
COACHING

1. **I'm interested in coaching, but I have never done it before. Do you offer training?**
 - a. Yes. We always offer a training session for our coaches. We also have staff at each practice who are knowledgeable about the game. They are available to assist you if you are in need of guidance.
2. **I may want to coach, but I work, and I'm not sure I can commit to the time schedule. What are my options?**
 - a. As a coach you get to pick your practice time from a wide range of time slots we have available. If there is an issue with a game scheduled on the weekend, let us know and we will do our best to accommodate you. We appreciate our volunteer coaches and try to accommodate every coach's requests.
3. **I'm coaching, can I coach my own child?**
 - a. Yes, you will be coaching your own child unless otherwise requested.
4. **I'm coaching and a buddy of mine would like to assist with me. Is that a possibility?**
 - a. Yes. Each head coach can have one assistant coach. Your team will then consist of your child(ren) and their child(ren). The rest of your team will be formed by our league directors.
5. **I have kids in different divisions. Do I have to pick which kid I am going to coach or can I coach them both?**
 - a. Of course you can coach more than one team! If coaching more than one team, we will also make sure that you never play at the same time. All of our coaches who coach more than one team have priority in picking their practice times.

REGISTRATION & GETTING CLEARED

1. **Getting cleared? What is that?**
 - a. Getting "cleared" is our way of making the registration process easier. Step one is to register online. This allows you to make sure we have all of your account information correct (names, phone numbers, etc.), for you to receive the necessary league paperwork in advance and for you to pay online. The second step is to come to an evaluation. That is when we verify that your child meets the requirements of the league, check height, shirt size, and evaluate their skills. Just make sure to bring the four forms with you to the evaluation!!
 - i. Note: There is no skills evaluation in the Instructional Basketball League.
2. **I've paid online. What's my next step?**
 - a. You will need to bring your child to one of the evaluation dates in order to get cleared to play. The four forms attached to your confirmation email should be filled out and brought with you when you bring your child to the evaluation dates. We will then verify your child meets the requirements of the league, check height, shirt size, and evaluate their skills. A list of the evaluation dates can be found on the flyer.
 - i. Note: There is no skills evaluation in the Instructional Basketball League.
3. **What does my registration fee include?**
 - a. Your registration fee includes a uniform top and an award.

4. How long will the evaluation take?

- a. If you have registered online, the evaluation should take no longer than 10 minutes. Registering online gives you a “fast pass” and allows you to skip filling out the paperwork and seeing a cashier to check out. Your child will be checked in and advised to go straight to the gym for evaluation.
 - i. Note: Instructional basketball players will only have their age, height, and shirt size verified. Estimated time: 5 minutes.
- b. If you did not register online, the evaluation can take a half an hour. The four forms will need to be filled out, you will need to see a cashier to verify your child’s birthdate, and check out PRIOR to your child going into the gym to be evaluated.
 - i. Note: Instructional basketball player’s will not be skill evaluated, but all paperwork will need to be completed prior to your child being evaluated.

5. Oh no! I’ve registered online and missed the evaluation dates! What happens now?

- a. Your child will be automatically placed on the wait list. Players come off the waitlist only if/when additional players are needed in order to even out the teams (make each team have the same number of players). If we do not need to even out the teams, you will be issued a refund.

6. I missed the online registration window! What can I do now?

- a. Your child can still play! You will need to register the same day your child gets evaluated. To speed up your process, the four forms needed for evaluation can be found on the Youth Sports page on the District website (the Registration Form, Emergency Preparedness Form, the Parent/Athlete Concussion Awareness Form and the Parent Code of Ethics). If you have these items filled out, you can see a cashier to check out. If not, forms are available on evaluation day.

7. My child has never played before. Does everyone make the team?

- a. Yes, every child that is evaluated gets placed on a team. Teams are formed based on height and skill level (except the instructional basketball league). Our league directors do the best they can to make the team as even in height and skill as possible.

8. We’re cleared, but my child is no longer going to play. Can I get a refund?

- a. Yes, but the time frame for refunds is limited and some fees do apply.

9. My child is cleared! We’re ready to play. What’s next?

- a. It takes a few weeks after the evaluation days are over to formulate the teams. Once the teams are put together, the league directors meet with the coaches to talk about expectations for the upcoming season. After the coaches receive their teams, they are encouraged to call or email their players ASAP. We allow our coaches a 48 hour grace period to contact their team. After that team lists are posted online. If you see the lists posted and you haven’t been contacted, call the sports office for assistance.

SPECIAL REQUEST

- 1. We have other commitments on [insert day of the week/time]. I need to practice on a specific day. Is it possible to make this happen?**
 - a. Unfortunately no, we do not take special request. Our league depends on volunteer coaches and we must work around their availability. The best way to make sure you get the specific day or time you need is to become the head coach of the team.
- 2. We have a lot of family commitments. What is the commitment like for this league?**
 - a. The commitment to this league is no more than 3 hours a week. Each practice is 1 hour and each game is 1 hour. We anticipate another hour for getting to the gym early and time spent after the game.
- 3. I have a carpool request...**
 - a. We cannot accommodate carpool requests. Pairing or grouping players on a team deviates from our process of forming teams (age, height, skill level) and compromises the parity of the league. The only way to guarantee two players are on the same team is to be a coach/assistant coach combo.
- 4. I have two kids playing in the same division. Can they be on the same team?**
 - a. Yes, siblings will be placed on the same team unless otherwise requested.

LEAGUE PLAY

- 1. How long does this league last?**
 - a. Our leagues last 10 to 12 weeks.
 - i. Note: The Youth Basketball League does have a post season where you may play another two weeks.
- 2. I lost my schedule. Can you provide me with a new one?**
 - a. Schedules can be found online by visiting our youth sports page.
 - i. Note: The Youth Basketball League standings are also found on this page.
- 3. What rules are you playing by?**
 - a. We play by high school rules unless otherwise noted. A copy of all our league rules can be found on our youth sports page.
- 4. Does my child need to bring a ball?**
 - a. Your child should bring a ball with them to practice. The size ball your child will be playing with is listed in our rules under "Equipment." All game balls are provided by the league.
 - i. Note: Practice and game balls are provided for the Volleyball League.
- 5. Where are the practices/and games?**
 - a. Practices and games are held at the Rancho Santa Susana Community Center exclusively for the Instructional Leagues; the Youth Basketball League also uses other gyms throughout the community. A list of locations (with addresses) can be found online. Coaches do have the option to hold extra practice elsewhere – please contact your coach to find out where.
- 6. What is an Instructional League?**
 - a. Instructional Leagues offer younger and/or beginner players an opportunity to learn the basics of the game with adapted rules. We do not keep standings.