

Winter 2024-2025 Youth Basketball Program Parents Manual



Morrisville Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Resources Mission Statement:

To enrich the Morrisville community by creating quality recreational experiences, celebrating local culture, and enhancing our natural resources.

THE FOLLOWING MANUAL HAS BEEN PREPARED TO ACQUAINT YOU WITH SOME GENERAL RULES AND CONCERNS REGARDING OUR YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAM. PLEASE KEEP THIS WITH YOU SO THAT YOU MAY REFER TO IT AS NEEDED.

We feel we have good coaches in our youth basketball program. However, if at any time you have a problem with a coach that cannot be worked out amongst yourselves, please bring these problems to the Athletic Staff's attention.

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REGISTRATION DATES & FEES FOR 2024-2025 WINTER YOUTH BASKETBALL:

July 26 for Residents of Morrisville; \$72.00/child for Residents of Morrisville

August 5 for Non-Residents of Morrisville; \$103.00/child for Non-Residents of Morrisville

Registration is taken only as long as space allows. Waiting lists will be taken once leagues have begun to fill.

LEAGUES OFFERED FOR 2024-2025 WINTER YOUTH BASKETBALL:

5 & 6 year old co-ed; practices and games played at Cedar Fork Community Center

Boys 7 & 8 year old; males; practices and games played at Cedar Fork Community Center

Girls 7 & 8 year old; females; practices and games played at Cedar Fork Community Center

Boys 9 & 10 year old males; practices and games played at Cedar Fork Community Center

Girls 9 & 10 year old females; practices and games played at Davis Drive Middle School & Chavis Community Center

Boys 11 & 12 year old males; practices and games played at Davis Drive Middle School & Cedar Fork Community Center

Girls 11 & 12 year old females; practices and games played at Davis Drive Middle School

NOTE: Ages are based upon **child's age as of January 1, 2025**

PLACEMENTS

Placements will be held for Boys and Girls 9-10 and Boys and Girls 11-12. Placements will be categorized by age group and league and will give coaches an opportunity to assess skill level before the draft. **Placements will be held on Saturday, November 9** at Cedar Fork Community Center. There will be no placement/assessment date for Boys and Girls 7-8yrs and Co-ed 5-6yrs.

PRACTICES:

Practice dates and times will be assigned prior to the season beginning and handed out to coaches at the preseason Head Coaches meetings, with practices beginning November 16. Each team will have 2 team events per week, whether it be 2 practices/week; 1 practice/week and 1 game/week; or 2 games/week. Practice days during the week will vary week-to-week. Games primarily will be played on Saturdays or Sundays, with some games being played on weeknights as needs warrant. Games will begin December 14.

NOTE: This schedule may vary as changes warrant, i.e. make-up games, cancellations due to poor weather conditions, etc.

NOTE: Each player is expected to be at all Dept. scheduled practices and games. If a player cannot attend, it is his/her duty to notify the coach. Missing practice may result in disciplinary action, i.e. loss of playing time during games. It is the parent's responsibility to keep their child's coach informed. It is the coach's responsibility to inform the players of the team's practice and game schedules in a timely manner.

REGULAR SEASON GAMES:

Practices are scheduled to begin November 16. Games are scheduled to begin December 14 and runs through mid-March.

NOTE: The Boys and Girls 9-10 and Boys and Girls 11-12 will have a single elimination tournament at the end of the regular season.

EQUIPMENT/ UNIFORMS:

Each player will receive a game jersey which he/she will keep after the season is over.

NOTE: No names are to be screened or ironed on the jersey fronts or backs for any reason.

NOTE: No jerseys are to be cut or altered in any way. If this is done the player will be required to replace that uniform at his/her own expense. The player will NOT be allowed to play in any games until an unaltered uniform is worn to a game.

PARKING:

For practices/games scheduled at Cedar Fork Community Center (CFCC), parking is available in front of the CFCC building. For practices/games scheduled at Davis Drive Middle School (DDMS), there is a parking lot available at the school.

WEATHER HOTLINE # (919)463-6215:

For your convenience we will have a weather hotline available to you. When you call the weather hotline #, you will hear a recording informing you if practices and/or games have been cancelled or not. This line will be available by 4:00pm on weekdays and by 7am on weekends. Unfortunately, there are times when we cannot make decisions right up until game time; however, the main objective is always safety. Decisions to cancel scheduled practices and/or games will be based upon weather and/or the chance of severe inclement weather.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What do my fees pay for?

The fees acquired through registration are used for a number of different things. It buys basketball equipment such as basketballs, scorer's notebooks, possession arrows, etc., as well as each child being provided with a game jersey for the basketball season. The fees also go to the payment of Wake County Public Schools for the use of Davis Drive Middle School, part-time staff (supervisors, scorekeepers) as well as contracted officials for all leagues. Fees are also used to administer background checks for our basketball coaches and pay for the costs of the National Youth Sports Coach's Association certification for all of our volunteer head coaches.

Where can I register my child?

Participants can be registered in person at Cedar Fork Community Center, Morrisville Aquatics and Fitness Center or at the Parks and Rec. Admin. Office. Registration forms may be filled out prior to your arrival at either center and are available on our website at <https://www.morrisvillenc.gov/>. The Town of Morrisville Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Department is also proud to announce our online registration system, a new convenient feature to help facilitate program registration. If you have participated with any of our programs before, please call the main office at 919-463-7110.

How are players assigned to teams?

Players will be either drafted or randomly assigned to a team based on which league they are registered for. There will be a draft for Boys and Girls ages 9-10yrs and Boys and Girls ages 11-12yrs. Girls and Boys ages 7-8yrs and Co-ed ages 5-6yrs will be randomly assigned to a team by the athletic program's specialists with the Town of Morrisville. Once a player has been selected to a team, they will remain on that team during the age eligibility for that league, unless a written request is made two weeks prior to the start of season and is approved by the MPRCR dept. **NO PLAYERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO CHANGE TEAMS DURING THE SEASON.** If a child registers late or is taken off the waiting list, they will be placed on the first available team, no money or registration forms are accepted until a spot is open. The coaches will not be able to select players from the list. **NOTE:** Special requests (carpooling, classmates, etc.) will not be honored at any league level.

What is the NYSCA program?

The National Alliance for Youth Sports is a non-profit organization based in West Palm Beach, Florida, founded in 1981 as the National Youth Sport Coaches Association (NYSCA) with the mission of improving out-of-school sports for the more than 20 million youth participants under the age of 16. The Alliance believes that: A) participation in youth sports develops important character traits and values, and B) the lives of youth can be positively impacted if the adults caring for them have proper training and information. We require our coaches to go through this certification process before they can coach a team. This training program paid for by MPRCR provides coaches with information and skills that positively affect the children in their care.

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