



## **2022-2023 Season Information Guide**

Welcome to the 2022-2023 PBGYAA Recreation Basketball Season!

This season all games are indoors at the **PBG Recreation Center on Burns Road** and other locations as necessary depending on participation. Practices will be primarily at outdoors at the **courts Mirasol Park** with other court locations as possible as necessary.

What your child needs to participate; a great attitude, a willingness to learn, basketball sneakers, and a water bottle with plenty of water!

The PBGYAA Staff, our operating partner Perseverance Basketball, and the Volunteers who comprised the Board of Directors and our coaches, are working to make this a fun and safe environment for the kids, including following recommended CDC guidelines for safe return to play.

### **Positive Coaching and Parenting**

This is a Recreation Basketball Program, the Palm Beach Gardens Youth Athletic Association expects all parents to behave in an appropriate and positive manner to all players, coaches, referees, and other parents.

Inappropriate behavior or negative cheering is not tolerated and can cause removal of a parent's right to attend practice and/or games at the discretion of the PBGYAA Basketball Board.

### **Player Code of Conduct**

The Palm Beach Gardens Youth Athletic Association expects all participants to be respectful to all players, coaches, referees, and parents. All parents and coaches are expected to encourage good sportsmanship and inclusion. Inappropriate behavior by the player is not tolerated and may cause removal of a player's right to attend practice and/or games at the discretion of the PBGYAA Basketball Board.

## **Season Key Dates**

**Coaches Meeting & Coaches Kids Evaluations** – Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 6pm - 8:30pm

**All Leagues/All Kids Evaluations** – Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 9am - 3pm

**Make-up Evaluations** – Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> 1pm – 3pm

**Drafts** – Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup> & Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Practices begin** – Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> & continue thru Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

**Games begin** -- Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

**Playoffs & Championships conclude** – Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

**Playoffs start** – TBD, All-Star game – TBD

## **Registration**

Registration opens on or before September 12<sup>th</sup> and will remain open at the discretion of the board. See our waitlist policy below.

### **Cost:**

\$180 for Palm Beach Gardens residents.

\$180 for Non-residents + \$56 non-resident fee that is a direct pass through to the City of Palm Beach Gardens.

Your third child is free when registered for a single sport.

All players receive a uniform jersey and shorts.

## **Waitlist Policy**

Once a division is full, we will move to a waitlist in an effort to accommodate everyone that wants to play.

If a spot becomes available, you will be notified and at that time you will need to pay the registration fee within 24 hours, or we will go to the next player on the list. If you are unable to pay on time, you will remain on the waiting list until another open space is available.

## **Coaches and other Volunteers**

The entire PBGYAA Recreation Basketball Program is run by volunteers, including the coaches. Coaches come in all forms; parents, family members, community members that have a love for basketball!

Each team will have one Head Coach. The Head Coach will draft a team, including their Assistant Coach. There will be no pairing of coaches in advance of the draft.

If you are willing to be a Head or Assistant Coach, please register under the volunteer option on the

Sports Connection website. Also review all the requirements including important dates (evaluations, draft, and games) on our website under the Welcome page. After signing up, coaches will be reviewed by the Board of Directors Executive Committee for final approval. Coaches who sign up as Assistants may be automatically elevated to Head Coach if necessary to ensure the maximum number of registrants can participate.

We are also in need of scorekeepers and book keepers for each age division. Scorekeepers are paid by PBGYAA. Book keepers are volunteer parents of theirs while playing. It is mandatory that each team provide a book keeper to keep play substitutions, individual and team fouls. Failure to do so will result in a technical foul (2 shots) to start the game.

### **We take all of our children's health and safety as our first priority.**

Every volunteer is required to do a background check for the City of Palm Beach Gardens. Once these requirements are completed and validated, we will provide each coach their "badge" that you will see them wearing during games while they are on the courts.

Coaches/volunteers are not allowed on the player sideline without a badge. Parents are not allowed on the player sideline unless it is an emergency.

### **Divisions**

Each division will teams comprised of 9 players, except K-1 which will consist of 8 players. The total amount of teams will be determine by the registration totals and the amount of volunteer coaches. If we have additional players on the waitlist, we will make every effort to create an additional team, as long as we have coaches available.

Our divisions are by grade. Parents can request their child "play-up" which will be at the discretion of the board executive committee. Please make clear if this is your intention at evaluations so we can have the proper league assignment. Play-down requests will not be considered. Our divisions are:

K-1<sup>st</sup> grade Coed

2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade Coed

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade boys

6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade boys

8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade boys

10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade boys

GIRLS – divisions will be broken up depending on participation levels

### **Evaluations**

Evaluations take place at the PBG Rec Center at Burns Road

Coaches Meeting & Coaches Kids Evaluations – Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm - 8pm

All Leagues/All Kids Evaluations – Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 9am - 4pm

## Make-up Evaluations – Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> 1pm – 3pm

During evaluations each player is provided a number that is to be attached to their shirt. From start to finish evaluations take approximately 1 hour. Specific times will be provided by age group. If you are on the waitlist, we encourage you to show up for evaluations. Participation in evaluations is **mandatory**. If you can't make the exact time scheduled for your group, you may attend at another time when evaluations are going on. If you fail to show up for evaluations, the Basketball Board reserves the right to refund your registration fee and utilize the waitlist.

Evaluations give the Coaches & master evaluators the opportunity to see all players conduct some basic basketball skills and play in a short scrimmage. The evaluation provides insight into each player's abilities, and it helps to ensure that all teams are drafted with players at all skill levels.

### **Schedule**

#### **Friday October 28<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Coaches Meeting & Coaches Kids Evaluations – 5:30pm - 8pm**

5:30 – 6:30 Coaches Meeting

6:30 – 7:30 Coaches kids evaluations

#### **Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

#### **All Leagues/All Kids Evaluations – 9am – 4pm**

9am – 10am Kinder & 1<sup>st</sup> COED

10am – 11am 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> COED

11am – 12pm 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> BOYS

12pm – 12:30pm BREAK

12:30pm – 1:30pm 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> BOYS

1:30pm – 2:30pm GIRLS

2:30pm – 3:15pm 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> BOYS

3:15pm – 4pm 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> BOYS

#### **Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Make-up Evaluations 1pm – 3pm**

Participation in evaluations is **mandatory**. If you fail to show up for evaluations, the Basketball Board reserves the right to refund your registration fee and utilize the waitlist.

## **Team Information**

After the draft each family will be notified via Sports Connection what team each child will be playing on. The Coach will be communicating with all parents to introduce themselves, confirm practice time provide additional information regarding expectations for the season.

## **Team Practice**

Practices will start Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

Practice schedule will be posted via Sports Connection

Practices will continue weekly throughout the season (in addition 1 games – 1 practice per week)

## **Games and Scheduling**

All age groups games will start on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Each team will play two games a week, one weekday evening game and Saturday or Sunday depending upon the age group.

The official game schedule will be emailed & posted via Sports Connection prior to the first week of games.

## **Perseverance Basketball**

Our basketball operating partner is Perseverance Basketball. Perseverance assists with league strategy and operations including but not limited to on-site coordination, communication, court layout, scheduling, evaluations, rules, scorekeepers, coaches clinics, referees and services as outlined by the Board of Directors.

## **Team Uniforms**

Jerseys and shorts will be handed out before the first game from the coach.

Each player should wear their uniform, socks, and appropriate athletic shoes for the outdoor courts.

## **Team and Individual Pictures**

Date to be determined – Coaches will provide their team with the time schedule for pictures prior to the start of the team's game.

## **Concessions**

Chick-fil-A & Kona Ice will be providing food and beverages available for purchase. We will have concessions available at the various courts.

A portion of your purchase goes back to PBGYAA Basketball Program!

### **Season Updates and Communication**

All communication is through email or text message from Sports Connection.

Please email us if you have any questions or concerns at: [basketball@pbgjaa.com](mailto:basketball@pbgjaa.com)

Further information on signing up for text messages will be sent once teams are created.

### **Weather Notifications and Make Up Games**

We will email and text parents if we have any rain outs (for outdoor court practices), please note the City of Palm Beach Gardens make the decisions on court closures.

We usually do not decide until 5pm as we do our best to get the games played. If a game is rained out the Basketball Board will attempt to reschedule it to be played later.

### **2022 Basketball Board of Directors**

Email: [Basketball@pbgjaa.com](mailto:Basketball@pbgjaa.com) Website: [www.PBGYAA.com/basketball](http://www.PBGYAA.com/basketball)

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### **Perseverance Basketball**

Nate Vera & Carlos Figueroa are the primary contacts at Perseverance Basketball. All inquiries can be made at [basketball@pbgjaa.com](mailto:basketball@pbgjaa.com)

### **Travel Basketball**

Travel Basketball is overseen by the Basketball Board of Directors. If interested in learning more call Basketball President Benjamin Schwab 561.889.2308 who will be in communication with Travel Coordinator Jon Peterson.

## **Basketball Sponsorships**

As a not-for-profit organization, we welcome financial support from our community. We have several sponsorship opportunities available. The generosity of our sponsors allows for a lower registration cost, provides financial assistance to kids who otherwise would not have the opportunity to participate, and supports our many other programs. Palm Beach Gardens Youth Athletic Association (PBGYAA) is a non-profit 501(C)(3) organization, and your donation is tax deductible.

### **\$375.00 Team Sponsorship**

- Your business name on the back of one team's jersey
- Your business listing on the PBGYAA Basketball Website and sponsor banner at the court of your choice.
- A Thank You Plaque for your business to display showing the PBGYAA Recreational Basketball Program's gratitude for your community involvement and support.

### **\$500 Banner Sponsorship**

- One banner with your business name on it that will be put out for display during regular season play.
- Your business listing on the PBGYAA Basketball Website and sponsor banner at the courts.
- A Thank You Plaque for your business to display showing the PBGYAA Recreational Basketball Program's gratitude for your community involvement and support.

### **\$800 Banner and Team Sponsorship**

- One banner with your business name on it that will be put out for display during regular season play.
- Your business name on the back of one team's jersey.
- Your business listing on the PBGYAA Basketball Website and sponsor banner at the courts.
- A Thank You Plaque for your business to display showing the PBGYAA Recreational Basketball Program's gratitude for your community involvement and support.

### **\$1000 Basketball Sponsorship**

- 2 Team Sponsorships
- 1 Banner Sponsorship

### **\$2500 Practice Jersey Sponsorship**

- Have your business logo printed on a practice t-shirt to be given to all players this season.

### **\$5000 League Sponsorship**

- Have your business logo printed on all the team jerseys for this season.

## Sponsorship Sign Up Form

Please enter the information on the form, and at the bottom click on the Send button, you will be directed to our payment page. You can pay by credit card here.

Please enter the donation amount you are making payment for.

In the Donation To field please select "PBGYAA Basketball"

In the Description field, please list your Division, Coach and Team Name if known

You may also pay by Check; it should be made out to:

PBGYAA, Inc. – Basketball Division

Check should be mailed to: PBGYAA Recreation Basketball, 4029 Johnson Dairy Road, Palm Beach Gardens 33410

Please reference Sponsorship Donation.

If you have any questions, please email us at: [basketball@pbgyaa.com](mailto:basketball@pbgyaa.com)

Once again thanks to all the volunteers, coaches and especially the kids for this upcoming season, an amazing one!