

2022 BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL January 8th – February 12th

Overview

Basketball has been a tradition of the YMCA since it was created by Dr. James Naismith in 1891. At the Wabash County YMCA, we embrace our history and are proud to offer Youth Basketball to children as young as age 4, up to 6th Grade. We believe that Youth Sports should be used to develop a child's character while also giving them an opportunity to be active and enjoy being introduced to a new sport. For more experienced players we still believe in giving all children the opportunity to succeed and always place the emphasis on providing a fun environment for your kids.

Divisions

PreK-K, Grades 1&2, Grades 3&4 and Grades 5&6. There will be an adjusted rim height and smaller balls for younger players.

Practice

Practices will begin the morning of the first game date. There will be individual team practice with a camp practice flair in the Wood Gym at the Wabash County YMCA. Times will be set by grades and will be the same time each week.

Games

Games will be played on Saturday morning beginning as early as 8:30am, depending upon ages. The schedule will be released as soon as the teams are formed. Games will be held in the Wood Gym at the Wabash County YMCA. Games will immediately follow each day's practice time.

Equipment

The YMCA will provide: Basketballs and jerseys.

Parents will be responsible for providing: appropriate footwear (no sandals or boots), shorts and/or sweats, water, snacks.

Pictures

Picture packets and schedules will be distributed at practice, as well as via email. Details regarding picture day and times will be delivered via email.

Coaches

Like almost all youth sports organizations, the YMCA depends on volunteer coaches to lead our teams. We believe strongly in the impact a volunteer can have on a child and encourage all parents who are able to volunteer. Lesson plans can be provided. It is also our goal to allow all players to participate in 1/2 of each game. However, if we are unable to obtain enough volunteer coaches to keep rosters manageable, your child's playing time may be affected. For information on the responsibilities of a volunteer coach please contact the Sports Director, Bill Barrows, at bbarrows@wabashcountyyymca.org or at 260 563-9622 at extension 416.

Coaches Meeting Tuesday, November 2nd 5:30pm; @ the YMCA.

SAFETY: INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICIES

Games - The YMCA will decide on weather conditions 60-90 minutes prior to game start time. Any determination after that will be made at the facility. This ensures that we do not cancel games “too early” and that our kids can play if at all possible. Weather is not the only factor in determining cancellation. The Program Director will make that decision.

Practice - Decisions concerning practices will be made by individual coaches prior to practice. Please check with your coach for updates.

Cancellations/Game Make-Ups - Any rescheduled game overrides any set practice times. Coaches are responsible for canceling practices due to weather conditions; the YMCA is responsible for game days.

How to find out if games/practices have been cancelled during the indoor sports season:

Check the Y Website at wabashcountyyymca.org, the Y Facebook page or the Y app for any notification changes due to weather, or call the Y directly at (260) 563-9622. Coaches will also be made aware via email or text if there will be changes due to weather.