



# Basketball League

## Frequently Asked Questions



### How much is the program?

Our basketball league fee is \$73; includes uniform and award.

### How do I register for the program?

You can register for our basketball league online, by phone, mailing, faxing or walking in the permission slip. Registration for residents begins Tuesday, October 1, 2019 and for non-residents registration begins Tuesday, October 8, 2019. Registration ends Wednesday, November 20, 2019. There will be a one-time Saturday walk-in registration on Saturday, November 16, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Community Services office, 3031 Torrance Blvd.

### What season is basketball played?

Basketball is played in the winter, January – March. The 2020 season is tentatively scheduled to begin Saturday January 11, 2020.

### How many players are on a team?

There are 10 players maximum permitted per team.

### How do you break down the teams and what are the age groups?

Basketball is not a co-ed sport. Teams are separated by grade level, then by school, or geographic location. If there are not enough players from your school, they will be combined with a neighboring school that is also short of players. For basketball, there are nine divisions. The Divisions are set by each grade. For example, Division K consists of kindergarteners; Division 1 consists of first graders; etc. If participant is in Pre-k he or she must be 5 years old to register in the program.

### How do you select coaches?

All of our coaches are volunteers taking their time to make this a good experience for everyone participating. All coaches are fingerprinted and complete a background check.

### Can I request a team, coach, or a friend to be on my team?

We do not accept requests.

### Games Only Teams

I received a call or email telling me my child's team is a "Games only" team. What does that mean? Teams who do not have a volunteer to coach their team, will not have practices and staff at the gym will coach them during their games. We do everything we can to recruit a volunteer coach, but on those rare occasions when a volunteer doesn't come forward, we have "games only" teams. While this is not our preference, it has worked out on the few times we have had to implement it.

### How do I bring in a team?

For basketball, we accept brought-in teams in Boys Divisions 6, 7 and 8. To bring in a team, **all of the players must attend the same school**. The coach must submit their roster of players to the youth sports office by Monday, November 18, 2019. This blank roster is found on our Web site [youthsports@torranceCa.gov](mailto:youthsports@torranceCa.gov). The registration process for an open player is done during the registration dates listed above. Once registration is closed all open league players will be pulled out of registration and placed on the correct teams according to the roster that is submitted from the Coach.

### When and where are practices and how many are there per week?

Practices are held based on the coach's availability; either at a local park or school. There are usually one or two practices per week.

### When and where are games played?

All games will be held on Saturdays at either the Dee Hardison Sports Center at Wilson Park, 2400 Jefferson Street, or at a local Torrance high school, with the exception of Division 8, which will play either Monday or Thursday evening at the Dee Hardison Sports Center. Game times may vary; schedules are given out at the beginning of the season. Game times are not available before schedules are distributed.

### How long is the program and how many games are there?

The program is eight weeks long and there are eight games.

### What does my child wear?

Participants will wear the City of Torrance uniform shirt and appropriate athletic footwear to the sport. Coaches will meet with the parents to determine the rest of the uniform. **ALL** players must have a City of Torrance issued shirt in order to play.

### Is it necessary to have basketball experience?

No, it is not necessary to have basketball experience. Our goal is to help provide an opportunity for children to play in an organized recreational Youth Basketball League. We teach the basic rules, strategies and skills involved in playing basketball. We also encourage good sportsmanship and fair play.

### Do you offer refunds?

No full refunds are given. You have the option to request either 80% refund or 100% credit to your City of Torrance account if requested prior to January 11, 2020.

### If I have more questions, who do I contact?

If you have any further questions, you can contact the Youth Sports Office at (310) 781-7517, or via email at [youthsports@TorranceCA.Gov](mailto:youthsports@TorranceCA.Gov).