

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

REGISTRATION:

Q- When is registration?

A- Registration starts early September and runs through October 6 or until specific age groups are full.

Q-Is there walk in registration?

A- No, we only conduct online registrations.

Q- Must my child play within their age (boys)/grade(girls) group?

A- Yes.

Q- When can my child begin playing?

A- Participants must be 6 years old as of September 1.

Q- Why do participants have to submit a copy of their Birth Certificate?

A- All new players must email/US mail a valid copy of the player's birth certificate (or passport) so it may be reviewed by the registrar. This is done upon entry into the LTRC Basketball Program and not needed for returning players. If you register as a returning player and we do not have birth certificate verification you will not be considered registered.

Q- Can my child request to play on the same team as their friends or may I request teammates for car pooling? Can I request a specific coach?

A- NO. We have a large number of participants and our goal is to establish teams that are roughly equal in skill level to the best of our knowledge. As a result, we can not accept requests of any kind. Siblings within the same age group will be placed on the same team (unless otherwise requested).

Q- My child can't make a certain night?

A- When registering, we allow one (1) evening to be selected in which your child can NOT participate.

EVALUATIONS:

Q- What are the evaluations for?

A- The evaluations are to assist with the even distribution of players among the teams.

Q- What if my child will miss evaluations?

A- We encourage participants to make every effort to make evaluations. In the unfortunate instance that a player must miss evaluations we suggest you notify the commissioner of that league.

GAMES & PRACTICES:

Q- When are games?

A- Friday 6-7 clinic is held on Friday evenings.

Saturday Boys 6-7, 8 clinic & Boys and Girls 9-10 are held on Saturdays potentially ranging from morning to early evening.

Girls Clinics are held on Sundays.

11-12 boys are held on Saturday mornings and afternoon and occasional Sunday afternoons (only if needed).

Middle School girls is held on Saturday afternoon and evening.

13-14 boys are held on Sunday afternoon and evenings and/or Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

The above is dependent on registration numbers and gym availability, and therefore subject to change.

Q- When are practices?

A- The 6-7 clinic program only plays on the day you sign up for. Boys 8 and Girls 8 practice one day a week (could be Monday through Thursday), if gym space is available.

9-10, 11-12 boys and Middle School girls can practice any day of the week.

13-14 boys typically do not hold practice once the season starts.

Q- Where are games and practices held?

A- TYPICALLY- 6-7 & 8 are held at Hampton, Lutherville Lab, Pinewood, Riderwood and Ruxton.

9-10 is held at Hampton, Lutherville, Pinewood, Timonium and West Towson. 11-12 boys and Middle School girls games are held at Carver, Ridgely and West Towson and practices could be at any of the available sites. 13-14 boys are held at Ridgely or Carver.

The above are dependent on registration numbers and school availability.

Q- How many times a week does my child play?

A- The 6-7 clinic programs meet once a week. The 8 clinic program meets twice a week (if space permits).

9-10 & 11-12 boys and Middle School girls have one game and one practice a week. (During playoff weeks games may be played on practice nights)

13-14 boys have two games a week (with an occasional week of three games)

Q- When does the season run?

A- Practices begin in early November and games run the 1st Saturday in December through February with appropriate breaks for holidays. Clinic starts the first week of December and runs through February. 13-14 boys start practices after school tryouts, usually late November.

EQUIPMENT:

Q- Does my child receive a uniform?

A- All participants receive a jersey and are expected to provide their own shorts, socks and appropriate shoes. LT shorts are available through spirit wear sales.

Q- What size basketball is used?

A-Clinics use 27.5” youth balls, all girls and boys 9-10 use 28.5” and boys 11-12 & 13-14 use 29.5”.

Q- Does my child receive a basketball?

A. Only clinic players receive a basketball.

TEAM NOTIFICATIONS:

Q- When will we be contacted about team assignments?

A- **We must first get enough volunteer parents to coach, team breakouts are totally dependent upon parents stepping up to coach. Any delays are because we do not have enough coaches. We will not start a league until we have coaches for every team.** As soon as the teams are assigned/drafted you will be contacted by your coach, this may be a very short time before the first event.

TRAVEL BASKETBALL:

Q- When are tryouts?

A- You may go to the web site and see when specific age group tryouts are being held and at what locations. Travel tryouts take place in September/October.

Q- Does my child have to play in house if he makes a travel team?

A- Participants must play in house.

Q- Does my child have to sign up before tryouts?

A- All travel tryout participants **MUST** be registered for in house before they will be able to tryout.

Q- What is the additional time commitment for travel?

A- Travel has one additional practice and one additional game per week. They also will get into a couple tournaments which will not conflict with in house.

Q- What is the cost for travel?

A- Travel costs usually range between \$225 and \$300 above the in-house cost, plus uniforms (which are approximately \$100).

Q- What age groups have travel teams and how many in each one?

A- Clinic will have a 7-8 travel team if there is enough interest generated during registration. All other age groups will have attempt to have up to two travel teams depending on interest and talent level.

Q- How are travel teams selected?

A- Teams are selected by independent evaluators.

Q- How are travel coaches selected?

A- Travel coaches are selected after the travel teams have been determined. If you are interested in being considered as a travel team coach, please contact the travel coordinator and let him know of your interest.