**Information sheet for the 2025 - 2026 Season**

 **(Boys and Girls Competitive Travel Basketball)**

Tryouts: Girls 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades: tryouts already held

 Boys 3rd – 6th grades: October 3 and 5

 Boys 7th / 8th grades: December 8 and 9

League Play: Big Cat Basketball League ([www.bigcatbasketball.com](http://www.bigcatbasketball.com))

 All games played on Sundays in western suburbs

 2 games on each playing date for all teams

**Girls 5th through 8th Grade teams – ~ 12 games (game schedules will be published by Big Cat League)**

 League Games Begin: November 2, 2025

Dates and Times are estimated based on past seasons

 League Game Times: 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

 League Tournament: December 14, 2025

**Boys 3rd and 4th Grade teams – ~ 14 games (game schedules will be published by Big Cat League)**

 League Games Begin: January 11, 2026

Dates and Times are estimated based on past seasons

 League Game Times: 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

 League Tournament: March 8, 2026

**Boys 5th / 6th Grade teams – ~ 20 games (game schedules will be published by Big Cat League)**

 League Games Begin: December 7, 2025

Dates and Times are estimated based on past seasons

 League Game Times: 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

 League Tournament: March 14 and 15, 2026

**Boys 7th / 8th Grade teams – ~ 14 games (exact game schedules will be published by Big Cat League)**

 League Game Begin: January 25, 2026

Dates and Times are estimated based on past seasons

 League Game Times: 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm

 League Tournament: March 14 and 15, 2026

**Note:** The 7th / 8th grade seasons will not conflict with the Novi Middle School basketball program.

 Some coaches may elect to play in post season tournaments and will advise so at tryouts.

**Playing Time:** NO guarantee; at coach’s sole discretion, missed practices may reduce playing time.

**Expected Practice:**

Generally, 2 90-minute practices per week weeknights and Saturdays (3 per week for Elite teams in 7th / 8th grades. Practice times and locations dependent on gym availability. All practices will be at Novi Schools gym facilities.

Girls 5th through 8th grade teams: Practices to begin in early September

Boys 3rd / 4th / 5th / 6th grade teams: Practices to begin in early November

Boys 7th / 8th grade teams: Practices to begin in mid-December

Estimated Costs:

 Girls 5th – 8th grade teams: $350 to $450 / player (plus $150 for uniform)

 3rd / 4th grade teams: $400 / player (plus $150 for uniform if necessary)

 5th / 6th grade teams: $500 / player (plus $150 for uniform if necessary)

 7th / 8th grade teams: $400 / player (plus $150 for uniform if necessary)

Costs include estimates for two tournaments. Additional costs may occur, primarily if teams participate in additional tournaments.

*Invitation to join a CATS team are processed through our website, and fees (based on estimates above) are are due at the time of acceptance (credit card payments are accepted on the Novi Cats website).* Uniforms are ordered/paid directly by families.