



**DACULA**  
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
**BASKETBALL**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Who can play in the DAA league?**

DAA is open school age children ages 5 through 18 (age as of September 1<sup>st</sup>). You do not have to live in the Dacula Community nor Gwinnett County. However, there is an additional \$90.00 charge per player for any child not residing in Gwinnett County and this will be verified by Gwinnett Parks and Recreation Department. 18 year-olds must be in high school.

### **How much does it cost?**

The registration fee is winter: \$170.00, for the first child and \$150.00 for each additional child from the same family. This cost includes a full uniform.

### **How do I register my child?**

You can register on-line or in person. Online registration is open from September 1<sup>st</sup> thru October 19<sup>th</sup>. Payment is by credit card only for online registration and DAA accepts VISA and MasterCard only. For in person registration or to pay by cash or check, three (3) walk-up registrations will be made available each month at the Dacula High School Media Center, until registration is closed. Check the Calendar link for all dates at [www.dacula.com](http://www.dacula.com).

### **What if my child makes the local middle school or a high school team?**

Any player that registers to play at DAA can receive a refund if they show proof that they made one of the teams listed above. We encourage you to register early in the event that you do not make a school team since registration is on a first come-first serve basis, and you are not guaranteed a roster spot in the recreational league if any age group is already full when you register. If you register early and you do make a team, DAA will refund your registration fee less a \$5 administrative fee for any refund.

### **What are some key dates during the year?**

A complete calendar can be found on the website. The dates are subject to change.

### **Can I request to be on a specific team, coach, or request to play with a specific child?**

Our players are assigned to teams using a draft system. Coaches will score players based on the player evaluations. We DO NOT allow parents or coaches to reserve or request specific players/teams/coaches. We only have three (3) exceptions to this rule – a head coaches' child will always be on his/her team, and siblings in the same age group will always be on the same team and registered assistant coaches' will have his/her child on his/her team. Assistant coaches and other team volunteers are usually decided after the team draft. You must be a head coach to reserve your child. No car pool exceptions are permitted.

### **Where will games/practices be held?**

Practices and home games for elementary school age kids will be held mainly at the elementary schools (Dacula ES, Mulbery ES, and Alcova ES). All middle school age kids play and practice at Dacula Middle. There are no guarantees that your child will practice or play games at any specific location.



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### **When will practices and games be held?**

Practices and games will be held weekdays, Monday – Thursday with games on Fridays and Saturdays (which will be minimal games necessary to complete the season). Due to amount of players and teams, each team will usually have at least 1-2 practices / games per week until season begins.

### **How late will practices/games be?**

We will attempt to not have practices or games extend beyond 9:00 PM on any school night and 9:00 PM on Saturdays. Practices will be one (1) hour per scheduled practice. Weekday games may start at 6:00 PM and weekends at 9:00 AM. Games on Saturday run between 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. We have the youngest kids (5/6 years old) play earliest. All Sunday games are between 1-5pm.

### **What are the age groups and can my child play with a different age group?**

The age groups are

5-6 Coed	13-14 Girls & Boys
7-8 Girls & Boys	13-18 Girls
9-10 Girls & Boys	15-18 Boys
11-12 Girls & Boys	

The 13-14 girls league may be available depending on number of players in this age group.

If there is not enough player, 13-14 girls league will be merged with 15-18 girls' league and form 13-18 girls' league.

We use your child's age as of September 1st , to determine what age group they will play. If necessary, age will be verified by the DAA Basketball Board via a copy of your child's birth certificate. The age groups are subject to change. For the last two years, we have had separate 5-6 girls' and 5-6 boys' leagues. If we do not have 20-28 girls in the 5/6 age group register, you have the option of 1) playing in the 5/6 boys league, 2) moving up to 7/8 girls with League Director prior approval, 3) getting refund.

With League Director prior approval, a child may play up one age group. This will be based on the child's athletic ability to ensure for the safety of the children. Play up option during online registration is not available. Play up is only allowed based on league director's approval. No child will be able to play down one age group without exception.

### **What are the major rule changes this year?**

A complete copy of the rules can be found on the website. These are updated and subject to change at any time. Please check these often.

### **How do I sign up to be a coach?**

Volunteer sign-up can be done online when you register your child. You do not have to have basketball experience to coach a team. We are looking for good parents who can be good teachers. We will offer a coaches clinic to all persons interested in being a coach. This clinic will provide you with the basic knowledge to become a coach. There is also a great website to teach you how to become a coach (or a better coach): <http://coachesclipboard.net/CoachingKids.html>



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### **What is the Player's Clinic and is it mandatory my child attends?**

The Player's Clinic is held at the Dacula High School gyms. The clinic cost is not included in your child's registration. It is optional when registering. We will teach kids the fundamentals of basketball. With the basic fundamentals of basketball understood, your child will have a better playing experience during the season. The fundamentals we teach at this clinic can be practiced at home. The clinic is optional for all children. *More information can be found on our website.*

### **How are All Stars selected?**

The All Star policy is published on [www.dacula.com](http://www.dacula.com)

### **Can DAA have more practices than games?**

Dacula Athletic Association is recreational league, and not training program. Practices are held to keep team's cohesiveness and develop teamwork. Practices amount is determined based on gym availability and may not be available throughout the season.

### **Who referees the games?**

The Dacula Athletic Association uses outside referee organizations to call each game. All officials in those games have no bias opinion on who wins the game, thus, they are calling the games at best they see and as fair as possible. In every level of sports, such as High School, College, professional leagues, there are questionable calls or missed calls. However, those are judgment calls and official can only call as they see.

### **How are players drafted?**

Dacula Athletic Association uses snake draft systems, and provides every coach a equal opportunity to select players during the draft. Our ultimate goal is to provide as equal talent among all teams in the league as possible. It is coach's discretion to select players, and DAA Basketball does not involve in selecting any players for any team (unless coach is absent and coach does not have any other person to send in draft, and asked DAA Basketball Board Member to select on behalf)

### **If you have any programs or scholarships, or any assistance that will allowed them to play that will be greatly appreciated.**

The results of this season's registration will determine how we will proceed with our scholarship program. Therefore we will have to wait until the end of the registration process in order to determine any scholarship offering.

### **Will I have to travel outside to other park?**

We schedule interleague games with other recreation parks nearby (Mt. View, Lawrenceville, Archer, Hebron, etc.). From time to time your team might travel to another park for a game and other times other parks will come to us. So, there are travel requirements.



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### **Are there games held during the holiday break?**

Because of the holidays the majority of the games will be in January -every weekend. So, until registration is closed and the schedule is made, we cannot tell when or if there will be games. But, there will be no games or practices while school is out.

### **Does fee include ENTIRE uniform including shoes?**

Registration fee include:

- Reversible Uniform (Jersey & Shorts)
- One optional skills clinic (Offered by Dacula High School coaches and players)
- 10 Regular season games, 1 post season game
- Weekly practices
- Basketball shoes are recommended but not provided by the league

### **Will there be any additional fees required after registration?**

Registration cost is \$170 per participant plus \$30 fundraiser fee.

### **Registration Cost Justification**

As part of the registration cost, each player receives a jersey and a pair of shorts. Referees and officials fees are also paid out of the cost of registration. Along with the cost for officiating, gym rentals fees make up a large portion of the registration cost. Games are played at various gyms in the Dacula School Cluster. It is important to know that we have to rent these gyms from the Gwinnett County Board of Education for games and practices times.

### **Fundraiser**

The fundraiser each year this year is a gas card raffle. Each player will be required to pay the \$30 during registration. An e-mail will be sent out once raffle tickets are in. It should be no later than second walk-up registration. You will sell 30 raffle tickets for \$1 each, which will recoup your investment if you sell all 30 tickets. The date and location of the raffle is TBD later. We will draw 15 names and each person will win a prize worth \$50 or more. Prizes TBD.

### **Are uniforms included in the registration cost?**

DAA Basketball is part of the Dacula Falcons community. We are all Falcons in this association. We will wear the colors of our Dacula Falcons. Additionally, in an effort to keep your cost as low as possible, we work to keep the uniform cost low. Uniforms will be a reversible jersey and shorts.

### **What are the team name(s) and colors?**

The league uniforms are reversible, Navy Blue and Vegas Gold and all players in the league will wear the same uniform.



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### **Is winter the only season for basketball?**

Yes. Currently, winter basketball is the only season we have and you have to register through the DAA website to play. To register [click here](#) and it will take you to the site.

### **I like to stay as involved in the community. How can I be a part of the DAA basketball board?**

The basketball board welcomes enthusiastic volunteers to help out. We have fresh new ideas we want to bring to the community. The board meets weekly and I will bring up your request at our next meeting. You will be invited to sit in and see if you like what you hear.

### **Any other questions**

If you have any other questions, please contact age specific league director or basketball director, available on our board member section at [DAA Basketball Board](#).