

ART SADTLER YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Information Sheet

Welcome to the Art Sadtler Youth Basketball League!

League Philosophy

The Art Sadtler Youth Basketball League is an instructional league focused on teaching our young athletes the basic fundamentals of the game as well as providing an opportunity for students to experience the joy of participating in team sports. The objective is to provide fair playing time for all participants regardless of skill level. The league's goal is to introduce the athletes to the importance of teamwork, fair play and sportsmanship without emphasizing the need for winning.

Conduct

The goal of the league is to provide a structured environment for the participants to experience the excitement of team sports with an emphasis on instruction, fair play and good sportsmanship. For this reason, the league strictly enforces a zero-tolerance policy for the conduct of spectators and participants. Profanity, abusive language or creating a disturbance by a coach, player or spectator before, during or after a game will not be tolerated. Such action includes, but is not limited to, physical or verbal confrontation with a player, parent, coach or official, or loud criticism of officials' calls. League officials have the authority to remove the offender(s) from the building if such action is warranted. League officials also reserve the right to take the necessary corrective actions to ensure the violation is not repeated.

Eligibility

The league is open to all fourth, fifth and sixth grade boys and girls who comply with the league's academic and disciplinary standards. If the level of participation is sufficient, the league will be divided into six divisions: fourth grade boys, fifth grade boys, sixth grade boys, fourth grade girls, fifth grade girls, and sixth grade girls.

League Cost

The cost will be \$60 per player for 4/5th grade and \$75 per player for 6th grade. There may be some reimbursement for 6th grade teams with large rosters. Entry fee includes a T-shirt and a personalized trophy for participation. An admission fee of \$1 for adults will be collected at the gate each game day to help the host school cover the cost of clean-up and other expenses. Likewise a \$2 admission fee will be charged during the year-end tournament.

Snow Days

Every effort will be made to open the gymnasiums on Saturdays, even in bad weather. However, if a host school is unable to open their gymnasium, games at that site will be canceled. In the unlikely event that games are canceled, the league will attempt to announce cancellations on our web site (www.artsadtler.com) and WXXQ (FM 98.5) and WQFL (FM 100.9) radio. Canceled games will not be rescheduled.

Jewelry

PLEASE REVIEW THE LEAGUE RULES posted on the web site (www.artsadtler.com) VERY IMPORTANT!!!!

Parental Involvement

The Art Sadtler League is run by volunteers, therefore to keep league fees low parents are asked to volunteer during the games to serve as a scorekeeper or timer. These tasks are simple and require no previous experience. Instruction sheets are available at the scorekeeper's table; in addition the referees and site coordinators will be glad to help you.

Photos

The league organizes a Photo Day for both the team and individual players. A reasonable fee is charged for both team and individual photos. Photo order forms will be handed out to the coaches 1-2 weeks prior to the designated photo day. The photo form will indicate your team's designated photo time (which may be before or after your scheduled game). Please plan to be at the gymnasium with your completed form at least 15 minutes prior to your scheduled photo time. Due to tight schedules the photographer will not wait for those absent. Photo packages will be distributed to the coaches at the end of the season.

League Schedule

The 4/5th grade season will consist of eight games followed by a season ending tournament. The 6th grade will play 12 league games followed by a season ending tournament. League play begins in early January with the tournament occurring in March. All regular season games for the 4th and 5th Grade will be played Saturday mornings. The 6th Grade games will be played primarily on weeknights. Games will be played at participating host schools.

Scores

The league focuses on participation, not winning and losing. Therefore, the scoreboard should be turned off when a team reaches a lead of 20 points or more. Scorekeepers should continue to keep the actual score in the master scorebook. Also, in past years, the Rockford Register Star has agreed to publish game results in the Sunday's Sports section under the Youth or Local box scores. Although the league intends to submit the scores to the Register Star again this year, publication is not guaranteed. Published scores will reflect a 20 point maximum differential. Weekly league standings and scores will also be provided on the league's web site (www.artsadtler.com).

Tournament

The season-ending tournament will be held in Mid March, please watch the web site for further details. Each team will play a minimum of two games. Since the tournament seeding is based on each team's regular season standings, the exact time of your team's first game may not be known until after your last regular season game. Similarly, times of additional games will be dependent upon the outcome of your child's first game. Therefore, please keep your schedules flexible. Additional tournament information will be available in early March on the leagues web site (www.artsadtler.com).

League Web Site

A league web site is available at www.artsadtler.com. This is the primary source of communication, so please check it regularly for updated information. All relevant league rules and documents are available on this site. A link is also provided to contact the league director with any questions or comments you may have.

Thank you for your support and we hope the league is an enjoyable experience for you and your child!