

## Coaching Information

Youth basketball is offered during the winter for ages 5-18. Games will be played at H. Boyd Lee Park, The Drew Steele Center and other facilities as needed. Prior to the start of the season, a coaches' meeting as well as a clinic will be held in order to help everyone prepare for the upcoming season. Meeting/clinic dates, times and locations are emailed to those who are interested in coaching.

The season runs from December to late February. Below you will find information specific to each age group.

### 5-6 & 7-8 Year Olds

- Teams will be randomly assigned by GRPD.
- **Practice:** Teams will have 4 practices scheduled by GRPD prior to the start of the season.
  - Practices will be held at H. Boyd Lee Park beginning the first Saturday of December.
- Games will be held on Saturdays at H. Boyd Lee Park between 8:30am and 4:30pm.
  - Teams will play at most 8 games during the season.

### 9-12 Year Olds

- A skills assessment will take place the last week of November at H. Boyd Lee Park.
  - *9-10 year olds:* assessment days are typically Monday and Wednesday.
  - *11-12 year olds:* assessment days are typically Tuesday and Thursday.
  - Coaches will draft their team the second night of their age group's skills assessment.
- **Practice:** Prior to the start of the season, 6 practices will be scheduled by GRPD.
  - Practices will be scheduled for H. Boyd Lee Park or The Sports Connection.
- Games will be played Monday-Friday at H. Boyd Lee Park with start times of 5:30pm, 6:30pm and 7:30pm.
  - Teams will play at most 2 games a week for a total of 10 games.
    - A single elimination post-season tournament will take place at the end of February.

### 13-15 & 16-18 Year Olds

- A skills assessment will take place the last week of November at The Drew Steele Center.
  - *13-15 year olds:* assessment days are typically Monday and Wednesday.
  - *16-18 year olds:* assessment days are typically Tuesday and Thursday.
  - Teams will be assigned in an effort to make sure talent is spread out equally within each age division.
- **Practice:** GRPD will schedule 4 pre-season practices.
  - Practices will be held at the Drew Steele Center.
- Games will be played Monday-Thursday at The Drew Steele Center with start times of 6:30pm, 7:30pm and 8:30pm.
  - Teams will play at most 2 games a week for a total of 10 games.
    - A single elimination post-season tournament will take place at the end of February.

### Practice Information

Prior to and throughout the season, coaches will be able to schedule practice at the following facilities: H. Boyd Lee Park, The Sports Connection and The Drew Steele Center. More detailed information for scheduling practices will be given during the coaches' meeting.

