

Welcome to the 2023/2024 Youth Basketball season. This packet contains valuable information that you can use throughout the season. Should you have any questions, comments or concerns during the season, feel free to contact us!

Mission Statement of the Coed Youth Basketball program:

The youth basketball program is designed to improve the skills of each participant through good coaching, practice, and competition. The City of Gainesville Youth Basketball League is dedicated to this pursuit of athletic excellence and sportsmanship. Our mission is to provide the opportunity and environment necessary for each participant to learn and compete at his or her greatest ability. We believe that while competing to win is important, the greater value lies in competing with honor, practicing sportsmanship, and being gracious in victory and defeat.

Registration:

When: October 16–December 1, 2023 or until teams are filled

Where: PRCA Administrative Office located at Thomas Center Building B, 3rd Floor, 306 NE Sixth Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601; Monday–Friday 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

What to Bring: Birth certificate, proof of residency*, free lunch certificate (if applying for the scholarship**) completed registration form and the PAYS form. You obtain or renew this at <https://www.nays.org/paysonline/>.

Your Child Will Not Be Registered Without These Documents!!

**A \$15 scholarship will be offered to those who have been approved through the school board to receive free/reduced lunch. You may also apply for this scholarship through our PRCA office at the time of registration. Please provide one of the following at registration: a certificate from SBAC, your SNAP/TANF number or pay stubs from the most recent 4 weeks, at the time of registration.

The following items are included in the registration fee:

- Team jersey and shorts. Jerseys and shorts. **Must be worn at all league games.**
- Seven to nine-season games, plus end-of-season tournament for ages 7 and up

Refunds are given only before the first game's date.

Player evaluations:

***All participants are required to attend player evaluation night. Participants will not be placed on a team until they have attended the player evaluation.**

Tuesday, December 12

5/6 Division:	6 p.m.
7/8 Division:	7:30 p.m.
9/10 Division:	8:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 14

11/12 Division:	6 p.m.
13/14 Division:	7:30 p.m.

Make-up Evaluation All Ages: 8:30 p.m.

Official First Week of Practice: Monday, December 18.

Practice schedules and team rosters will be posted Saturday, December 16. **Expect a call from your coach about practice times.**

Practice Times and Days: Monday-Thursday between 6–8:50 p.m.

The City will determine practice dates and times based on final registration numbers. **Schedules will be distributed the weekend before the first week of practice.**

Mandatory Parent Meeting will take place December 11 at 6:30 pm.

Required Equipment: Each participant is required to provide the following:

- Basketball shoes
- Practice clothes
- Participants with prescription eyewear are **required** to play with protective athletic goggles instead of standard lenses.

** Required equipment is not included in the registration fee.*

Optional Equipment: The following equipment is optional and can be purchased if desired:

- Warm-up suit
- Team bag
- Wrist bands
- Headbands
- Mouthpiece

Game Information:

- The first game of the season will be Monday, January 9.
- The season will conclude February 24
- **Games are typically held at:**
 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Multi-Purpose Center, Gainesville
 - Legacy Recreation Center; Alachua
 - Easton Newberry Sports Complex, Newberry
 - Williston High School old gym, Williston
 - Trenton High School, Trenton
 - Chiefland High School, Chiefland
 - Bronson High School, Bronson
 - *Other locations to be determined*
- The head coach will be notified as the schedule becomes available.
- The head coach will be responsible for the distribution of the game schedule to all team members.
- **Games are held on Saturday unless otherwise noted on the schedule.**

**Free Basketball Clinics Offered by
the Coaching Staff of Eastside High School**

Monday, December 5: 6-8 p.m. for ages 10 and under
Wednesday, December 7: 6-8 p.m. for ages 11-14

Location: MLK, Jr. Multi-Purpose Center
1028 NE 14th Street, Gainesville, FL 32602

Participants registered in the City of Gainesville Youth Basketball League can attend the clinics to spend time learning techniques and skills with Eastside High School's Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball Teams and coaching staff. **These events are free of charge!**

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