



## City of Broadview Heights Parks and Recreation Department

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### Welcome to Broadview Heights Youth Basketball

Thank you for registering your son or daughter to play basketball in Broadview Heights this season. It is our hope that he or she will have a fun and exciting experience, make new friends and learn about the great sport of basketball.

We are fortunate to have one of the largest recreational youth basketball programs in the area with almost 600 participants ranging from 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> grades, plus additional teams from other nearby communities.

If you are new to our program you may have some questions. I'll try to answer some of the more common ones in this letter. If there is any additional information you need, do not hesitate to contact me at [GDiehl@broadview-heights.org](mailto:GDiehl@broadview-heights.org).

#### When are games and practices?

Although we have varying start times for the different divisions based on the holiday schedule, court availability and other community participation, our leagues generally start practices in mid-November and games in early January.

Games for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders take place Sunday afternoons beginning at noon. 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade games are on Saturday with the younger ages beginning at 8:00 AM and the older ages running until 9:00 PM. Boys 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade play on Friday nights.

Practices take place either at the Broadview Rec Center or at school gyms in North Royalton or Brecksville. Practice times are determined by the coach and continue on the same night throughout the season.

#### My son or daughter is trying out for a school or travel team. What happens if they make it?

If your son or daughter makes a school or travel team and has already registered to play rec, just let us know and as soon as you find out and we will cancel your rec. registration and issue a full refund.

#### I am interested in coaching. How do I go about doing that?

On your child's registration there is a question asking if you would be interested in coaching. Simply check that box and we will get in touch with you. In order to be a coach you will need to fill out a coaching application which includes a background check and other required forms. Coaching applications are available on our website at [www.bhrec.org](http://www.bhrec.org).



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### **My child can't practice on certain nights. What do I do?**

We ask on the registration form what days are not good for practices for you. However, often a child is placed on a team before the coach has chosen a practice time. We try to be as accommodating as possible but occasionally conflicts arise. When they do, we work through them on a case by case basis.

### **Can I request to play for a coach or with a friend?**

We do our best to accommodate friend requests to a point. That is, if possible, we will honor up to two friend requests. If you add multiple names into one friend request field on the registration form, only the first name will be considered. Additional names will be deleted and not considered. Request to play for a coach that are entered in the friend request field will be deleted.

While we understand it is fun to play with your friends year after year, experience has taught us that it is more important to focus on trying to create teams of even skill level and age distribution. Our goal is for EVERYONE to have fun and enjoy the season.

History has also taught us that allowing coaches to request players and/or players to request specific coaches consistently tends to create an imbalance in the skill level and competitiveness of teams. Therefore, we no longer accept coach requests from players and coaches are not permitted to request players for their teams. Failure to receive your player request is NOT a valid reason for a refund and a refund will NOT be granted.

### **When will I hear from a coach?**

Registration ends October 31. **It can take up to 3 weeks to finalize teams.** You should not expect to hear from your child's coach until up to 3 weeks following the end of registrations.

Also, players will hear from coaches at different times depending on the league they are in. That is, your neighbor or friend may hear from a coach a week or so before you do. Please do not call the rec center asking who your coach is. When the teams are set, we will notify you.

### **What are the details about the games?**

The following grid should answer most of your questions. Note: it is likely the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade leagues will be combined into one league.



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League	Matchup	Hoop Height	Court Size	Ball Size	Free throws	Foul Line	Time Outs
<b><i>Boys Leagues</i></b>							
Boys 1st Grade	3 v 3	8'	1/2	28.5	No	-	-
Boys 2nd Grade	4 v 4	8'	1/2	28.5	No	-	-
Boys 3rd Grade	5 v 5	9'	Full	28.5	7 / 10	13'	2 per half
Boys 4th Grade	5 v 5	9'	Full	28.5	7 / 10	13'	2 per half
Boys 5th/6th Grade	5 v 5	10'	Full	28.5	7 / 10	15'	2 per half
Boys 7th/8th Grade	5 v 5	10'	Full	28.5	7 / 10	15'	2 per half
Boys 9th/10th Grade	5 v 5	10'	Full	29.5	7 / 10	15'	2 per half
<b><i>Girls Leagues</i></b>							
Girls 2nd Grade	4 v 4	10'	1/2	28.5	No	-	-
Girls 3rd/4th Grade	5 v 5	9'	Full	28.5	7 / 10	11'	2 per half
Girls 5th/6th Grade	5 v 5	10'	Full	28.5	7 / 10	13'	2 per half

League specific rules are available on our website at [www.bhrec.org](http://www.bhrec.org)

### Our Partnership with the Cleveland Cavaliers

We have been participating in the Cleveland Junior Cavaliers program for years. This is a program that features a specific Broadview Heights day at the Quicken Loans arena and offers each player in our basketball program two free tickets to the game that day.

Due to the Cavalier's success in recent years, there have been some changes to the Junior Cavaliers Program. You will still receive two free tickets however all Broadview Heights tickets may not be on the same day. You may have a choice of games to attend. Additional tickets at a reduced price are no longer available.

Additional details will be forthcoming.

### How do I get my tickets?

Although details are still being finalized, the process usually works like this: Once our registrations are closed we send the Cavaliers a list of our participants. The Cavaliers then send a letter to your home with a ticket request form. You fill it out and send it back to the Cavs to request your tickets. The rec center is not involved in this process.

Tickets are not sent out automatically. You need to request them. Tickets are ONLY available for the games listed. However, if those tickets become sold out, additional games will be made available at the discretion of the Cavaliers.

If you have any additional questions, do not hesitate to contact me.



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Good luck this season.

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