

**YORK PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
YOUTH CO ED BASKETBALL  
2024-2025**

<b><u>EARLY REGISTRATION</u></b>	OCTOBER 7 - OCTOBER 18	\$50 PER CHILD
<b><u>REGULAR REGISTRATION</u></b>	OCTOBER 19 - NOVEMBER 13	\$60 PER CHILD
<b><u>LATE REGISTRATION</u></b>	NOVEMBER 14 - NOVEMBER 17	\$70 PER CHILD

York Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to have your child as a participant in our youth basketball program. The purpose of this program is to introduce boys and girls to the fundamentals of basketball and to learn the importance of good sportsmanship. The information below is provided to acquaint our parents with the way in which this year's program will be structured.

When you register your child, there are a number of forms in which you will be required to complete. These include:

1. Registration Form
2. Waiver of Liability Form
3. Parent's Code of Ethics

**BIRTH CERTIFICATES**

**Effective February 1, 2010, a copy of each child's birth certificate must be on file with York Parks and Recreation Department no later than Monday, November 18, 2024, or your child will not be allowed to participate. This includes participants that have played in previous seasons and other programs sponsored by York Parks and Recreation Department.**

**FEES/REFUNDS**

The registration fee is \$50 during early registration, \$60 during regular registration and \$70 during late registration for all participants and will be collected at registration. Fees may be refunded less 25% administrative costs until the registration deadline. **There will be no refunds after Monday, November 18, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.** Financial assistance is available, see staff for details. Registration fees will be handled by York Parks and Recreation Department.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The program consists of three (3) leagues: ages 5-7, ages 8-10 and ages 11-14. If the registration numbers are low for a particular age group, the leagues may be combined or modified. The age cut-off date is January 1. The participant's age as of December 31, 2024, determines which league that individual is allowed to play. **Parent participation is required in the Biddy league for ages 5-7.**

**PRACTICE AND SKILLS REVIEW**

All new participants, ages 8-14, must attend the skills review to be placed on a team. Zappers (ages 8-10) skills review will be held Monday November 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Hot Shots (ages 11-14) skills review will be held Tuesday November 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Players should wear tennis shoes or basketball shoes and dress to participate. Ages 5-7 participants will not attend a skills review. Practices will start December 2<sup>nd</sup> and parents will be notified of their practice time and date as soon as it is set.

**TEAM SELECTION PROCESS AGES 8-14**

Coaches will meet to select the players for each team immediately following the skills reviews. Participants that do not attend the skills review will be drafted by a team by placing their names "in a hat" and coaches may only select those players not in attendance by drawing them randomly out of the hat at any time during the draft process. The purpose of the skills review is to allow the coaches to select the players to each team that will promote equal competition among our teams. Coaches will contact their players concerning team assignments and practice times following the draft.

**COACHES**

York Parks and Recreation Department relies on volunteers to serve as coaches. Coaches are needed for all three (3) age groups. If you or someone you know is interested in coaching, please contact York Parks and Recreation Department. If a parent has a concern with their child's playing time or other decisions made by the coach, parents are encouraged to first discuss these issues with the coach before or after the game or practice but not during the game or practice. York Parks and Recreation Department is also available to assist parents if there is a concern after talking with the coach.

## GAMES AND PRACTICES

All practices and games for all age groups will be scheduled by York Parks and Recreation Department and will be held at the York Recreation Center on White Rose Lane. Practices and games will be held on weekday evenings as well as Saturday. The season will run until late February 2025. If a coach would like to schedule additional practices, please call 803-684-3742 for availability. Advanced notice is needed to schedule additional practices.

## PICTURE DAY – Wednesday, January 8, 2025

All teams will have pictures taken on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at the York Recreation Center. An exact schedule of times will be given out at a later date. All players and coaches must attend for their team picture regardless if you purchase any pictures. Pictures will be taken by Sport Pix, Inc. Make checks payable to Sport Pix. Please check with your coach to make sure that your team will be participating in picture day on January 8<sup>th</sup> and has not arranged for another photographer to take their pictures.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of a cancellation coaches will be notified as soon as a decision is reached, coaches will then contact their players. A decision to cancel games will not be made until as late in the day as possible. Rain out information will also be posted on our Facebook page.

## UNIFORMS AND MEDALS

York Parks and Recreation Department will give each participant a shirt. Shirts may not be available to distribute until early January. Players should wear tennis shoes or basketball shoes. The department will issue medals to each participant at the end of the season to all players. If parents or coaches wish to purchase trophies on your own, we ask that you distribute them away from the gym and away from others, to avoid feelings from getting hurt. If you would like to have a team party, the Recreation Center is available at no charge during certain weeknights. Please contact the York Parks and Recreation Department at 803-684-3742 for availability and to reserve the Recreation Center.

## GYM RULES

Please keep several rules in mind when entering the York Recreation Center:

1. NO FOOD OR DRINKS ALLOWED INSIDE THE GYM. Please use the lobby or meeting room to distribute drinks and snacks to the team.
2. Tobacco products are prohibited inside the facilities.
3. Children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. No running, bouncing balls, or horseplay.
4. Only players of the team participating in the practice/game allowed on the basketball court.
5. Practices/games last one hour. Please pick your child up promptly at the end of the scheduled practice/game.
6. Do not dunk or hang on the rims of the 8 foot goals at the York Recreation Center.

**York Parks and Recreation Department has adopted a “Zero Tolerance Policy.” Profanity, fighting, disrespect, abusive language, threats, or alcoholic beverages will not be tolerated. Violators will be subject to suspension from all York Parks and Recreation Department sponsored programs and facilities for an undetermined amount of time.**

York Parks and Recreation Department programs and facilities are designed to offer leisure activities for families, groups, and individuals of all ages with diversified interests. Sporting events are provided by the department as opportunities for friendly competition while promoting good sportsmanship among participants and a pleasant environment for spectators.

Participants, coaches, team representatives, spectators, and others are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner before, during, and after an event, or within 500 feet of City of York property and playing areas.

## STAFF

The staff at York Parks and Recreation Department is always accessible and available to assist parents and coaches in anyway possible. If you experience a problem or a concern that needs attention, please let staff know immediately or contact Chris White, Recreation Director, at 803-684-3742.

## SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS

York Parks and Recreation Department welcomes input from parents, coaches, and others so that we may provide a positive learning experience for everyone associated with the Youth Basketball program. Please share your comments and suggestions by contacting any staff member, at 803-684-3742, or by mail to York Parks and Recreation Department, P.O. Box 500, York, SC 29745, or by email at [yorkrecreation@yorksc.gov](mailto:yorkrecreation@yorksc.gov)