

RESTON YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

2011-2012 INFORMATION

PURPOSE: The Reston Youth Basketball League (RYBL) provides basketball instruction, games, and training in sportsmanship for boys and girls ages 7 and older that live in Reston and neighboring communities. We offer both "House" and "Travel" programs organized according to age for House and now grade for Travel. The House league activities go from late November through mid-March and the Travel program begins in October and ends in early March.

ON-LINE REGISTRATION

For the sixth season we are encouraging on-line registration. See our website www.restonbasketball.com and click on **REGISTER NOW**. As an incentive, the fee for on-line registration will include a \$15 discount. The service will accept VISA, MasterCard, and American Express credit or debit cards.

KEY DATES

TRAVEL Registration/Tryouts, start Tuesday, October 4 (see website www.restonbasketball.com for details)

First HOUSE Skills Evaluation, Saturday, October 22, Forest Edge Elementary (see below)

Last HOUSE Skills Evaluation, Saturday, November 5, Hunters Woods Elementary (see below)

HOUSE LEAGUE DETAILS

AGE GROUPS: From ages 7 to 14 there are two-year divisions for both genders – 7&8, 9&10, 11&12, and 13&14. The oldest girls division includes 15 year olds. There is the potential for a boys 15-18 division or placement with the Herndon program. See the **Age Group Placement** section below for specifics.

ELIGIBILITY: RYBL is open to any child who is 7 years or older on **October 1, 2011**. **Children playing interscholastic junior or senior high basketball for a public or private school during RYBL's season are not eligible. Players in RYBL are prohibited from playing for any organization's House league and any Select/Travel team during the same season.**

NUMBER OF PLAYERS AND TEAMS: Last season there were more than 800 children registered in the House League with 8, 9, or 10 children per team depending on the age group and the number of volunteer coaches. Each Age Group Commissioner decides how teams will be formed.

COACHES: RYBL relies on volunteers to coach its teams. In the last few years, team selection was delayed because Commissioners did not have enough coaches. Please consider volunteering to coach or assistant coach your child's team when registering.

RESIDENCE: Typically players come from Reston, Herndon, Oakton, Oak Hill, Vienna, Franklin Farm, and Great Falls. Players from outside of Fairfax County are required to pay an additional Non-County Fee – see **FEES** below.

REGISTRATION: We strongly prefer on-line registration by going to our website www.restonbasketball.com. **NO ON-LINE REGISTRATION WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER NOVEMBER 4.** We also will continue to accept paper registration at extra cost. Both copies of the completed paper forms should be mailed to: **Registrar, RYBL, P.O. BOX 2574, RESTON, VA 20195.** Paper forms will be available at either of the **Skills Evaluation** sites. Specific times for on-site registration depending on gender and age are listed below. **Anyone registering after November 5 may be placed on a waiting list. Do not mail registration forms after November 2.**

FEES: To receive the \$15 discount, register on-line by November 4.

If registered on-line by November 4: \$85 per child (maximum \$160 per family).

If registered by mail or in person \$100 per child (maximum \$190 per family).

Non-County Fee: An extra \$30 per child is required for those not residing in Fairfax County or City, or the Towns of Clifton, Herndon, or Vienna.

Payment is required at the time of registration. If registering by paper form, checks or money orders should be made payable to RYBL. In the event of a bounced check, the player will not be placed on a team until payment is satisfied including a \$25 penalty.

AGE GROUP PLACEMENT: With few exceptions, children will be assigned to the age divisions based on the following birth dates:

BIRTH DATE FROM/TO	BOYS OR GIRLS AGE GROUP
October 2, 2002 to October 1, 2004	7 & 8
October 2, 2000 to October 1, 2002	9 & 10
October 2, 1998 to October 1, 2000	11 & 12
October 2, 1996 to October 1, 1998	13 & 14 (Boys only)
October 2, 1993 to October 1, 1996	13 – 15 (Girls only)
October 2, 1992 to October 1, 1996	15 – 18 (Boys only)

SKILLS EVALUATION: A brief evaluation of each player's skills is needed to competitively balance the teams within practical limits. Since skills can change markedly in one year, **all children must attend** either of the sessions. **The evaluations will be on Saturday, October 22 at Forest Edge Elementary Gym, 1501 Becontree Lane, Reston and on Saturday, November 5 at Hunters Woods Elementary Gym, 2401 Colts Neck Road, Reston at these times:**

<u>LAST NAME</u>			
Boys 7&8	8:00 am (A thru J) 8:45 am (K thru Z)	Girls 7&8 11:00 am Girls 9&10 11:45 pm	Boys 11&12 1:45 pm (A thru J) 2:45 pm (K thru Z)
Boys 9&10	9:30 am (A thru J) 10:15 am (K thru Z)	Girls 11&12 12:30 pm Girls 13-15 1:15 pm	Boys 13&14 4:00 pm Boys 15-18 4:45 pm

RYBL Web Site: www.restonbasketball.com

TEAM PRACTICES: Practices are normally limited to **one hour one night per week. Players should be notified by their coach of the first practice time by late November. Boys 15-18 players are typically notified later.** Practices will begin no earlier than November 28, 2011. There will be no practices during the public school winter vacation period from December 22, 2011 through January 2, 2012. Practice time slots on weeknights will occur between 5 pm and 9:30 pm. During December, teams may also practice on the Saturday's of the 3rd, 10th, and 17th for one hour between 8 am and 7 pm. While registering, parents may indicate weeknights or time slots to be avoided, within reason, to prevent conflicts with scouting, religious, or other recurring activities.

GAMES: Regular season games are scheduled to begin on Saturday, January 7, 2012 and continue until around the end of February. No games, including playoffs, can be played after March 15, 2012.

PLAYING TIME: In most age groups, each player will play a minimum of two quarters. More detailed rules for each age group are provided to each coach and are available to any parent.

REFEREES: RYBL trains and uses students, young adults, and parents as officials for all games except the high school boy's age group where only adult officials are used. Pay last year was \$14 per game for first year officials, \$16 per game for officials with one year of experience, and \$18 per game with two or more years of experience. Prospective officials, at least 13 years old by January 1, 2012, should sign up at either Skills Evaluation or contact Jim Elder at Elderjim@msn.com no later than November 5. Returning officials will be contacted by email regarding training dates.

CANCELLATIONS: Practices and games are frequently cancelled by Fairfax County due to weather or special activities going on in a particular school. Countywide cancellations are posted on Fairfax County television stations or you may call the County sports Weather Hotline at 703-324-5264.

EQUIPMENT: RYBL will provide reversible team jerseys once the teams are formed. Players provide their own shorts, socks, and shoes.

VOLUNTEERS: RYBL is run by volunteers except for the majority of referees. Volunteers are always needed for commissioners, County certified Building Directors, coaches, assistant coaches, scorekeepers, timers, and officials. Potential coaches or assistant coaches are subject to a background check. Training for coaches is usually provided by area high school coaches prior to the beginning of games. RYBL will notify coaches and assistant coaches when details are known. If you wish to volunteer as a coach or assistant, please contact your child's age group commissioner or check the proper box when registering.

TRAVEL LEAGUE (FCYBL) DETAILS

RYBL teams have participated in the Fairfax County Youth Basketball League for more than 30 years. Teams in this league are exposed to a more competitive level than RYBL's House program. Numerous RYBL players have gone to play on area high school varsity teams, college teams, and professionally, including the NBA.

AGE GROUPS: Reston will attempt to field one or more teams for boys and girls in the **5th grade (formerly U10), 6th grade (formerly U11), 7th grade (formerly U12), and 8th grade (formerly U13).** For some age groups there may be two levels of teams. In addition, all RYBL players must reside in Fairfax County and are limited to the zip codes of 20170, 20171, 20190, 20191, 20194, and 22181 with two exceptions allowed per team.

REGISTRATION: A child will not be allowed to tryout or practice unless **Registration is complete. Payment of the registration fee is required prior to the first tryout. There are no exceptions to this policy. Players who are not selected are guaranteed entry into the House League with no additional paperwork or payment. To be placed on a House team a new registration is not needed but the child must attend one of the House League Skills Evaluations described above. Children who are interested in being considered for a Travel team must attend the appropriate tryouts for their grade.**

TRYOUTS: A parent or guardian must accompany the child to tryouts. Players will be selected for teams based on their performance at tryouts. Tryouts will begin the first week of October and be held at least twice per team. Teams will be selected by mid to late October. Our website www.restonbasketball.com will list the dates and locations for each gender and grade level and be updated if needed.

PLAYER OBLIGATIONS: If selected, the player will be required to: (1) submit a copy of a Virginia DMV identification card as proof of birth date; (2) submit a copy of the most recent report card as proof of grade; (3) submit a medical release and emergency contact information; and (4) sign a code of conduct form. Participation in the Travel program requires extra commitment and dedication. After tryouts, teams begin practicing in late October twice a week for 90 minutes each and play a 12 to 14 game regular season schedule on weeknights and weekends at gyms throughout the County. Most teams play in Thanksgiving and/or December holiday tournaments as well as qualify to play in the County post-season tournament.

ADDITIONAL COSTS: Players are responsible for the cost of the team uniforms. The style will be identical to those used last season. If a new uniform is needed, the cost is estimated at \$60.

GIRLS TRAVEL COACHES NEEDED: RYBL is seeking head coaches for girls 5th, 6th, and 7th grade teams. If interested, please contact Mitch Kalman below.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Mitch Kalman, Travel Commissioner, at mpkalman@verizon.net or 703-481-1111.
