

2012 Claire Chapin Epps YMCA



Commonly Asked Winter Basketball Questions

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD BRING?

-Please make sure your child dresses comfortably. (Shorts, t-shirt) Each child is recommended to bring a water bottle. The Y will provide basketballs but you may bring your own. Tennis/basketball shoes are required for safety reasons and to help protect the gym floor.

COST AND REGISTRATION

- Registration runs October 3 through December 3
- Member \$50.00
- Non-Member \$70.00

WHAT IS PROVIDED IN MY REGISTRATION FEE?

- The YMCA is committed to providing the highest quality program for you and your family. Staff is provided to oversee all operations. Referees are trained in rules and regulations of basketball. Additionally, your child will be provided with a team jersey. Every child will receive an end of the year trophy.

HOW OR WHERE DO YOU FIND COACHES AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS?

A. Coaches/Assistant Coaches

The majority of the coaches are parents of players in the program. Coaching is a volunteer position. Our primary source of coaches is found in the parents of your child's team. This allows for unity of the team and helps to build a strong community between coach and team members. New coaches are provided with support from the YMCA staff and are given the resources they need to help lead a successful coaching season. **If you have more questions or would like to coach please contact William Coates at 449-9622 or email williamc@coastalcarolinaymca.org.**

B. Team Parents

Team Parents are always helpful. In the YMCA, a team parent should:

- Establish and maintain communication with the sports director to help pass along information to the rest of the parents and coach.
- Gather other phone numbers and email addresses from parents in event of cancellation of games or game changes.
- Schedule a drink/snack schedule for each practice and game. Ask each parent to choose a day to help with this. Most parents are willing but you may encounter some that are financially unable.

WHAT KIND OF TRAINING/SCREENING DOES THE YMCA CONDUCT?

All volunteers and employees are subject to a criminal background check. Employees are trained on Child Abuse Prevention, Blood Borne Pathogens and the YMCA Code of Conduct (enclosed for your review). Coaches also review drills, skill development and character development, including the four core values of: honesty, respect, responsibility, and caring.

WHEN SHOULD I HEAR FROM THE COACH?

Coaches are expected to review their rosters and contact their players by December 29. Please contact the YMCA at 449-9622 if you have not heard from your coach by this date.

WHEN WILL PRACTICES BEGIN?

All ages- Practices will begin the week of Monday, January 2nd.

The 4-5 year old division will practice and play on Saturdays; their first practice will be January 7. Your coach will contact you with your time.

Ages 6 and up will practice one night for an hour during the week and play their games on Saturdays.

WHEN WILL THE GAMES BE PLAYED?

Age 4-5's- will play on Saturday. The first 30 minutes they will have a “mini-practice” and the last 30 minutes they will play a game.

Ages 6 and up- will play games on Saturdays. Game times are between 9:00 and 6:00. (possible Friday night games for U12+)

HOW CAN I GET A REFUND/ CREDIT?

Refund Policy-

DATE	REFUND/CREDIT
Any time from October 3-Dec. 10	A full refund will be issued.
From December 10-January 17	Refunds will not be issued. A credit for another YMCA program will be issued minus the cost of jersey and trophy cost. Player is still entitled to these items.
After January 17	Refunds or Credits will not be issued.

WHEN WILL WE GET SCHEDULES?

Schedules will be ready January 6th or sooner. They will be issued to your coach. Please contact your coach to get your schedules. Regular season games will start Jan. 14 and end Feb. 25.

Play-Offs:

Play-offs will be conducted March 5-10 for the U10 through U14 age divisions the week following the CAN AM CUP (soccer tournament). No games during the soccer tournament weekend March 3-4. Practices for these age groups are allowed as normal the week of Feb. 27-March 2.

WILL ALL THE GAMES BE AT THE CLAIRE CHAPIN EPPS YMCA?

- Ages **4&5's and 6&7's** all games will be played at Claire Chapin Epps Y.
- **All other age divisions** will play the majority of their games at the Claire Chapin Epps YMCA but may have games at the other gyms depending on the number of registered teams. This decision will be made by January 5th.

Division	Ball Size	Goal Height	Court
U6	26"	6 Feet	Half
U8	28"	8 Feet	Half
U10	28"	9-10 Feet	Full
U12	30"	10 Feet	Full
U14	30"	10 Feet	Full

WHO DO WE CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?

- William Coates is the Sports Director for both youth and adults. He can be reached at (843) 449-9622 or email williamc@coastalcarolinaymca.org. Typically he will be on the courts during games and practice times and may be unavailable for phone calls during those times.

DID YOU KNOW???....Basketball was born at the YMCA

Dr. James Naismith is known world-wide as the inventor of basketball. He was born in 1861 in Ramsay township, near Almonte, Ontario, Canada. The concept of basketball was born from Naismith's school days in the area where he played a simple child's game known as duck-on-a-rock outside his one-room schoolhouse. The game involved attempting to knock a "duck" off the top of a large rock by tossing another rock at it. Naismith went on to attend McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

After serving as McGill's Athletic Director, James Naismith moved on to the **YMCA** Training School in Springfield, Massachusetts, USA in 1891, **where the sport of basketball was born**. In Springfield, Naismith was faced with the problem of finding a sport that was suitable for play inside during the Massachusetts winter for the students at the School for Christian Workers. Naismith wanted to create a game of skill for the students instead of one that relied solely on strength. He needed a game that could be played indoors in a relatively small space. The first game was played with a soccer ball and two peach baskets used as goals. Naismith joined the University of Kansas faculty in 1898, teaching physical education and being a chaplain