

Medford Parks & Recreation Youth Basketball League Winter 2012 Parent Meeting



1. Introduction

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2. Games and Practices

- a. Games will be played on Saturdays at the Orchard Hill Elementary Gym (1011 La Loma Dr., Medford OR 97504)
- b. Games begin Feb. 4. The season ends Mar. 10 – participation medals and certificates of achievement distributed after the game.
- c. Kindergarten report time is Noon.
- d. Grades 1-2 report time is 1:30 p.m.
- e. Reversible, numbered jerseys will be distributed Feb. 4.
- f. Group and individual photos taken Feb. 18 (Lifetouch – 772-4455), no obligation to buy
- g. Each game should last about 15-20 minutes.
- h. Skill development drills occur prior to each game.

3. Teams

- a. Player will be randomly assigned to a team based on age. We make every effort to create balanced teams in terms of age and gender. We adjust teams from week to week for the sake of competitive balance.
- b. Kindergarteners compete against other Kindergartners; first- and second-graders compete against other first- and second-graders.
- c. All teams are co-ed due to a relative lack of girls registered.

4. Your Duties as a Parent

- a. Always be positive and encouraging
- b. Applaud the accomplishments of both teams
- c. Be a problem solver, not a problem creator
- d. Reinforce basic skills learned in practices with your child(ren) at home
- e. Encourage “superstars” to pass the ball and value an assist
- f. Make sure your child:
 - i. Wears his/her jersey to all games
 - ii. Wears soft-sole gym shoes to each game

5. Rules

- a. Rules are reviewed as a part of pre-game and ongoing instruction.
 - i. Games are 5 v. 5 or modified as needed
 - ii. Scores are not kept. We encourage players and parents to have fun and not worry about winning or losing.
 - iii. Players are expected to receive equal playing time.
- b. Safety and sportsmanship are of paramount importance.