and games.
 - Please note, the teams will begin with practicing two times a week and after the first few practices, we will switch to one practice and one game a week.
 - Standings will be kept for this league and the season will end with playoff games for this league.
- 5th & 6th Grade League
 - 5th & 6th graders will meet twice a week and have practices and games.
 - Please note, the teams will begin with practicing two times a week and after the first few practices, we will switch to one practice and one game a week.
 - Standings will be kept for this league and the season will end with playoff games for this league.
- 7th – 9th Grade League
 - 7th – 9th graders will meet twice a week and have practices and games.
 - Please note, the teams will begin with practicing two times a week and after the first few practices, we will switch to one practice and one game a week.
 - Standings will be kept for this league and the season will end with playoff games for this league.

2. When and where do they play?

- All practices and games will take place at the Johnston Indoor Recreation Center (located at 1741 Atwood Ave).
- All practices/games will last for approximately 50min.
- 1st & 2nd Grade League
 - *Practices:* Thursday evenings
 - *Practices/Games:* Saturday early – mid afternoons
- 3rd & 4th Grade League
 - *Practices:* Tuesday evenings

- *Games:* Saturday early – mid afternoons
- 5th & 6th Grade League
 - *Practices:* Tuesday evenings
 - *Games:* Saturday early – mid afternoons
- 7th – 9th Grade League
 - *Practices:* Thursday evenings
 - *Games:* Saturday early – mid afternoons

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 does it run for?

- The 1st & 2nd grade league will have their first practice on Saturday, December 3rd.
- The 3rd – 9th grade leagues will have player evaluations on Saturday, November 19th and teams will have their first practices the week of November 28th.
- All leagues will run through the second weekend in March.
- Breaks in the season:
 - *Thanksgiving Break:* November 23rd – November 26th. Program will resume on Monday, November 28th.
 - *Winter/Holiday Break:* Friday, December 23rd – Monday, January 2nd. Program will resume on Tuesday, January 3rd.
 - *Mid-Winter Break:* Friday, January 13th – Monday, January 16th. Program will resume on Tuesday, January 17th.
 - *Presidents Day:* Monday, February 20th. Program will resume on Tuesday, February 21st.

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

- All players in 3rd – 9th grade are required to attend their designated evaluation sessions.
 - Evaluations are simply a way to gauge the abilities of the player. From this, we are able to create evenly balanced teams during our coach's draft.
 - All children will be placed on a team.
- Players in 3rd – 9th Grade
 - Date: Saturday, November 19th
 - Location: Johnston Indoor Recreation Center
 - Times: 12:00pm, 1:00pm, **OR** 2:00pm
 - Players must attend the evaluations at their assigned time slot based on their last name.
 - Exact times will be emailed out closer to the evaluation date.

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

- All of our coaches are volunteering their time to help the youth of our community. The majority of our volunteer coaches are the parent/guardian of a player. 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.
- If your child's team does not have a volunteer coach, we will have Recreation Staff available to run practices and coach during games.

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

- 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. If they do not have a sponsor, their team will be the Johnston Recreation Department.

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

- Register now through October 21st.
 - 1st – 9th Graders: \$95.00 per individual || \$75.00 for each additional sibling
- **Registrations end on October 21st. After this date, all registration prices will increase \$10.00 per child.

9. What does the registration fee include?

- Registration fee includes a jersey, player insurance.

10. What is the difference between the Recreation League and Travel League?

- Recreation League:
 - All players who register for the Recreation League are placed on a team.
 - All practices and games take place at the Johnston Indoor Rec Center.
- Travel League:
 - For travel, there are tryouts and cuts are made to finalize a team roster.
 - All travel practices will be held in Johnston but game locations vary throughout the state.
 - Any player who plays on a travel team must play in the Recreation League.
 - There are separate practice times/days for travel.
 - The travel league is a separate registration fee.
 - Uniforms for the travel league may be an additional cost.
 - Travel basketball is a more competitive league.