

WATERTOWN PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.

YOUTH BASKETBALL: At this time we plan to go forward with the youth basketball program and are accepting registrations. However, based on current events everything is subject to change. If the league is cancelled for the season everyone will receive a full refund.

COACHES: Coaching is more than knowing the game. The ability to teach age appropriate athletic skills is equally as important as being aware of the needs of children participating in sports. All coaches are subject to a national background check.

SPONSORSHIP: We operate a number of Youth Basketball Leagues throughout the winter. These leagues service boys and girls in grades one through twelve. Sponsorship features your company name on T-shirts that must be worn by participants during games.

YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE INFORMATION

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PRACTICE TIME: Every team practices ages 8-17 - 1 hour/week. Day and time depends on team placement. Practice time slots are Monday-Friday between 5:30pm - 9:00pm and will start the week of November 29.

TEAM SELECTION: The 10 & over coaches will pick the teams with the intent of creating teams as balanced as possible. Team placement is final. Coaches will notify players of team placement before the first day of practice. No Team Selections Required for Bantam, Boys 8&9 and Girls In-Town division. Players will be placed on teams by lottery draw.

GAMES: Day and time depends on team placement. Each team will play approximately 8-10 games. The coaches will give you the schedule.

REFEREEING: If you have a basketball background and a desire to learn the finer points of the game, then refereeing may be for you. Referees and scorekeepers should contact Park and Recreation. Referees must be at least 18 years old.

We know the season will look different than normal. We are still working on all safety procedures and will likely not have it finalized until we get closer to the start and know what restrictions will be in place at that time. We have been working closely with the Torrington Area Health Department and following state guidelines on all of our programs and facility operations and that has led to a very successful summer program season. We will continue to follow their guidance and run our programs as safely as possible for everyone. With that being said, our basketball season has always been extremely popular. In order to run a safe and high quality program, here are some of the rules we *may* be implementing in the fall:

- Fans will be socially distanced in the bleachers.
- Games will be scheduled to allow safer traffic flow in the building.
- Coaches and fans will wear masks. Players will wear masks before and after game.
- Balls and bleachers will be disinfected in between games.
- Please remain outside the building until five minutes before your class start time.

Again, this plan is preliminary and just an outline of what is to come. With the uncertainty that lies ahead, we are trying to a new approach to registration this year.

To ensure compliance with all Covid-19 guidelines, program modifications may change as State and Health Department guidelines changed.