

**Blue Mountain Recreation Commission
Youth Basketball League
2025-2026 Season
Players & Coaches Notes**

PLAYERS & COACHES

1. Practices & Games Schedule

- a. Practices are held on Mondays – Thursdays, typically 1 hour in duration.
- b. Practices will be determined by coach and space availability. Teams will have a minimum of 1 practice a week, but no more than two practices a week.
- c. The schedule is set forth by the Recreation Supervisor and Recreation Director.
- d. There are to be no other outside practices.
- e. The program runs from October and concludes the first Saturday of March.
- f. Games and practices are NOT scheduled during December Holiday Recess.

2. Attendance

- a. Parents are asked to inform their child's coach if they are unable to make a practice or game. Please give the coach as much notice as possible.
- b. In the event of frequent absences or disciplinary action, it shall be the coach's discretion whether to play a member of the team (for example, if a player does not show up to practices and only shows up to games, etc.).
- c. If disciplinary action is deemed necessary, that player shall sit out the entire first period or the entire first half of the game, at the coach's discretion. The coach will notify the scorekeeper and the opposing coach of the player being disciplined.

3. Divisions/Other Teams

- a. Players who play for other teams are permitted to play in the League except for those that are removed from other teams due to disciplinary or academic reasons.
- b. Divisions are based on grade and number of sign-ups. Divisions can and will be adjusted before the beginning of the season but after registration has been completed.
- c. Players are assigned to one team for the season. Players are not permitted to "play up/down" on other Blue Mt. Rec Basketball league teams.

4. Recruitment

- a. Encouraging players to register for the League is permitted.
- b. Recruitment of players to a specific team or coach is prohibited.

5. Background Checks and Clearances

- a. All coaches are required to submit Criminal History and Child Abuse Clearances, and Disclosure forms to the Recreation Office prior to the start of the season.
- b. No adult may have contact with children until all clearances are submitted and approved.
- c. All coaches are required to wear a League-provided Volunteer Shirt on the court during games – NO EXCEPTIONS!

6. Player Recognition

- a. The League does not permit any individual recognition.
- b. Coaches are permitted (but not required to) recognize their team prior to the end of the season with permission from the Recreation Supervisor or Director.

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7. Player Draft

- a. Teams will be redrafted each season.
- b. Players are not required to be present at the draft, but highly recommended.
- c. Siblings in the same division will be drafted on the same team.
- d. All divisions will be drafted using a snake draft format.
- e. The head coach's son/daughter will automatically be placed on that coach's team prior to the draft.
- f. After the teams are established, a coach can recruit assistant coaches from their own team if necessary. If you want a specific assistant coach, you must draft that coach's child before anybody else.
- g. Any registered child who misses the draft will be placed on a team (at random) after the draft is complete, by the Recreation Supervisor and Director.
- h. Any child joining the League after the draft will be assigned a team by the Recreation Commission, as space permits.

8. Physicals

- a. Physicals are not required to be able to play.
- b. Parents will be asked to notify the Blue Mountain Recreation Commission of any health-related concerns throughout the season, if necessary.

9. Insurance Coverage

- a. All coaches are members of the League and are covered by liability insurance on the school grounds only.
- b. Travel to and from the games or practices is not covered by the Recreation policy.
- c. Coaches are urged not to transport players on the team, except for their own children.