



# BASKETBALL

## GUIDEBOOK 2019-2020

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# Grades K-2 | In-house

**Registration Deadline** | Nov. 8

**+\$30 Late Registration** | Nov. 9 onward

**Uniform Order Deadline** | Nov. 9 | [ORDER HERE](#) with Code: 105734

**Dates** | Dec. 7, 14, 21, Jan 4, 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15 | Make-Up Feb 29

**Kindergarten:** 8:00-8:45am

**Grade 1 COED:** 9:00-10:00am

**Grade 2 COED:** 10:00-11:00am

**Grade 1 & 2 GIRLS:** 11:00-12:00am

**Location** | Moharimet Gym

Player Tuitions:

Durham Resident | \$99

Lee Resident | \$99

Madbury Resident | \$85

Other Resident | \$154

## [REGISTER FOR K-2 PROGRAMS HERE](#)

**Your uniform shirt is included in your player tuition but you need to order the correct size for your player. Please follow the link above to order your shirt.**

### **Grade 1 Coed |**

Players will continue their introduction to basketball basics in a fun environment. They will develop athletic and basketball skills through fun games and exercises. The goal is for players to be able to utilize general athletic skills with the basketball skills they've been introduced to on the court. At this age group & level of play you should not expect to see full sized scrimmages or a lot of focus on driving to the hoop or tactical decisions. Most importantly, we want the kids to have fun and want to continue to play basketball.

### **Grade 2 Coed |**

A continuation of what was introduced in the 1st grade program, players continue to become familiar with the ball in their hands and develop hand-eye contact and basic basketball footwork – core building blocks for basketball players. The on-court goal is for players to be able to pass and catch, dribble with both hands and shoot with proper form. Most importantly, we want the kids to have fun and want to continue to play basketball. At this age group & level of play you should not expect to see full sized scrimmages but they will play in small sided games.

### **Grade 1&2 Girls |**

This newer option offers our younger girls the opportunity to develop their basic skills in a gender specific environment. Players will develop hand-eye coordination, begin to understand the importance of footwork and play small sided games and fun exercises.

**Practice Schedule |**

These age groups meet just once per week to work on skills, technique and to have fun. Meeting dates are listed above and will only be affected as weather dictates. ORYA must follow ORCSD's lead with cancellations – if the school is closed, there is no basketball.

**Uniform Shirt & Ball | [ORDER HERE](#) with Code: 105734**

If you register & order your shirt prior to deadlines you will receive your program shirt as part of your program tuition. While your program shirt is part of your player tuition you do need to order it online to ensure you receive the proper size. All orders will be completed online, via a Collin's Sports online store. Those ordered prior to the Nov. 9th deadline will be delivered to ORYA with a goal and distributed late Nov. Those that aren't ordered prior to the deadline will have the opportunity to be part of a late-order. One late-order window will be open from Nov. 10-15th. All orders placed within that window will be processed on Nov 18th and delivery should be expected 2-3 weeks after. You will not be able to order a program shirt if you miss the original and late uniform order windows.

Late Uniform Order | Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> onwards

Code | 106149

**Coaches |**

Your coaches are volunteers and most of the time have their own child in the program. At a minimum, coaches are required to submit a background check and complete a Safe Sport certification. Coaches are also asked to attend a Positive Coaching Alliance workshop to support a consistent coaching philosophy across programs. Please respect the time and dedication your coaches volunteer to provide an opportunity for your player. After all, if we don't have volunteer coaches we don't have a program. If you're interested in volunteering to coach please note that during your player registration.

# Grades 3&4 Boys & Girls | In-house

**Registration Deadline** | Nov. 8

**+\$30 Late Registration** | Nov. 9 onward

**Evaluation Dates**; If unable to attend, email [programs@oryarec.org](mailto:programs@oryarec.org) immediately

Boys | Nov. 12

Girls | Nov. 14

**Uniform Order Deadline** | Nov. 9

**Team Placement Communication** | Week of Nov. 18

**1<sup>st</sup> Practice** | Nov. 23

**Mid- Week Practices Start** | Week of Nov. 25

**Games on Saturdays** | Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21, Jan 4, 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8 | Make-Ups Feb 15, 29

Player Tuitions:

Durham Resident | \$103

Lee Resident | \$103

Madbury Resident | \$89

Other Resident | \$141

## [GIRLS Registration](#)

## [BOYS Registration](#)

### **Grade 3&4 Program Description |**

Players will be introduced to a new ball size (27.5) and will continue to hone their skills. The goal will continue to be based on having fun and developing a passion for the game. Ideally, at the end of their program players will be able to pass & catch, dribble with both hands, shoot with proper form and be comfortable on the court with or without the ball. Players will participate in 3 on 3 play on 8 foot helps to support the development of proper shooting technique and promote lots of touches on the ball. Coaches will act as referees for games on Saturdays.

### **Evaluations Dates |**

This date is the opportunity for our coaches & coordinators to create parity-based teams. Since our teams are recreational in nature they will have players at all levels of the ability spectrum. Our only goal for this date is to give players a chance to get on the court before the season and for us to create teams as evenly as possible. The better the parity in teams the more competitive, enjoyable and educational your experience will be.

Boys Evaluation Schedule | Nov. 12; ORMS

6:00-7:00 | Grade 3&4 Boys

7:00-8:00 | Grade 5&6 Boys

8:00-9:00 | Grade 7&8 Boys

Girls Evaluation Schedule | Nov. 14; ORMS

6:00-7:00 | Grade 3&4 Girls  
7:00-8:00 | Grade 5&6 Girls  
8:00-9:00 | Grade 7&8 Girls

### **Creating Teams |**

Since weekend games are part of the program, ORYA will select teams to practice and play together. Since this is an in-house recreational program teams are created with a mix of ability levels and offer parity between teams for weekend games. We will do our best to accommodate as many schedule requests as possible but accommodating all are simply impossible.

### **Practice Schedule |**

ORYA is not able to offer a training schedule until all coaches have been identified and their requests/conflicts have been gathered and compared against gym availability. This is an ongoing process during registration and just after the registration deadline. You will find out your practice schedule at the same time you find out your team/coach placement. Most practices will be held at either the Moharimet or Mast Way gyms.

### **Player Conflicts |**

With 300+ kids in the program, creating parity-based teams, limited mid-week gym availability and factoring coach availability avoiding conflicts is impossible. However, we will try our best! During registration you will have the opportunity to tell us if your player(s) has any nights they cannot practice. Please only note conflicts when they are legitimate and not just preference.

### **Uniform | On-Time Deadline Nov. 9th**

ON-TIME ORDER | BOYS UNIFORM | [ORDER HERE](#) (if needed) with code: 105735

ON-TIME ORDER | GIRLS UNIFORM | [ORDER HERE](#) (if needed) with code: 105736

Uniform order deadline is Nov. 9th This year all grade 3&4 players will be wearing the same uniforms as all older players. All players are required to order a reversible jersey which will be able to be used from season to season until your player grows out of it or otherwise needs a new one. Your number will be assigned to you. All uniforms will be individually purchased via a Collin's Sports online store, they will be delivered to ORYA with a goal of distribution on Nov. 23rd. This uniform is NOT part of your program fee and is in addition to your tuition. The jersey is \$34 and the shorts are optional during the regular season. Those that aren't ordered prior to the deadline will have the opportunity to be part of a late order. One late order will be placed on Nov. 23rd. The late order will be processed and delivered as quickly as possible but possibly 2-3 weeks after. If you register after the late order you will not be able to receive a uniform unless ORYA has extra stock.

### **After Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>**

LATE ORDER | BOYS UNIFORM | [ORDER HERE](#) (if needed) with code: 106151

LATE ORDER | GIRLS UNIFORM | [ORDER HERE](#) (if needed) with code: 106150

# Grade 5&6 Boys & Girls | In-house

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**+\$30 Late Registration** | Nov. 9 onward

**Evaluation Dates**; If unable to attend, email [programs@oryarec.org](mailto:programs@oryarec.org) immediately

Boys | Nov. 12

Girls | Nov. 14

**Uniform Order Deadline** | Nov. 9

**Team Placement Communication** | Week of Nov. 18

**1<sup>st</sup> Practice** | Nov. 23

**Mid- Week Practices Start** | Week of Nov. 25

**Games on Saturdays** | Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21, Jan 4, 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8 | Make-Ups Feb 15, 29

Player Tuitions:

Durham Resident | \$138

Lee Resident | \$138

Madbury Resident | \$124

Other Resident | \$193

## [GIRLS Registration](#)

## [BOYS Registration](#)

### **Grades 5/6 Program Description |**

Players will make another jump to a bigger ball (28.5) but will still be encouraged to continue to build their individual basketball skills. In addition to developing their individual skill sets, players will begin learning some team concepts and tactics. Basic offensive and defensive concepts and principles will be approached in an introduction to team concepts that will be built on throughout their playing careers.

### **Game Play |**

Leagues that offer appropriate competition in this area are scarce so ORYA has moved towards an in-house model that will still utilize high-quality referees and allow our coaches and coordinators to organize competitive games each weekend without needless travel. Opportunities for skill-based (tournament) teams will be moved up this season for grades 5-8 to provide a longer opportunity for players to train, play with each other and prepare for tournament level play at the end of the regular season.

### **Evaluation Dates |**

This date is the opportunity for our coaches & coordinators to create parity-based teams. Since our teams are recreational in nature they will have players at all levels of the ability spectrum. Our only goal for this date is to give players a chance to get on the court before the season and for us to create teams as evenly as possible. The better the parity in teams the more competitive, enjoyable and educational your experience will be.

### Boys Evaluation Schedule | Nov. 12; ORMS

6:00-7:00 | Grade 3&4 Boys

7:00-8:00 | Grade 5&6 Boys

8:00-9:00 | Grade 7&8 Boys

### Girls Evaluation Schedule | Nov. 14; ORMS

6:00-7:00 | Grade 3&4 Girls

7:00-8:00 | Grade 5&6 Girls

8:00-9:00 | Grade 7&8 Girls

### Creating Teams |

Since weekend games are part of the program, ORYA will select teams to practice and play together. Since this is an in-house recreational program teams are created with a mix of ability levels and offer parity between teams for weekend games. We will do our best to accommodate as many schedule requests as possible but accommodating all are simply impossible.

### Practice Schedule |

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### Player Conflicts |

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### Uniform | On-Time Deadline Nov. 9th

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GIRLS UNIFORM | [ORDER HERE](#) (if needed) with code: 105736

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LATE ORDER | GIRLS UNIFORM | [ORDER HERE](#) (if needed) with code: 106150



# Grade 7&8 Girls | League Play

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Girls | Nov. 14

**Uniform Order Deadline** | Nov. 9

**Team Placement Communication** | Week of Nov. 18

**1<sup>st</sup> Practice** | Nov. 23

**Mid- Week Practices Start** | Week of Nov. 25

**Games Schedule** | TBD

Player Tuitions:

Durham Resident | \$154

Lee Resident | \$154

Madbury Resident | \$140

Other Resident | \$209

## [GIRLS Registration](#)

### **Grades 7/8 Girls Program |**

Players at all levels of the ability spectrum will continue to build individual skills in a fun environment. At this age practices will also introduce players to more team tactics for both offense and defense. The girls will re-enter the Lamprey River League this season as their approach is now more in line with our team creation philosophy. Each team will compete in league games on the weekend along with practice sessions during the week. The goal is for all players to be comfortable and able to play in any basketball situation regardless of the offensive or defensive setting. Players will learn how to adapt and play the game along utilizing the individual skill developed at the younger age groups.

### **Evaluation Date |**

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Girls Evaluation Schedule | Nov. 14; ORMS

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7:00-8:00 | Grade 5&6 Girls

8:00-9:00 | Grade 7&8 Girls

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### **Practice Schedule |**

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### **Games |**

Most games will take place at the HS and all girls will get equal playing time. Games within the Lamprey River league can be scheduled on either Saturdays or Sundays with most home games being scheduled on Sundays at the high school.

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**Team Placement Communication** | Week of Nov. 18

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**Games Schedule** | TBD

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## [7&8 BOYS Registration](#)

### **Grades 7/8 Boys Program |**

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### **Game Play |**

Our teams will play in a local league with some travel. Games may be scheduled on either Saturdays or Sundays and will either be home or away. Opportunities for skill-based teams will be moved up this season for grades 5-8 to provide a longer opportunity for players to train, play with each other and prepare for tournament level play at the end of the regular season.

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# Basketball Tuition Information

## **Player Tuition |**

The tuition for this program accounts for equipment budget, ORYA Admin & Capital Fund allocations, online payment processing & merchant account fees, league registration(s) where applicable, a small stipend for coach education or skills coaches, ORCSD required gym cleaning fee, program percentage of annual Team Snap, background checks & safe sport certifications.

## **ORYA Admin |**

This encompasses all expenses of which most are non-sport specific and allow the organization to operate. The admin portion of player fees go toward ORYA employee salaries, workers compensation & Board liability insurance, bookkeeping & accounting services, temporary/intern staff stipends, office equipment & supplies, employer paid taxes, payroll service fees, employee benefits, postage, printing & reproduction, advertising, IT support & computer services, service subscriptions & annual dues, telephone, internet, web hosting, web support, bank charges, business travel & meals, charitable contributions, mileage/toll/parking reimbursements and other items from year to year.

## **ORYA Board Designated Savings |**

ORYA's Board Designated Savings (BDS) supports new initiatives, large scale programs, and/or facility improvements. The Capital Fund is sustained by donations, grants, and program registration fees. The BDS ensures ORYA's steady growth and, over time, investment in larger projects. Expenditures from ORYA's BDS must support the organization's mission and be approved by the Board of Directors.

## **Why are player fees presented differently this season?**

ORYA has re-evaluated its player fee budgeting process, to include total town funding contributions in the equation. Taking into account each town's expected number of participants, current funding and in-kind donations, such as field and office space, ORYA has created a new budgeting approach. This new approach reflects a resident rate that correlates to the individual town's total contribution per participant.

ORYA continues to evaluate ways to reduce expenses as well as explore opportunities to increase organizational fundraising. If you or your business would like to donate to or otherwise support ORYA with volunteer hours, in-kind services, materials, or supplies and equipment please reach out to the ORYA Director, Matthew Glode, at [director@oryarec.org](mailto:director@oryarec.org).

# TOURNAMENT TEAM SELECTION PROCESS | 2019-2020

**Player Registration Deadline** | December 7

**Coach Application Deadline** | December 2

**Coach Assignment Announcement** | December 6

**Coach Ballots Due** | December 16

**Team Selection Announcements** | January 2

Consideration Registration Link

[Grade 5&6 Consideration](#)

[Grade 7&8 Consideration](#)

**ONLY Players that register to be part of the ballot process will be considered for a tournament team roster spot**

Below is an update on ORYA Basketball's Tournament Team selection process, expectations and basic commitment for this year's tournament season. Players MUST register as an interested player to be considered for the team. If you miss the deadline to register as an interested player your child will miss being added to the ballot and will not be considered for a team.

Provided there is player interest and coaches at each level, we anticipate there will be one team for each of the following age groups: Grades 5-6 Boys, Grades 5-6 Girls, and Grades 7-8 Boys.

## **Tournament Teams Overview |**

ORYA basketball tournament season is an opportunity for ORYA's most skilled players to continue their development, represent their community and experience competitive tournaments. Players receive additional practices with, and against, the finest recreational level basketball players in the district. Not all players will be selected.

There is an additional registration fee for participating on a tournament team. These costs vary based on a number of different factors, but generally range from \$40-60 for the short tournament season. A \$30 deposit will be required after selections are made and players register to confirm their commitment to the team. The rest of the balance will be due once all expenses are calculated.

Since this is a competitive team playing in tournaments where the objectives are to win games playing time may not be even for all players selected to the team.

## **ORYA Basketball Tournament Team Rules for Participation |**

1. In order to participate on a tournament team, a player must play a minimum of 50% or more of the regular season ORYA games at the age level of the tournament team. Individual cases will be considered by ORYA Basketball coordinators where this requirement is not met due to extenuating circumstances (injury, health, etc.)

2. The tournament team coach must be approved by the ORYA Basketball coordinator(s) and ORYA. Prospective coaches must submit a completed application to be considered.

3. Tournament team rosters will consist of 10-12 players unless fewer than 10 players register to be considered.

Qualities of a Tournament Team Player A tournament team player exhibits the following qualities:

- Exemplifies good sportsmanship and team spirit whether winning or losing
- Demonstrates a high and consistent ability to execute the fundamental skills of the game
- Demonstrates commitment to an intensive schedule of practice and games throughout the entire tournament period
- Often skilled at more than one position

Players selected for a tournament team generally have strong athletic ability for their age, show exemplary effort and desire, have maturity and proper attitude, and have shown a keen sense for strategy during tough or tense game situations. They may be exceptionally strong at one key position or they may be a coach's 'flex' player, who can move between positions easily.

#### **Tournament Team Player Selection Ballot Process |**

A tournament team roster is selected from the pool of eligible regular season basketball players who register to be part of the tournament team selection process. **ONLY Players that register to be part of the ballot process will be considered for a tournament team roster spot.** If you do not register to be considered, your player will not be part of the ballot system and, therefore, not eligible for the tournament team.

Each regular season head & assistant coach will be asked to submit a private ballot with their top 8 choices of registered tournament team players. Once all ballots are collected and tallied, the top 8 players with the most votes will be selected for the team. Additionally, the head coach for each tournament team will select an additional 2 - 4 players of their discretion. Please note that under no circumstance will any player automatically make a tournament team.

Selecting the tournament teams is a difficult task and some players may not be selected. Some players are better at shooting, others at ball handling and others at defense. Every child may react differently to making or not making a team. [THIS ARTICLE](#) may offer some helpful suggestions on what to do if your child isn't selected for a team.

#### **Schedule and Commitment |**

Tournament teams are expected to be selected and announced no later than January 24th . Periodic, tournament team-only practices will begin shortly thereafter. Once the regular season ends, the tournament teams may increase their practice frequency depending on coach & facility availability. Each team will participate in multiple tournaments in the area. Games can be any evening during the week or anytime on a Saturday or Sunday. Most tournaments will run through March and potentially into April.

**Tournament Team Coach Selection Process |**

Tournament team coaches will be selected by the ORYA Basketball Coordinators. Candidates will be evaluated based on a formal application process, past and current performance of the coach during the regular season, and the overall coaching and leadership characteristics exhibited. Each coach is still a VOLUNTEER and will be dedicating an extreme amount of time, above and beyond the regular season, to offer a more competitive environment for players selected.

If you have immediate questions, please contact the ORYA office or ORYA Basketball Coordinators or the ORYA office.