

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION
YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAM**



**2011-2012
PARENT HANDBOOK**

WTPR Youth Basketball Advisory Board

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WTPR YOUTH BASKETBALL – GENERAL INFORMATION

Sign-ups:

Sign-ups for WTPR Youth Basketball will take place on line at www.wtbasketball.com beginning September 1 through September 30, 2011. **Online registration requires use of a Visa or Mastercard.**

If you prefer to pay by check or cash, in-person registration will take place at the Parks and Recreation Office located at 2 McClure Drive (across from the WT Police Department) Monday thru Wednesday, September 26 to 30, 2011, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, September 29, 2010, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Late sign-ups will be accepted online (credit card only) and in the Parks and Recreation Office beginning October 1 to October 14, 2011. **Late sign-ups will be subject to a \$25.00 late fee.**

Anyone signing up after October 14, 2011 must come to the Parks and Recreation Office to register and they will be put on a Waiting List and assigned where necessary to balance teams. There is no guarantee that the individual will be placed on a team. **Registrants are subject to a late fee of \$25.00.** If not placed, a full refund will be given.

Eligible Players:

1. Only residents of Washington Township may participate as players.
2. Participants must be at least 5 years old on or before October 15, 2011 to participate.
3. All players must not be 19 years old on or before October 15, 2011 to participate.
3. Members of school teams 9th grade and above are not eligible and will receive a full refund upon being chosen by their schools.
4. Washington Township residents who are members of any independent basketball teams are not eligible to participate in WTPR Basketball. An independent team is any team whose season runs concurrently with the WTPR season. Elementary and middle school teams are not considered to be independent teams.

IMPORTANT NOTICES:

A. 1. The incidence of vandalism, destruction of school property and educational displays, and trash has increased to the point of being a major problem for both the Board of Education and the Advisory Board. If the following rules cannot be observed by everyone, the use of school facilities may become severely limited or lost to the basketball program.

- a. **No one is allowed in the gym buildings until 6:00 p.m.**
- b. **Absolutely no smoking in the building.**
- c. **Absolutely no food or drink is allowed in the building.**
- d. **No running or playing in the halls.**
- e. **Young children must be accompanied and controlled by their parents.**
- f. **Anyone pulling a false fire alarm will be prosecuted and fined.**
- g. **It is the responsibility of all parents, coaches, players, fans, etc. to clean up after themselves and properly place trash in the receptacles.**

School officials, Washington Township Parks & Recreation (WTPR) league officials, coaches and referees will request violators to leave the building immediately. Repeated violations by spectators, parents and/or players will result in suspensions. WTPR Basketball is a guest in the schools. Let's all follow these simple rules and have an enjoyable year.

B. High-heeled shoes and/or boots **must not** be worn in the gyms at Bells, Birches, Wedgewood, Whitman Elementary Schools and the Bunker Hill Middle School since they will damage the new floors.

C. Additionally, the Board of Education has requested and the Advisory Board agrees that more must be done by **everyone** to ensure security in the schools. All parents will be required to volunteer a small amount of time to monitor the halls in designated schools during games and report any problems to the coaches. Your coach will explain this system prior to the regular season.

Refund Policy:

Cancellations should be reported immediately to Washington Township Parks & Recreation. Registration fees will not be refunded after the player is assigned to a team and the team has practiced for two (2) weeks unless the player is selected to a high school team or is injured before the first league game. Parks and Recreation must be notified immediately for a refund.

Cancellation Fee:

All cancellations processed by Parks and Recreation will be subject to a \$10.00 cancellation fee with the exception of those making a high school team or are injured prior to the first league game.

Volunteers:

Approximately 2300 participants are anticipated. Coaches, scorekeepers, timekeepers, and league directors are needed. We also need referees and pay \$15.00 to \$30.00 per game. Please call 589-3227 to volunteer.

Sponsors:

We need a sponsor (business, club, church, individual, etc.) for each team. We anticipate having approximately 230 teams. Sponsorships cost \$100.00 and are tax deductible. Each sponsor receives free advertising, a team picture, and possibly a trophy. ***Sponsor Special: \$80.00 if received by September 15th; sponsor two or more teams - \$75.00 each.***

Injury Reports:

If your child is injured during a practice/game and requires the medical attention of a doctor/hospital, the parent or coach must file an Accident Report Form within 24 hours of the injury with the Parks & Recreation Office. The insurance each participant has through the Youth Basketball program is secondary. All bills must first be submitted to the claimant's insurance company. The WTPR Insurance has a \$100.00 deductible. Claims must be submitted within 90 days of the injury.

Team Selection:

Teams are selected in a league draft based on age and rating. Players cannot be traded after the draft. Parents cannot select their child's coach. A parent may request that their child not play for a specific coach, if such a request is justified in a letter to the Parks & Recreation Office prior to October 25, 2010. Your coach will call you when practice begins (mid-November to mid- December).

Planned Leagues:

BOYS: 5 and 6 (Clinic), 7 (Instructional) 8 (Instructional), 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16-18
GIRLS: 5 and 6 (Clinic), 7 (Instructional), 8 (Instructional), 9, 10, 11, 12, 13-14, 15-18
CHALLENGER DIVISION: Designed for the physically and/or mentally challenged players.

Practices and Games:

Practices begin between mid-November and mid-December depending on the age group. Games begin in January and run through March. Usually each team practices/plays games two (2) days a week. The leagues play weekday nights from 6:00-9:00 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; and Sundays, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Rules:

High school rules are used with various exceptions in younger age groups. Also, younger age groups use eight and nine-foot baskets and smaller basketballs. The primary rule of all age groups is that each player **must** play two (2) full quarters (buzzer to buzzer) unless injured or removed for disciplinary reasons. Please contact the Basketball Advisory Board if your child is not playing two (2) full periods.

Uniforms:

Parks & Recreation supplies each participant with a shirt. Local sporting goods stores carry other accessories if you wish to purchase them.

Sportsmanship:

Sportsmanship is a vital ingredient of youth sports. Participation in youth sports requires all individuals – coaches, players, parents and administrators – to display good sportsmanship during the activity. Please see the basketball bylaws for the rules on suspensions for technical fouls, age falsification, fighting, foul language, and unsportsmanlike conduct.

Suggestions/Comments:

If you have a suggestion or a problem regarding the bylaws or how your child is being handled, please ask the coach first. If you feel follow-up is necessary, please address your concerns to:

1. The League Coordinator; then
2. The Basketball Advisory Board; then
3. The Sports Advisory Board

All communications should be in writing to ensure a response. We encourage your suggestions on improving the program.

Thank you,

WTPR Basketball Advisory Board

BOYS TRAVEL TEAM INFORMATION

The purpose of the Travel Team Program is to enhance the development of those players who, at this stage of their careers, have demonstrated a higher level of ability than other players of comparable age.

*Participation in the Travel Team Program is based solely on playing ability. Tryouts are held and not all players who tryout are selected for the team.

*The time commitment by players (and their parents) is considerably greater than the time required to participate in the intramural program. The practices will start in mid-October and the season will usually end in late March. There are normally two to three practices per week in addition to two to three games per week. Parents are expected to provide transportation for their children to and from away games.

*Parents of children who are also playing basketball for middle schools, private schools or other non-competing organizations should seriously consider the time commitment required to participate on possibly three teams at once. Additionally, parents should be aware that certain private schools prohibit their players from participating on other teams to avoid a potential problem. Travel teams will be selected prior to selection of middle school teams.

*Children playing for an independent team are *not* eligible to tryout for any travel team.

*The travel teams participate in the South Jersey Basketball League, Gloucester County Basketball League, and/or Cape-Atlantic Basketball League.

*Travel Teams also participate in tournaments in Pennsylvania, at the Jersey shore, etc.

*There is an additional fee for all players who are selected for the travel team to help pay for league and tournament fees.

*Teams will be limited to 10 players each and each player will be guaranteed the equivalent of one full quarter of playing time per game for all regular season games and tournaments. Playing time for playoff games is guaranteed to be at least 4 minutes per game. Children selected to participate on a travel team will not be eligible to play in the intramural program.

BOYS FOURTH THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE TEAMS

(Two teams for each grade level if sufficient number of players attends tryouts.)

BOYS TRAVEL TEAM TRYOUTS

NOTE: APPLICANTS MAY TRYOUT FOR ONE GRADE LEVEL TEAM ONLY AND MUST REGISTERED FOR WTPR YOUTH BASKETBALL

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THE FOURTH (4TH) GRADE TEAMS ARE FOR ALL BOYS IN THE 4TH GRADE AND WHO WILL NOT BE ELEVEN (11) YEARS OLD BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2011.

THE FIFTH (5TH) GRADE TEAMS ARE FOR ALL BOYS IN THE 5TH GRADE AND WHO WILL NOT BE TWELVE (12) YEARS OLD BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2011.

THE SIXTH (6TH) GRADE TEAMS ARE FOR ALL BOYS IN THE 6TH GRADE AND WHO WILL NOT BE THIRTEEN (13) YEARS OLD BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2011.

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THE EIGHTH (8TH) GRADE TEAMS ARE FOR ALL BOYS IN THE 8TH GRADE AND WHO WILL NOT BE 15 YEARS OLD PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 1, 2011. **FRESHMEN MAY NOT PARTICIPATE.**

TRYOUTS FOR THESE TEAMS WILL BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

BOYS 4TH GRADE TEAMS		
October 11, 2011	7:00-9:00 PM	Bunker Hill Middle School
October 13, 2011	7:00-9:00 PM	Bunker Hill Middle School
BOYS 5TH GRADE TEAMS		
October 9, 2011	3:00-5:00 PM	WTHS 11-12 Wing (Old Gym)
October 16, 2011	3:00-5:00 PM	WTHS 11-12 Wing (Old Gym)
BOYS 6TH GRADE TEAMS		
October 9, 2011	3:00-5:00 PM	WTHS 11-12 Wing (New Gym)
October 16, 2011	3:00-5:00 PM	WTHS 11-12 Wing (New Gym)
BOYS 7TH GRADE TEAMS		
October 9, 2011	5:00-7:00 PM	WTHS 11-12 Wing (Old Gym)
October 16, 2011	5:00-7:00 PM	WTHS 11-12 Wing (Old Gym)
BOYS 8TH GRADE TEAMS		
October 9, 2011	5:00-7:00 PM	WTHS 11-12 Wing (New Gym)
October 16, 2011	5:00-7:00 PM	WTHS 11-12 Wing (New Gym)

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GIRLS 4TH GRADE TEAMS		
October 11, 2011	6:00-7:30 PM	Chestnut Ridge Middle School
October 13, 2011	6:00-7:30 PM	Chestnut Ridge Middle School
GIRLS 5TH GRADE TEAMS		
October 3, 2011	6:00-7:30 PM	Chestnut Ridge Middle School
October 6, 2011	6:00-7:30 PM	Chestnut Ridge Middle School
GIRLS 6TH GRADE TEAMS		
October 3, 2011	7:30-9:00 PM	Chestnut Ridge Middle School
October 6, 2011	7:30-9:00 PM	Chestnut Ridge Middle School
GIRLS 7TH GRADE TEAMS		
October 4, 2011	6:00-7:30 PM	Chestnut Ridge Middle School
October 11, 2011	7:30-9:00 PM	Chestnut Ridge Middle School
GIRLS 8TH GRADE TEAMS		
October 4, 2011	7:30-9:00 PM	Chestnut Ridge Middle School
October 13, 2011	7:30-9:00 PM	Chestnut Ridge Middle School

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