



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Newport County YMCA/Navy Youth Sports Program. In the upcoming weeks each participating child will be enjoying one of the most exciting sports in the country. Our sports philosophy is that “Everybody plays. Everybody wins.” We do not keep standings and will abide by the following Seven Pillars of Youth Sports:

- Everyone Plays - No tryouts or cuts. Everyone who registers will play.
- Safety First - Modified rules & equipment. Children are taught skills appropriate to their age level.
- Fair Play - Players will show respect & build character throughout the season.
- Positive Competition - Competition is a positive process where winning and losing will be kept in perspective.
- Family Involvement - We welcome parents to get involved. Coaches, scorers, timekeepers & officials may all be parent volunteers. (If interested, please see Rachel Andrews, Y Sports Director at 847 – 9200 ext. 116 or Annie Tobin, Navy Youth Director 841 – 2883)
- Sport for All - We offer programs to all children.
- Sport for Fun - Children will have fun. If we take the fun out of sports for our children, we are in danger of the children taking themselves out of sports.

Our Youth Basketball Program is divided into several age appropriate co-ed divisions: 4&5 year olds, 6&7 year olds, 8&9 year olds, 10&11 year olds, and 12-15 year olds.

Skills Evaluation: In order to make evenly balanced teams we are holding **mandatory** evaluations for the 8 – 15 year old age groups.

11/24/07 – 9:00am -Skill Evaluations 8&9 co-ed division

11/24/07 – 10:00am- Skill Evaluations 10&11 co-ed division

11/24/07 – 11:00am- Skill Evaluations 12-15 co-ed division

Player Notification: Ages 6 – 15 Coaches notify players around Nov. 28, 2007

Ages 4 – 5 Coaches notify players weekend of Nov. 30, 2007

Locations:

4&5 Division - Saturday Games at Forest Ave Elementary School

6&7 Division – Saturday Games at YMCA – Weeknight practices at Forest Ave or Aquidneck Ave Elementary Schools

8&9 Division – Saturday Games at YMCA – Weeknight practices at schools or YMCA

Ages 10 & above – Games & practices on Naval Base, Building Gym 109.

YBL Modifications

Division	4 & 5	6 & 7	8 & 9	10 & 11	12 - 15
Basket Height	< 6 FT	7.5 FT	8.5 FT	10 FT	10 FT
Ball Size	Youth	27.5	28.5	28.5	30
Free Throw Line	N/A	N/A	12 FT	15 FT	15 FT
Lane Violation	N/A	N/A	N/A	5 seconds	3 seconds
Court Size	short	short	short	full	full
Game Length	1 hour sess.	4/ 8 minute	4/ 8 minute	4/ 8 minute	4/ 8 minute
Timeouts			4	4	4

Inclement Weather Policy

Snow or severe weather may cause the Saturday games to be cancelled. The coach will call all players on his/her own team if the games are cancelled. Please refrain from calling the YMCA. If schools are closed (due to holiday or weather) your weeknight practice will be cancelled.

Make-Up Games

Make-up games will be made up during practice time. Both coaches and the Sports Director need to agree on the time.

Gym Usage

- * Each team is expected to clean up after games & practices. Food & drink are not allowed on the court.
- * Participants & their families must stay in the designated gym areas.
- * No one is allowed to sell refreshments, T-shirts, or any other merchandise.
- * Bring necessary ID and vehicle information when playing on the Naval base.