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Gresham Youth Basketball Winter League Information Guide

Gresham Families,

Below is information on Gresham Youth Basketball for the 2018-19 Winter League season. GYB will enter its *third year* this season and we look forward to growing the program and working with your players this season and beyond.

What Age Groups does Gresham youth Basketball offer in the Winter? The goal at hand will be to have two teams in the following age groups: 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th.

What league will these teams play in? All of our Gresham Youth Basketball teams participate in the [Three Rivers League](#) or better known as the TRL. This is one of the most competitive leagues in the Portland Area and our goal with Gresham Youth Basketball is to offer the most competitive league in Gresham.

How do I find out more about the Three Rivers League? I've included a link to their website here in case you want to read up on what they offer:
<http://www.threeriversyouthbasketball.com/home.php>

How often will GYB teams practice during the season and where will practice be held? We will look to practice with our teams twice a week. Games will take place on the weekends. There are a few exceptions to weekday games (sometimes Friday nights), but we will look to keep most games on the weekend if possible. Practice will take place at a number of the local Gresham grade and middle schools.



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How much does the program cost per player? The program fee is \$230. This covers the uniforms, gym time, insurance, coaches, equipment, officials and your league fee. For families who can't pay the entire amount up front, we do have a payment plan in place (monthly payment) along with some scholarship funds.

Who Coaches our GYB teams? For the first two years, we have hired parents to run our teams and for the most part they have done a good job. We will look to add some additional coaches to the youth staff this year and each of our high school coaches will be assigned to an age group to act as a mentor to our youth staff while also being an assistant coach for teams in those age groups.

What benefit does the Gresham Youth Program give me over other programs? The biggest advantage to our program are the following: competition, coaching, connection with the high school staff. I will always recommend 1st thru 3rd grade players to participate in YMCA, but the most competitive high school programs around the state have good, solid youth programs and they all start at the 4th grade level. We will offer the most competitive league in Gresham with the best coaching and with a solid connection to the high school staff at Gresham High School.

Changes to Gresham Youth Basketball This Season

1. High School coach assigned to each age group to serve as assistant and mentor to coaches
2. We will hire officials to officiate our games so our high school staff can be on the bench with their assigned teams.
3. Team pictures: Each group will receive team pictures this year
4. One tournament: High school program will pay for one tournament for each team this year.
5. Youth Games: We will look to have our youth teams play games at half-time at the high school games.
6. GYB Board: We will look to create a board for GYB this season.



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Gresham Youth Basketball Tryout Schedule 2018-2019

4th Grade Tryout Schedule

October 27 th	10-11:30 am	Gresham High School
October 28 th	10-11:30 am	Gresham High School
October 29 th	TBA	Gresham High School

5th Grade Tryout Schedule

October 27 th	10-11:30 am	Gresham High School
October 28 th	10-11:30 am	Gresham High School
October 29 th	TBA	Gresham High School

6th Grade Tryout Schedule

October 27 th	11:45-1:15 pm	Gresham High School
October 28 th	11:45-1:15 pm	Gresham High School
October 29 th	TBA	Gresham High School

7th Grade Tryout Schedule

October 27 th	11:45-1:15 pm	Gresham High School
October 28 th	11:45-1:15 pm	Gresham High School
October 29 th	TBA	Gresham High School

8th Grade Tryout Schedule

October 27 th	11:45-1:15 pm	Gresham High School
October 28 th	11:45-1:15 pm	Gresham High School
October 29 th	TBA	Gresham High School

How do I register for Tryouts?

The tryout fee is \$15 a player for the three tryouts we offer. Players will be invited to all three tryouts. For those interested in trying out, you can email the tryout application to elyslo@timbers.com. Applications will be available at www.greshamyouthbasketball.com.



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Gresham Youth Basketball Mission

We've run this program for two years now, going on our third. We received some really good feedback from parents last year and will look to make the necessary changes to program to improve from last year. We will never offer a perfect product, but we will look to make sure all players are having a good experience and are improving as players which is the ultimate goal.

Thanks,

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