



Mudsock Boys Basketball 2023 - 2024 Season Information



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Boys Basketball Overview and Divisions

Goal: The primary goal of the league is to develop your participant's joy of basketball and improve their skills. We strive to create a team approach/spirit, improve understanding of the fundamentals and practice within healthy competition.

Recreational League: Kindergarten and 1st grade have single conferences. Grades 2nd - 6th have 2 conferences, Eastern and Western, as applicable by registrations. Each conference attempts to match skill sets so all players have an enjoyable experience. The Eastern conference is more competitive than the Western.

Junior High League: The junior high league is combined for 7th and 8th graders and has one conference. Teams are formed and practice begins following school team selections which is typically in early November.

Rec Plus: Our rec plus program targets athletes who are registered for rec and who want to play more basketball, but don't want the commitment of our travel program. Our Rec Plus teams will have no interference or competition with our rec program. The boys basketball board will hold an open tryout for anyone interested, and have players go through evaluations. The boys basketball board will be responsible for selecting teams. We will form at least one team in grades 3rd - 7th/8th. All players must be in our rec program to try out for one of our Rec Plus teams. Games will be played against other community all-star teams.

Travel League: For those players interested, a travel league exists for grades 3rd – 6th. Each grade is split by the corresponding high school [HSE or Fishers] and within each grade there may be up to 3 different teams. The evaluations will be performed by the HSE and Fishers high school coaches. The travel league will compete with nearby towns. Players selected for travel teams will not play in the recreational league.

Please note, a **co-ed high school intramural option will be offered again for the 2023 season to students of HSE and Fishers High School. Registration will open late November at myathletics.com with games running from January – mid-March.*

Registration Fees

Open winter registration runs from August 1st – August 31st. Registration will be accepted online at www.myathletics.com. Winter fees (early bird pricing) will be as follows:

\$105 for kindergarten

\$150 for grades 1st - 8th grade

\$200 Rec Plus (offered for 3rd – 8th) MUST play both Rec and Rec Plus

Early bird pricing will be available the month of August. Beginning September 1st, registration fees will increase and some divisions may form waitlists.

There will be a multi-player discount available for families registering three or more children within the boys basketball league.

Refund Policy

For the winter 2023-2024 season, the refund policy will be as follows:

August 1 – September 15 – Refund after \$32 non-refundable fee

September 16 – September 30 – 50% refund after \$32 non-refundable fee

October 1 – October 15 – 25% refund after \$32 non-refundable fee

After October 15 – No refund

Any additional fees incurred for registration completed after August 31st are also non-refundable.



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FAQs

When is the basketball season?

- **The kindergarten division** runs from January through March.
- **1st - 6th grade** runs from the beginning of November to the middle of March.
- **The junior high division** runs from December to March.
- **Rec Plus** runs from mid to late November and most teams will complete play in March.
- **The travel league** runs from early October to the middle of March.

What is the time commitment?

- For the **kindergarten division**, all practices and games will be held on Saturdays (no weekday events).
- **1st – 8th grade teams** will practice 1 time per week and play games on Saturdays. Weekday practices are scheduled to begin and end somewhere within the 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. timeframe. Days and times depend on gym availability. Saturday games begin and end somewhere within the 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. timeframe. Practices and games will take place in Hamilton Southeastern School District Gyms.
- **Rec Plus teams** will practice once a week on either Friday evening or Saturday afternoon at one of our schools and after rec games are completed. Games will be held primarily on Sundays (there may be a few Saturday evening games due to scheduling conflicts).
- **Travel teams** will typically practice 2 times per week and play games 2 times per week.

Are there evaluations?

- For the recreational league, evaluations will be conducted by the boys basketball board in late September/early October for grades 2nd - 6th and November for Junior High.
- There will be NO evaluations for the kindergarten and 1st grade divisions.
- To participate in Rec Plus, your participant must be in our rec league, and evaluations will occur after rec teams are formed.
- To participate in the travel league, you must attend evaluations conducted by either Fishers or HSE high school coaches.

How are teams selected?

Our kindergarten and 1st grade divisions have one conference, and the league commissioners select the teams. For grades 2nd – 6th, teams will be formed via draft for both the Eastern and Western Conferences and head coaches will select the teams. Our junior high division teams will be formed via draft and there is only one conference. Please note, for the recreational league, teams will NOT be divided based upon Fishers versus HSE high school boundaries.

What does the recreational program fee cover?

The cost is \$105 for kindergarten and \$150 for grades 1st – junior high. This cost covers the jersey, Mudsock Youth Athletic membership dues, insurance, officials, etc. The travel league and Rec Plus Division may cost an additional amount to cover uniforms and gym time.

How do I register for travel program tryouts?

Families are required to register for travel tryouts at myathletics.com prior to tryouts. If a player is selected for one of our travel teams, they will pay the travel fee for the 2023/2024 season to accept the position.

How are coaches selected?

Parent coaches and independent coaches are utilized. The grade commissioner along with the basketball board will select the recreational league coaches. Both high schools provide additional assistance for the travel programs.

How is playing time determined?

The recreational league intends to provide equal playing time for all players. Rec Plus and the travel program is intended to be more competitive and playing time will vary based upon performance.

What equipment do I need?

Basketball shorts and shoes. The league does provide jerseys. You may also bring your own basketball, though some will be provided.

What size ball do I need?

Kindergarten – 6th grade will use 28.5 size basketballs, junior high and high school will use 29.5 size basketballs.

General Rules

The league will provide referees for all grades except kindergarten.

Kindergarten will play on 8 ft goals and 1st and 2nd grades will play on 9 ft goals. All remaining grades will utilize 10 ft goals.



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