

## **Q & A FOR BASKETBALL PLAYERS AND FAMILIES**

### **Q: How are teams formed?**

A: Before the registration deadline, players are placed on teams taking into consideration team requests, carpool request, and middle school attendance area. Once a team reaches 10 players or the registration deadline has passed, players will be placed on the next team in their middle school area or the next closest team that has not reached 10 players. You are not guaranteed any requests once the registration deadline has passed.

### **Q: What does it mean if I have made a coach or carpool request before the registration deadline, but my player does not make it on that team?**

A: There have been many occurrences where a player's registration has been submitted before the registration deadline, but a player did not make it on the team because the teams maximum registration number had been met. When teams have an abundance of players who have made the same requests, registration date and time stamp are used to form the teams.

### **Q: What are the registration deadlines for the 2019/2020 season?**

A: Girls and Boys Basketball 2019 1<sup>st</sup> grade co-ed registration deadline is September 20  
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Girls and Boys Basketball 2020 1<sup>st</sup> grade co-ed registration deadline is December 20  
Boys Basketball 2020 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade registration deadline is December 20  
Boys Basketball 2020 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade registration deadline is January 17

### **Q: How many players are placed on each team**

A: 1<sup>st</sup> grade - 6 player teams; co-ed; 3 on 3  
2<sup>nd</sup> grade - 8 players teams; 4 on 4  
3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade - 10 player teams; 5 on 5

### **Q: How long are the seasons?**

A: The 2019 Girls 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> grade co-ed season run October 19 - December 14. The 2019 Boys 2<sup>nd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> grade season runs January 18-March 7 and the Boy's 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade season runs February 3 - March 8. Typically, there is at least one double header during each season. Boys 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade have double headers Sunday's and practice during the week.

### **Q: When do practices begin?**

A: Girls basketball practices begin the week of October 21. Boys basketball practices begin the week of January 13. The days teams practice depends upon the grade. First and second grade teams will practice and play games on Saturdays. All other grades practice during the week. Additional note: Coaches receive their team rosters at the meetings listed below. They are asked to call their players immediately upon receiving this information to inform families of practice dates and times. Please give your coach 24 hours after the last meeting to make contact. If you still have not heard from someone 24 hours after the last meeting, please contact the Main Office.

2019 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Co-ed and Girls 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Coaches meeting date: October 7  
2019 Girls 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade Coaches meeting dates: October 13 **OR** October 16  
2020 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Co-ed, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Coaches meeting date: Wednesday, January 8  
2020 Boys 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade Coaches meeting dates: January 9 **OR** January 12

**Q: What school will my team practice?**

A: All team practices are scheduled at District 51 elementary schools. Every effort will be made to place teams at the closest elementary school in their middle school area. Not all elementary schools are available during the year. We do our best to keep consistency and proximity in mind when scheduling practices.

**Q: How many days will my player practice?**

A: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teams practice on Saturdays; ½ practice & ½ game  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade teams are guaranteed 1 practice each week of the season  
5<sup>th</sup> grade teams are guaranteed 1 practice, but may get 2 depending upon school gym availability  
6<sup>th</sup> grade teams are guaranteed 2 practices each week of the season  
7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade are guaranteed 2 practices each week of the season  
Note: Any grade can request additional practices and may be honored, depending upon availability

**Q: What time do practices begin during the week?**

A: Practices run one hour in length beginning at 5:30pm. The last practice will start no later than 7:30pm. Typically the younger teams are scheduled for the 5:30pm timeslots and then teams get placed on the practice schedule based on openings and school availability.

**Q: What day of the week are the games and what time do games begin?**

A: All 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade teams play on Saturdays. Boys 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade teams play on Sundays. Game schedules begin at 9:00am and continue through the day. Each game is approximately 1 hour. You can view upcoming games once the schedule is posted at <http://www.teamsideline.com/sites/grandjunction>

**Q: What school will my team play games?**

A: 1<sup>st</sup> grade – Chipeta Elementary  
2<sup>nd</sup> grade – West Middle School  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade – East Middle School  
4<sup>th</sup> grade – Bookcliff Activity Center  
5<sup>th</sup> grade – Pear Park Elementary  
6<sup>th</sup> grade – Bookcliff Middle School  
7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade – Fruita High School

\*Note: Our programs have an interleague relationship with Fruita Parks and Recreation. Third-sixth grade teams will have at least one game in Fruita. These games are played at the Fruita Middle school.

**Q: What size hoop and ball will my player use?**

A: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: 8 ft hoops & junior ball (size 5 or 27")  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade: 8 ft hoops & junior ball (size 5 or 27")  
4<sup>th</sup> grade: 10 ft hoops & junior ball (size 5 or 27")  
5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade: 10 ft hoops & intermediate ball (size 6 or 28.5")  
7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade Boys: 10 ft hoops and regulation ball (29")

**Q: When and where are team photos?**

A: Team photos are scheduled one hour prior to game time at the facility where your team plays. Coaches will hand out picture packets prior to the scheduled dates. Even if you choose not to purchase photos, please make sure that all players are present during the following dates for those players who do want to have a team photo. Please see below:

Girls 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup> – November 9  
Girls 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – November 16  
Boys 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – February 2  
Boys 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup> – February 8

**Q: What if the jersey I ordered during registration does not fit my player?**

A: All players will be issued reversible jerseys. If you need a new jersey for any reason, you need to call the main office at 254-3866 to purchase and reorder for a \$10 fee. Once the jerseys have been picked up, they cannot be returned or traded.

**Q: Which color do I wear if I am the home or the away team?**

A: When your team is home, your player will wear the white side of the jersey. When they are the away team, they will wear black.

**Q: Are there special requirements for the washing the basketball jerseys?**

A: Wash jerseys in cool water and hang to dry. Do not put them in the dryer.