



2020-2021 Season Information Guide

Welcome to the 2020-2021 PBGYAA Recreation Basketball Season! This season will be played all outdoors, on courts at three of the City Parks; Mirasol, Russo, and PGA National. The additional court space will allow for us to hopefully grow the program and give the kids a different experience playing outside.

Health and Safety

Health and safety are at the forefront of all our minds. The PBGYAA is working closely with the City of Palm Beach Gardens to put policies and procedures in place to make sure all players and families are as safe as possible. We appreciate your cooperation and support as we chart new ways of enjoying youth sports in Palm Beach Gardens!

All participant's Parents or Guardians are required to sign the PBGYAA Waiver and Release of Liability and the PBGYAA COVID-19 Acknowledgement and Waiver during the registration process.

Return to Play

Return to play protocols that the PBGYAA has put in place as agreed upon by the City of Palm Beach Gardens:

PLAYERS

- Wash hands thoroughly before and after training.
- Do not share water, food, and/or personal sports equipment.
- Respect and practice social distancing.
- Bring your own ball (if you would like too).
- Place equipment, bags, etc. at least six feet apart.
- No high-fives, handshakes, knuckles, or group celebrations.

PARENT

- Check the child's temperature before coming to any training session.
- Ensure all personal basketball equipment is sanitized before and after every practice session.
- Notify PBGYAA immediately if your child becomes ill for any reason.
- Supply your child with individual sanitizer.
- Ensure your child has plenty of water!

In order for us to run the recreation program, these protocols must be followed by all parents and players.

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.

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.

Season Key Dates

Evaluations – Saturday, October 24th, 2020 / Make up day, Monday, October 26th

Pre-Game Practice Schedule in effect – November 2, 2020 - November 20, 2020

Games start – Monday, November 21, 2020

No recreation games or practices

November 25-29 Thanksgiving Holiday

December 20 - January 3rd - Winter Break

Play-offs - January 23 and 24th

All Star Night - Friday, January 29

Championship Saturday - January 30th

Registration

Registration opens October 1st and will remain open until the divisions are full. See our waitlist policy below.

Cost:

\$150 for Palm Beach Gardens residents.

\$165 for Non-residents which includes an additional \$15.00 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.

Late Fee: A late fee of \$20.00 will be charged for registrations after Evaluations on October 24, 2020.

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, and will be assigned an Assistant Coach after 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 of the requirements including important dates (evaluations, draft and games) on our website under the Welcome page.

We are also in need of time keepers and scorekeepers for each age division.

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 are able to 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 consist of 10 teams, 8 players on the team. Each division will cap at 80 players, 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.

Coed

1-2 grade Training League

Boys

3-4 grade Elementary Division

5-6 grade Intermediate Division

7-8 grade Middle School Division

Girls

3-4 grade Elementary Division

5-6 grade Intermediate Division

7-8 grade Middle School Division

Evaluations

Evaluations are scheduled for Saturday, October 24th starting at 8:30 am at Mirasol Courts. A make-up day is scheduled on Monday, October 26th from 5:30pm - 8:00pm, all ages at Mirasol Courts.

During evaluations each player is provided a number that is to be attached to their shirt. Evaluations last approximately 45 minutes.

We will have a meet and greet clinic for our Training division. All 1st and 2nd graders are asked to attend to review dribbling and shooting skills, and to give the coaches an opportunity to meet the kids.

Evaluations will be held for all Boys and Girls age groups Elementary and higher. All players are required to attend the skill evaluations.

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

Schedule

8:30am - 9:15am - Training Division Meet and Greet Clinic - COED all players

9:30 - 11am - Elementary Division Evaluations - BOYS 3rd and fourth grade

11:15am - 12:30pm - Intermediate Division Evaluations - BOYS 5th and 6th grade

BREAK 12:30 - 1:00pm

1:00pm - 2:30pm - Middle School Division Evaluations - BOYS

2:45pm - 4:15pm - GIRLS all age divisions

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 and provide additional information regarding the practice schedule and expectations for the season.

Team Practice

Practices will start Monday, November 2nd

****Your child's coach will communicate to you the practice schedule days and times.**

The league will play over a 10 week period. Games will start Nov 21st and run through the end of January 2021.

All teams will play 2 games a week, and have a time slot for one practice each week.

Games and Scheduling

All age groups games will start the week of November 21, 2020. Each team will play two games a week, one weekday evening game and Saturday depending upon the age group.

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

Age Group Game Schedule STARTING NOVEMBER 21st **SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED UPON DIVISION SIZE**

****TBD based upon division registrations****

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 Sponsorships

We ask that all Head coaches help secure a sponsor for each team.

A team sponsorship donation of \$350.00 helps to offset the expenses of the basketball program. Local businesses, families, and individuals can sponsor teams. Palm Beach Gardens Youth Athletic Association (PBGYAA) is a non-profit 501(C)(3) organization and your donation is tax deductible.

\$350.00 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 Soccer Program's gratitude for your community involvement and support.

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. A picture make-up date will be scheduled later in the season if necessary.

Concessions

Chick-fil-A 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
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, please note the City of Palm Beach Gardens make the decisions on court closures.

We usually do not make a decision 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 at a later date.

2021 Basketball Board of Directors

Email: Basketball@pbgjaa.com Website: www.PBGYAA.com/basketball

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PBGYAA Staff

Laurie French – Executive Director – Palm Beach Gardens Youth Athletic Association
Debbie Marchesani – Accountant
Sarah Saunders - Accountant

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.

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\$750 Feather Flag Sponsorship

- One feather flag with your business name on it that will be put out for display at the court of your choice 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 Feather Flag and Team Sponsorship

- One feather flag with your business name on it that will be put out for display at the court of your choice during regular season play.
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\$1000 Basketball Sponsorship

- 2 Team Sponsorships
- 1 Feather Flag Sponsorship

For PBGYAA Executive Sponsorships please contact Laurie French, PBGYAA Executive Director. Email: lfrench@pbgyaa.com

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

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