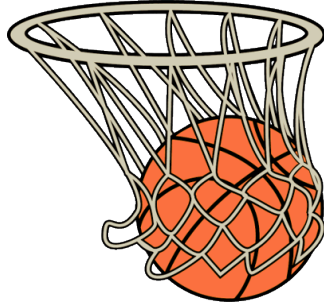


YMCA Basketball 2016

"I love to watch you play!"



Dear Basketball Parents:

Hello and welcome to YMCA basketball! My name is Tim Hesseltine, and I will be your son's basketball coach for this season. Our first practice will be Tuesday, October 25th from 6:30-7:30 on Court B2 at the North YMCA. We will be practicing every Tuesday at this time throughout the course of the season. I do not have game schedules as of yet. I will send that information out to you as soon I receive it from the YMCA.

I am very excited to have the opportunity to help your son play this season. Our roster has 10 boys on it, meaning that everyone should get a lot of playing time! I will do everything I can to ensure that your son gets on the court as much as possible.

Things your child will need for basketball:

Basketball shoes. If you don't have basketball shoes, they need to at least have comfortable tennis shoes, and something that he doesn't normally wear during the day. This will help to keep the YMCA basketball court floor clean and scuff free.

A blue/white reversible YMCA jersey for games. These can be purchased at the front desk of any YMCA.

Numbers on the back of both sides of the reversible jersey. I took Nathan's to Lou's Sporting Goods at 934 S. Oliver, and they do good work!

My cell phone number is [\(316\) 250-1678](tel:3162501678) if you have any questions. I may also be reached by email at kuhawksfan88@gmail.com. I will send another email prior to our first game with a game schedule once I receive that information.

I will not be at the first practice as I have Parent/Teacher conferences and am required to be at this event. However we have a Dad who is also helping coach the team, and he will do a GREAT job of running practice! After the second practice, I would like to meet with all of you for a very short period of time. The YMCA has asked all parents to read and sign a Parents Code of Ethics letter, and I will hand that out at that time. Also, I would like to review what our expectations are as coaches from parents, and how you can help your child with basketball at home once practice is over. This is a team effort, and you are a part of our team!

Notes for Parents

- Please Communicate! If you won't be at practice or a game please call/text/email me ASAP. Our practice/game plans will be very detailed and the sooner we know who we may be missing on that day, the better for us to organize our practice/game plan for that day.
- Practice/Game Attendance: Your attendance for practice/games is not required. However please be on time dropping off and picking up your child. If you are running late, please call/text/email me so that we know your child is safe. If you are planning to drop your child off at the door at the Y, please contact me so that I know that is the plan. The Y has a lot of foot traffic and I feel better knowing where our kids are during practice/game time.
- Game Day: Please be 10 minutes early for games so we can get organized. Also, the coaches will want to talk to the team after each game. Please give us a few minutes to do that.
- Coaching: I am very fortunate to have several other Dads helping coach this team! We will work hard to help your child improve and enjoy basketball. That said; please let us do our job during practice/games. The court is for coaches and players only. If you are interested in helping, just ask and we will see what we can do to make that happen.

- **Game Day:** During games, the kids love encouragement and positive support from parents, fans, and coaches. Please keep your support and positive comments non-specific. Yelling “good job,” “way to go,” and “I love to watch you play” are great ways to support your child and our team. Specific comments shouted during game time from the crowd like “shoot it,” or “pass it,” immediately after the child touches the ball can create real stress and apprehension on the child. Please keep this in mind during games.
- **Interacting with Officials:** They are kids. They are learning. They will make mistakes. I am looking for consistency in their calls and nothing more than that. Should something need to be addressed during the game, one of the coaches will speak with officials as needed. My experience from working with them is that they are here for kids, they will work hard, and they always do their best to get things right. At no point is it appropriate for anyone other than a coach to talk to the officials during or after a game. If you have a concern, speak to the coaches after the game and we will address the issue with their supervisor.

REMEMBER:

- 1.) These are kids
- 2.) This is a game
- 3.) The coaches volunteer
- 4.) The referees are human
- 5.) You don't play in the NBA

