

# Basketball Parent Survey: Grades 1-7

Please list 1-2 improvements that you would suggest for our program.		
		Response Count
		226
		<i>answered question</i> <b>226</b>
		<i>skipped question</i> <b>253</b>

Response Text		
1	A reminder to parents that stomping on the bleachers during games to distract the opposing team is poor sportsmanship.	Apr 16, 2010 3:51 PM
2	More practice time if possible. Eliminate the pictures.	Apr 16, 2010 3:51 PM
3	With grades 1-3, Make the games shorter by taking out the halftimes. Limit to 45-1 hour total. Longer then this is way to much for this age.	Apr 16, 2010 3:51 PM
4	quality of officiating need to be done on the same level for each game even if they are placement games to begin with at the 1st of the year.	Apr 16, 2010 3:52 PM
5	1. Better referees. There was a younger girl with brown hair that was a great referee. She establish parameters and coached the girls throughout when they fouled. Then the rest of the referees were not up to standards. They allowed the games to get too rough and too out of hand. One game got so out of hand that my daughter was bitten on the arm by another player. And of course, no foul was given.  2. On Camps, would like to know which ones are more advanced and which ones are more entry level development.  thanks!!!	Apr 16, 2010 3:55 PM
6	More practice times/dates	Apr 16, 2010 3:55 PM
7	List of expectations of what officials will be calling at each grade levels. More consistency with officials.	Apr 16, 2010 3:58 PM
8	1. How are divisions formed? We got cycled most games....frustrating for kids. Did our coach put our skills to high or did other teams "sandbag". So, better training on coaches identifying divisions. 2. Heard other teams had additional practices...maybe divide "rec" from "competitive." 3. Sorry...one more. Rec camps/clinics fill up too quick. Offer more!!!!	Apr 16, 2010 3:58 PM
9	It shouldn't be left to the coaches to schedule the pictures....there should be a walk in time for individual pictures for those of us that are on teams where the coach doesn't care to do a team picture, but we'd still like an individual picture of our child. Padding should be in place on ALL Gym walls when sharing gyms...my son got a nasty concussion during practice when he was slammed into the concrete wall. This could have been prevented by mats!	Apr 16, 2010 3:58 PM
10	Ability to run a full court practice prior to the first game. I realize gyms are full. Some way to track playing time so a team can't "cheat" on the rule.	Apr 16, 2010 3:58 PM

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11	Would like to see leagues for 9 months of the year, i.e. early Fall and Spring in addition to the existing winter league. It seems bizarre to me that we are in the heart of college basketball territory, but girls sports are dominated by year-round soccer and softball, swimming and volleyball.	Apr 16, 2010 4:00 PM
12	3rd grade shoot on 9ft goals 4th grade shoot on 10ft goals and be able to trap at half court and double team outside the lane	Apr 16, 2010 4:02 PM
13	Although the officiating was excellent some officials were very good at telling the players what they were doing wrong. I feel this should be consistant for all the officials.	Apr 16, 2010 4:05 PM
14	This past season I was horrified by the behavior head coaches/asst coaches on multiple occasions during and after games in the 3rd grade Boy's Blue Devil division. There needs to be an adult supervisor from BVRC at at all games that has the courage to stand up for the teen refs and players and eject/suspend coaches for vulgarity directed at refs, scorekeepers and opposing coaches. On several occasions I saw games stopped due to scoring disputes/rules interpretation and the BVRC representative who was there was often a teenager who was put in a bad position and unable to difuse the situation. I think there needs to be stricter consequences communicated and enforced for the coaches, asst coaches and parents/fans.	Apr 16, 2010 4:08 PM
15	1. More practices 2. More practices	Apr 16, 2010 4:14 PM
16	I realize this is not something BV Rec encourages, and they cannot control it. However, it bothers me that there are second grade coaches paying for additional gym time (outside of Blue Valley) so the girls can get extra practice time. The practice time BV Rec schedules is adequate for this age group. Both of my kids had a very pleasant experience playing this past winter, and we look forward to participating again next year.	Apr 16, 2010 4:19 PM
17	if bvrc could email the participants with their coaches name and contact information.	Apr 16, 2010 4:22 PM
18	Officials, They tend to one-sided. One official told our coach he was calling the 3 second rule on one team only, ours! I have it on video/recorder.	Apr 16, 2010 4:23 PM
19	Make sure the gym supervisor is an adult and prepared to step in, if needed. Occassionally, coach's we played were getting out of hand and the teenage gym supervisor was not "stepping in"	Apr 16, 2010 4:24 PM
20	We would like the teams to have more flexibilty with formation. They have many friends outside of their school they want to play with. Also, the camps my daughters attended are not enjoyable. We will only particpate in the future if offered for just girls.	Apr 16, 2010 4:28 PM
21	At the 5th grade level, officials were good at times, but sometimes seemed to be careless with some calls in terms of not paying attention to who gets possession, time clock, etc. It makes a big difference during the close games.	Apr 16, 2010 4:28 PM
22	The sooner the schedules get in the hands of the parents, the better.	Apr 16, 2010 4:30 PM
23	ELIMINATE SHARING OF GYMS FOR PRACTICES	Apr 16, 2010 4:31 PM
24	The officiating at the 1st grade level needs to be a lot more consistent. They let a a kid travel and/or double dribble one time and call it the next. It is confusing for the kids. Call it correct, especially when it is obvious and they should learn the correct way from the start. Everything else is great!	Apr 16, 2010 4:35 PM
25	I would like you to consider having a 3 on 3 developmental group and a 5 on 5 intermediate group so players can continue to progress on skill development.	Apr 16, 2010 4:37 PM
26	PLEASE LET US PRACTICE AT SCHOOLS BY OUR SUBDIVISION ALL SEASON, NOT JUST THE SECOND HALF OF THE SEASON. IT WOULD BE GREAT TO HAVE GAMES NEAR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD TOO.	Apr 16, 2010 4:37 PM

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27	We played against several teams whose coaches' language, volume, and unsportsmanlike conduct were beyond unacceptable. It would be nice to have even more stringent rules in effect to deal with these few coaches who can't manage themselves appropriately.	Apr 16, 2010 4:38 PM
28	Officials and BVRC Gym Monitors must continue to try to improve the sportsmanship atmosphere. Parents who fail to comply with BVRC standards should be warned once then removed from the gym. Sounds easy but very few of your officials/gym monitors have the stones to do it	Apr 16, 2010 4:48 PM
29	sharing a court with another team does not allow the kids to get any type of realistic game practice. Need full court	Apr 16, 2010 4:51 PM
30	If the program is year round it will be excellent.	Apr 16, 2010 4:51 PM
31	Better guidelines for supervisors and require them to follow them. Officials need better training as their calls were never consistent and this confused our players, plus they never explained their calls to players so no learning experience or ability to improve.	Apr 16, 2010 4:52 PM
32	officiating crew needs more training on handling coaches that are out of line, and dealing with injuries to players. First aid kits should be at all facilities where games are played.	Apr 16, 2010 4:54 PM
33	Officials, at least at our games, tended to ignore violations, and fouls for teams that are more than 10 points behind. It incorrectly teaches that if you're losing, you can play anyway you want and if you are winning the other team gets prefferential treatment. All travels, over the top dribbles, fouls, reaching in, walks etc. should be called on every player every time.	Apr 16, 2010 4:55 PM
34	The season ended too soon! Would love it if the season could be extended a few more weeks; it seems like the kids are really starting to get it and then the season is over.	Apr 16, 2010 4:58 PM
35	Keep the teams practicing at the same time and same location. If a school gym is closed for any reason, it is okay to miss practice that night. Too confusing moving practices around. We have 5 children, 4 played this year, very difficult to keep track with practices moving around.	Apr 16, 2010 4:58 PM
36	Do not allow coaches to remove players already on the team just because they want to.	Apr 16, 2010 5:03 PM
37	I would suggst stopping the clock with 5 minutes to go in each half. The running clock and stopping with 2 minutes results in a 50 minute gametime.	Apr 16, 2010 5:03 PM
38	better trained refs.	Apr 16, 2010 5:06 PM
39	I think you need to offer a "competitive" league alongside your "recreational" league. I pulled my first grader because he is used to full-court press, stealing the ball; full high school rules. And, different parts of KC are offering non-watered down high school rules. There are a TON of blue valley kids playing all over town to find the "competitive" experience. And it's all played on hard-wood courts and 10 foot rims.	Apr 16, 2010 5:06 PM
40	I feel they need more practice time. Whether prior to the game or during the week. A half hour a week is just not enough. I would like to see the officials, some of them are very young, be able to "coach" the girls and explain things to them during the game. Some are able to do this, many do not help out at all. An example might be why there was a penalty or why the ball is changing possession.	Apr 16, 2010 5:12 PM
41	coaches should be allowed to say no to a player they would rather not take. the rec. dept. should form a team with these players. This would boost the level of play.	Apr 16, 2010 5:15 PM
42	Very disappointed in the refs. Ex: My son was in a "jumpball" struggle with a boy from the other team. Another boy from the opposite team ran clear across the court, jumped on my son's back, tackling him, and the ref refused to call a foul. ALL the parents from both sides saw it happen, but the ref claimed he saw nothing.	Apr 16, 2010 5:18 PM

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43	More practice opportunities.	Apr 16, 2010 5:23 PM
44	You should screen the coaches or attend games and see how freaky competitive they get and how poorly they treat the referees. Winning at any cost (a child quitting with no interest of playing, looking absolutely ridiculous to fans) just doesn't need to happen in 3rd and 4th grade.	Apr 16, 2010 5:27 PM
45	more practice time lower the price	Apr 16, 2010 5:30 PM
46	I realize there are a lot of referees needed throughout the city so finding great refs is difficult. I'd be happy with good. We had a game where a ref was enticing our head coach into a confrontation. It happened right after the horn at half time and continued through halftime. Finally the other ref had to tell him to stop. It was obvious to the fans and the players that this ref was out of line. Our coach never used profanity, raised his voice, or used physical contact. He simply wanted to talk about a situation at halftime. I'd like to see more control over the referees by the staff at the games.	Apr 16, 2010 5:30 PM
47	BVREC staff member should be an adult - the teens are easily intimidated by coaches and parents and do not perform the job when it is needed! At the 3rd gr level most of them sat and talked or texted on their phones the whole time!	Apr 16, 2010 5:39 PM
48	More practice times for grades 5 and up. I would like to see a competitive level for basketball like Golden Glove is for Baseball.	Apr 16, 2010 5:39 PM
49	inconsistent referees, specify at the different grades what they can and can't do; double dribble, fouls, travelling	Apr 16, 2010 5:43 PM
50	Officiiting could greatly be improved.	Apr 16, 2010 5:47 PM
51	Practice availability needs to increase to 3 hours per week. It's just not enough as is given the demands of trying to develop skills, offense, & defense.	Apr 16, 2010 5:55 PM
52	More practice time after the season starts. one hour per week is not enough for the kids.	Apr 16, 2010 5:56 PM
53	practice prior to games is not adequate--would like a practice during the week. It did not appear that the refs used to same rules and would focus on different things--would suggest a more synchronized approach as to what is expected game to game	Apr 16, 2010 6:00 PM
54	Find additional gyms for practice so two teams are not practicing at the same time and only able to use half a court.	Apr 16, 2010 6:07 PM
55	play in gymnasiums with bleachers. We usually played in gyms with a few folding chairs. Many times there was not enough room for everyone to sit.	Apr 16, 2010 6:15 PM
56	Forget trophies for participation! I don't believe it is necessary or warranted to give out a trophy just for participation.	Apr 16, 2010 6:30 PM
57	The high school age officials were terrible. They need more training and they need to get over their fear of calling a game like it should be called. I saw girls getting away with scratching, elbowing and other very inappropriate behavior on the court. It's sad that some of the coaches seem to advocate their girls playing "dirty." And the rec officials let them get away with it. One of my daughters plays in the Olathe Y league and their officials have done an outstanding job of making the game fun by calling it fairly and also explaining what the girls did wrong. Some of the Rec officials--and not all because some of the older guys were much better--need to learn the rules and how to keep a game under control. Your "staff member" that hangs out at each game also proved to be ineffective--how you can know what's going on in a game when you sit there and read a magazine and never even look up? I guess you get what you pay...but for goodness sake, at least give them the training to get through the season. Maybe you should call the Y and see where they train their refs!	Apr 16, 2010 6:32 PM
58	I would Like a Basketball Team in the SUMMER for my son, he loves it.	Apr 16, 2010 6:47 PM
59	better qualified referees	Apr 16, 2010 6:52 PM

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60	Have the gym supervisor operate the scoreboard when not tending to other matters and when parent volunteers are not comfortable with operating the scoreboard. An officiating referee yelled several times during a game at the parent trying to operate the scoreboard. It was unprofessional and embarrassing, especially when the parent volunteered only because no one else would. Eventually the gym supervisor assisted but had that happened from the start the entire situation could have been avoided.	Apr 16, 2010 6:53 PM
61	Maybe posting the score sheets on line, but not real necessary.	Apr 16, 2010 6:55 PM
62	The elementary school gyms are really too small for decent 4th grade play. Dividing them in half for practice doesn't allow for effective practice time since the noise level is too high most of the time. It would be nice to schedule the younger kids at one of the middle schools for at least a game or two.	Apr 16, 2010 6:58 PM
63	When there are 2 teams practicing on the same court it is very difficult to hear anything. Some way to put a divider up between halves or schedule such that only one team would be practicing at a time would be awesome.	Apr 16, 2010 7:14 PM
64	Coaches should not be able to "reorganize" after a team has been together for years. One team is enough for coaches!	Apr 16, 2010 7:27 PM
65	Change the tournament seeding strategy. Improve quality of referees.	Apr 16, 2010 7:35 PM
66	I think there should be a tournament before the games start. Self ranking will not work. Coaches will underplay or overplay their skill level to win. We were in the 1st division and the skill level was not the same as other games we viewed in leagues that were allegedly less skilled.	Apr 16, 2010 7:42 PM
67	when placing teams in divisions, try to ensure teams will be competitive. Losing is a part of playing sports, but playing with a comparable set of teams is best	Apr 16, 2010 7:43 PM
68	Better officiating that doesn't allow so much contact.	Apr 16, 2010 7:54 PM
69	Lighting at the District Office gym was poor at best. I would not recommend having games at this location anymore.	Apr 16, 2010 8:01 PM
70	Less expensive. Have refs that want to be there and really enjoy helping the kids understand and play the game.	Apr 16, 2010 8:10 PM
71	All programs are outstanding	Apr 16, 2010 8:30 PM
72	I would prefer that players be assigned to teams randomly within their schools. The way it works now (with players indicating their preference of coaches and/or friends on their team), the effect is that there are "elite" teams handpicked by coaches that play together every year and have extra practices (even in grades 1-3). The "elite athletes" all end up on teams together (leaving all of the "non-elite" athletes on the other teams), and there is a great disparity between the elite teams and the other teams, even in the younger grades. This creates a negative experience for the teams that don't stand a chance of even making the game competitive, and it teaches/reinforces to the kids, coaches and parents on the elite teams that winning is more important than being inclusive, making new friends, being a good sport, or anything else.  In addition, I do not feel that 30-45 minutes of practice time immediately prior to the game is enough to improve skills or teach plays. This is the only youth sport I have encountered where there is not at least one separate, one hour to one and a half hour practice during the week.	Apr 16, 2010 8:42 PM
73	officiating	Apr 16, 2010 8:48 PM
74	The trophies could definitely be improved. They look cheap. I would prefer to pay a few bucks more for better trophies.	Apr 16, 2010 8:49 PM

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75	1 practice a week is okay at the lower levels but to have that for your upper div teams is not helping them get to the next level. kids will never get a sense of team or understanding the game of bball with just one practice a week. for a team that doesn't have an all star team they are at a serious disadvantage. also, teams get closed off when kids are in the 4th grade and for a new kid to come in and want to play with his school/friends he is shut out because the team is already locked up.	Apr 16, 2010 8:52 PM
76	Our coach did not care at all! He did not even give the boys their trophies.	Apr 16, 2010 9:02 PM
77	Don't like that end of season tournament teams move up or down a division based on their record. The tournament should be for each division only.	Apr 16, 2010 9:05 PM
78	More practice time, & consistent time/location of practices. Location of the practices should be closer to home school.	Apr 16, 2010 9:18 PM
79	Officiating at the younger level (younger players, younger refs) can be inconsistent. Refs need to enforce the rules (e.g., fouls, travelling, moving picks, etc.), even early in the season, so that the kids can learn the rules and good habits. They let too much go in order to keep play going and not call every little thing, but then bad habits form & even the players start thinking the officiating isn't correct.	Apr 16, 2010 9:27 PM
80	Make sure all the refs are involved in the game at the same level- some were outstanding, others poor.	Apr 16, 2010 9:32 PM
81	On 3x3 teams - 4-5 is the best number. If you get to 6 don't ask Coaches to allow another player. Have those kids that sign up late form their own team (wait list until 4-5) and one of their parents need to Coach. It is not very fun for the child or the parents if they're on a team with 7 or 8 players. I know your policy is to let the Coach decide but these are his neighbors/friends, etc. asking and it's very hard to say no. Another comment - there were some referees that were just terrific with the kids. Others not so good. Maybe some more training for them?	Apr 16, 2010 9:37 PM
82	Need a more competitive division for fourth grade and higher , allow full ct press 4th grade and increased practice time.	Apr 16, 2010 9:41 PM
83	more practice and less registration fee	Apr 16, 2010 9:47 PM
84	My daughter was on a 3rd grade team in the 1st division. I think the officials did a great job calling the games. The parents from several of the teams were horrible. They yelled at the refs, but most disturbing, they yelled and made nasty comments directly to the players. These kids are in 3rd grade. Hearing adults talk to 9 year olds in that manner is not right. Someone needs to keep the parents in line. If the refs don't have time for that, I understand. Maybe Blue Valley Rec could have some other observer at the games to keep an ear open to obnoxious comments from parents and step in to quiet them when it happens. If it had been at just one game, I would not have thought it was a big deal, but it happened at least 3 or 4 of our games.	Apr 16, 2010 9:55 PM
85	I'd like to see the option of a more competitive division within 4th grade that would allow kids to play on 10' goals and/or full reg. sized courts.	Apr 16, 2010 10:02 PM
86	More practice.	Apr 16, 2010 10:18 PM
87	Get rid of admission fees for league games!	Apr 16, 2010 10:22 PM
88	If there is already an existing team from an elementary school, and another needs to be added, please do your best to keep original girls together, and compose the new team of the newly registered participants. With only 6 games, try to not repeat opponets, we didn't play everyone, but we played one team twice.	Apr 16, 2010 10:56 PM
89	Improve the consistency of the referees. One game they would call traveling, double dribbling, etc... the next nothing. Same with blatant fouls some games they called everything, the next nothing.	Apr 16, 2010 11:12 PM
90	We had 3 different officials throughout the season. One in particular did not address poor sportsmanship with the children nor their coach.	Apr 16, 2010 11:36 PM

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91	1st and 2nd grade should play 5 on 5  officials need to use better judgment on traveling and double-dribbling for the 3rd grade girls - we had games where they stopped play every time down the court for both teams.	Apr 17, 2010 12:02 AM
92	Try having games closer to home school. I think the pictures are a bit pricey.	Apr 17, 2010 12:08 AM
93	More practice time	Apr 17, 2010 12:28 AM
94	None!	Apr 17, 2010 1:34 AM
95	More practice times with a full court.	Apr 17, 2010 1:35 AM
96	Offer more practice time for teams willing to pay additional fees to rent the gyms.	Apr 17, 2010 1:49 AM
97	More playing time.	Apr 17, 2010 1:51 AM
98	More gyms.	Apr 17, 2010 2:41 AM
99	Let 3rd grade have a tournament at the end of their season.	Apr 17, 2010 3:15 AM
100	1/2 way through the season evaluations of your own coach. End of the year evaluation of the coach.	Apr 17, 2010 3:34 AM
101	officials need to quit officiating games like back in the 50's	Apr 17, 2010 4:27 AM
102	1. Backcourt guarding should be a non-shooting personal foul. I suspect coaches do not even try get girls to follow the rules since it helps their team stop fast breaks, plus some refs allowed backcourt turnovers when the girls were being guarded. Breaking the rules should have some negative effect on the continual offenders. 2. I believe third graders playing in the lower divisions would benefit more from playing 3v3 since they cannot effectively pass yet in the 5v5 game, but understand gym space is limited and logistics would be challenging. Hey, maybe if back-court guarding was a PF, we WOULD be playing 3v3 by the end of the game!!! 3. If gym space is "rentable", it might be advantagous to communicate this to teams, so we don't all have to do the discovery to find it. 4. My team needed a better scorekeeper since I really sucked at it!! (Brian Brunner)	Apr 17, 2010 4:41 AM
103	Better communication on how to access the website for practice schedule. Our son missed several practices because the initial practice schedule ended and we didn't know to check the website for further practices... we are new to sports (always been a music/drama family so we didnt' know the usual routine...) thanks! it was a fabulous experience for our son! Now he plays outside shooting hoops with middle school friends several days a week. Yahoo!	Apr 17, 2010 5:56 AM
104	I am sure it is very hard to get officials but I think they should a lot more training - there needs to be consistency among the calls! At the younger ages it is important for them to tell the kiddos exactly what they are calling them on or they won't learn...that is what it is all about and it causes a great deal of confusion when one game every foul is called and the next no fouls are called!	Apr 17, 2010 12:01 PM
105	Parents need to be sent a reminder that good sportsmanship isn't just for the kids on the court.	Apr 17, 2010 12:27 PM
106	More practice time for 1-3.	Apr 17, 2010 12:53 PM
107	Have consequences for the teams and parents that get out of hand. For example, if you kick or trip someone, you are out of the game. If the coach yells at an official or parent, they are out of the game. If a parent is arguing with the official, he/she is out. An adult official needs to be at all games to make sure good sportmanship happens with parents and teams. And everyone needs to know at the beginning of the game, bad sportmanship with not be tolerated.	Apr 17, 2010 12:55 PM
108	The officiating was very inconsistent week to week.	Apr 17, 2010 1:36 PM
109	doing good	Apr 17, 2010 1:38 PM

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110	1. better skill level grouping of teams 2. more professional and appropriate behavior from coaches. They are role models for our children. 3. better ref control of games	Apr 17, 2010 2:01 PM
111	The third grade boys would have either a pair of very seasoned officials or a pair of very, young less experienced officials. It would seem helpful to pair a newer and a more experienced official together.	Apr 17, 2010 2:03 PM
112	Longer season, way too short.	Apr 17, 2010 2:38 PM
113	1. Have a person at each game representing BVRC that is not reading a magazine or texting during the gam. Have them actually monitor and enforce the BVRC sportsmanship rules--ie no heckling of players, poor sportsmanship from fans, screeching whenever a player puts up a shot (from opposing team) 2. Make them enforce the rules!	Apr 17, 2010 3:50 PM
114	Something needs to be done with the officiating.I have been a coach off and on in BVRc BB for 15 years and this has been one of the worst years. I would just like to see the officials be more consistent, especially in the 5-7 grade levels. I'm thinking that the head of officials should have a meeting with coaches before the season to discuss our complaints and what we see. I think it might help diffuse some of the tensions come league play.It is important for our kids that what coaches teach them is backed up by how the officials call the games.	Apr 17, 2010 6:25 PM
115	I think the pressing during the games is not appropriate for recreational leagues. I would like to see a change in the rules. Perhaps pressing only the last few minutes of each half.	Apr 17, 2010 7:03 PM
116	I do not think it should be coaches discretion in RECREATIONAL SPORTS. That goes against the very nature of REC sports. I think if a child wants to play basketball that child should be able to play on its school's team if there is an opening. I do not feel that a position should be given to another student from another school. It causes hurt feelings, and that carries over into the child's school life. It also causes jockeying and "cliques" among parents as well as kids. Coaches should work with all levels of the kids' abilities and they should be ENCOURAGING and accepting. How would we feel if TEACHERS got to decide what kids they had in their classroom or in our schools. It's unfair and not in keeping with the spirit of recreational sports. If you want more out of the sport, then go competitive!!!!!!!	Apr 17, 2010 8:07 PM
117	More training and accountability for officials and coaches.	Apr 17, 2010 8:13 PM
118	poor coach for my 4th grader. So much so that he doesn't want to play any longer. He had such a bad experience that I should have not made him finish the season. Should ask the coach for input on seeded of the team. They lost EVERY SINGLE GAME. He was in tears after the games.	Apr 17, 2010 9:37 PM
119	Improved officiating. The teams that played most physical, often won. The poor and inconsistent officiating fosters rough, out of control play.	Apr 17, 2010 11:22 PM
120	give young kids more practice time than just half hour before games, have more camp times.	Apr 18, 2010 12:02 AM
121	Finding a coach was difficult as most of the girls from last years team were no longer interested but 4 girls wanted to play. The two "local" teams were already full but fortunately with a lot of calling around we found a team for these four girls. In the end it was fine but hard to do.	Apr 18, 2010 1:31 AM
122	More practice times.  All wood floors	Apr 18, 2010 4:00 AM
123	I would suggest working with a show manufacturer (nike, adidas, etc.) and make them the 'official' show provider for BVRC and strike a deal offering discounted shoes to players. This would be great for baseball, too.	Apr 18, 2010 12:17 PM
124	Have each coach confidentially rate the sportsmanship of the opposing coach and fans.	Apr 18, 2010 2:16 PM

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125	In a different state, we paid \$85 for 3rd grade community basketball and that included the uniform. 4th grade Upwards basketball was \$80 and included the uniform.	Apr 18, 2010 2:37 PM
126	too many to mention. Provide for competitive teams like your gold glove in baseball. Don't dumb down the entire league to accommodate lesser players. Practice times till 9:30 PM and sharing gyms with 3 teams is a joke. Worst refs in any league we have ever played. I am sure when we get to 4th grade we will leave BVRC. Many teams at Okun and GABL are from BVRC...that should tell you something. Wake up!!!	Apr 18, 2010 6:23 PM
127	more practice time without another team on the other half of the court. With another team there, there is too much noise and distraction. The girls have a hard time staying focused and listening to the coach. Pictures are too expensive for what you get.	Apr 18, 2010 7:32 PM
128	more practice time	Apr 18, 2010 8:08 PM
129	It would be wonderful to practice at only a few schools instead of more than 3-4 different BV schools.	Apr 19, 2010 1:39 AM
130	Some coaches are "Over the Top" competitive. They yell and scream and kids and officials. That is wrong as they are just little kids. Bad examples for the kids. We love basketball and the rec program. Thank you for your time and effort into making all run smooth.	Apr 19, 2010 1:39 AM
131	3rd grade needs to be higher competition option. officiating was pretty poor at that level. 1st great was great.	Apr 19, 2010 4:25 AM
132	it seemed liked for our school there were two teams.. one for the great players and one for the not so great players.. i think in 4th grade it should have been split where we could have had two decent teams.. I think parents and coaches forget why kids SHOULD play basketball..	Apr 19, 2010 4:38 AM
133	Do a camp with the KU/KSU/MU basketball players and/or coaches.	Apr 19, 2010 4:46 AM
134	At this age grades 1-3, coaches need to teach players all positions instead of nearly locking them into preferred positions. This happened in basketball as well as softball.	Apr 19, 2010 8:05 AM
135	We would really like a second session of basketball to be added. My daughter enjoyed playing and wished the season were longer or that there was another session to sign up for.	Apr 19, 2010 11:52 AM
136	I would like for BVRC to make their own competitive teams similar to Blue Valley Stars on Soccer side. This will give kids oppurtunity to play competitive games too.	Apr 19, 2010 12:27 PM
137	In my daughter's 1st grade league, we had a team that had obviously played together before. This was our team's first year of playing basketball, and this one team had played together for 2 years and played over the summer together. They need to be placed in a more advanced league. You need to find out how much a team plays together if you are trying to match skill levels in the 1st - 3rd grade levels.	Apr 19, 2010 1:08 PM
138	1. Teams should be grouped by skill level. We played a couple of very strong teams whose coaches clearly were pushing for a higher level of competition. I don't mind getting beat, but I don't want those boys to be a door mat for a team that needs to be playing a higher quality of competition.  2. Eliminate the ability of a coach to have two teams in the same grade/league. We had one coach in our group who had 10 kids on two teams and would mix and match weekly. We essentially faced the same very strong team two weeks in a row -- a drag for my boys.	Apr 19, 2010 1:36 PM
139	The way the end of season tournament seeding in done. We were the top seed in our bracket, but had to play a team that dropped down a division our first game - and got bumped out. Usually the top is "rewarded" and starts the tournament playing the lowest teams. That was very frustrating for our girls after working hard all season.	Apr 19, 2010 1:39 PM

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140	Some of the coaches are allowed to scream at their players...literally, veins bulging out of their necks. This is just not necessary! Younger children in the bleachers get scared, kids on the other team are distracted, it really takes away from the game and yet the refs do nothing. Parents have to take the sportsmanship class, shouldn't the coaches be held to the same standard? This is my only complaint. If this were fixed, things would be perfect!	Apr 19, 2010 1:39 PM
141	Not sure how you'd screen them, but we were in an instructional league, and a few of the teams were clearly beyond that level, making it an unfair and unpleasant game. Learners should be separate from those who should be on a regular team.	Apr 19, 2010 2:11 PM
142	Encourage refs too kick out parents who get out of control.	Apr 19, 2010 2:16 PM
143	Wondering BVR could expand the number of games, say to 13 league games in lieu of 10?	Apr 19, 2010 3:39 PM
144	We played most of our games on carpet - was not a very good facility for the kids/play - 151st & Roe	Apr 19, 2010 3:44 PM
145	Family discount on enrollment fees and pictures	Apr 19, 2010 4:23 PM
146	1. Offer 2nd grade 5 on 5 in addition to 3 on 3 (top division perhaps?). The Y has taken kids away from the BV program. I believe that the BV program is better in almost every other way. 2. Reinforce the mission at game time (a pledge, perhaps?). There were many times throughout the season where the adults (coaches, fans AND officials) did not remember the reason we have this program...it's for the kids. 3. Empower the BV rec representative to intervene when something does go off mission. Train them to be sensitive to the competitive nature of the situation. They should be able to overrule the officials for off court activity. They should also be proactive in keeping the mission.	Apr 19, 2010 6:12 PM
147	During practices (right before the games. Why couldn't they be separate so proper time could be given to the different areas of the game?) our coach only spent time on shooting drills. He needed to show the boys about defense too. Then once the game was going on, & our team was on defense, he would shout out what to do. Not effective at all. My son didn't know what to do and it caused confusion. Also, our coach played his own son most of the time and the ball was only given to those who shot the ball a lot. He did not instruct the boys to give everyone a chance. I was not very satisfied with this coaching method.	Apr 19, 2010 6:23 PM
148	The refs need to call the girls on poor sportsmanship..no matter what their age is!	Apr 19, 2010 6:38 PM
149	See note in #12. We love all the BVRec programs. i think you run an excellent program and all your staff are always delightful to work with! Thank you. i am grateful we have such a high caliber community program in our city.	Apr 19, 2010 10:30 PM
150	more consistency with referrees. some call things, others don't. it's hard to teach the athletes about certain things when the referees are inconsistent with calling the fouls, traveling, etc.	Apr 20, 2010 12:16 AM
151	more consistency with location of practices	Apr 20, 2010 2:39 AM
152	At times I felt like the referees had different calls for different teams but overall they were good. I think the program is great because it seems more for sportsmanship and fun rather than pressurized competition and that is what my child likes about it!!	Apr 20, 2010 3:07 AM
153	Game Officials need better training.	Apr 20, 2010 3:08 AM
154	4th grade seems a bit young to scream and yell during an opponent's free throw.	Apr 20, 2010 2:14 PM
155	Parent coaches make teams too clickish. Some kids are excluded because the parent coach doesn't want them on the team. This is not appropriate for recreational league play. In this league all kids should be able to play with their schoolmates.	Apr 20, 2010 8:29 PM

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156	Consistent calls from ref to ref - know what skill level the teams are at that are officiating for. Additional practice time outside of games. Longer season - girls were just getting the hang & games were done. Pics are WAY too overpriced!	Apr 21, 2010 12:17 AM
157	At 2nd grade - 6 games is not enough- it should be 8-10 Add another league for the spring months	Apr 21, 2010 3:21 PM
158	You could do away with all the trophies and just give a participation certificate to all grade levels. This might help put the emphasis on recreation ball instead of competitive sports. To our family this league is about having fun and enjoying sports. Thank you!	Apr 21, 2010 8:43 PM
159	Some of the coaches are inconsistent with their calls. Some call all fouls and some call very few. Added consistency would be helpful. Otherwise, it's a wonderful program that we, as parents, enjoy and so does our son. Thank you for providing it.	Apr 22, 2010 1:35 AM
160	Although coaches can sometimes be combative and too vocal, I think there are a couple of adult referees that are combative with the coaches and the fans. The game is not about the officials and they need to exhibit some patience as the coaches are asked to be patient as well.	Apr 22, 2010 4:06 AM
161	1. Overhaul the way you train and oversee officials/refs. They have often ruined the spirit of the game for players, parents and coaches. 2. Do not over-emphasise the value of "sportsmanship". It is very important, but the way BVRC impliments it often leads to way too much political correctness and sometimes ruins a true spirit of sportsmanship in the realm of competition.	Apr 22, 2010 5:31 PM
162	Since there is always a league rep present, why not have the rep run the scoreboard and clock.	Apr 22, 2010 7:00 PM
163	stop the clock in 5th grade + b-ball instead of running clock.	Apr 23, 2010 3:10 PM
164	Have a separate practice date/time. Having a 30 minute practice before a game didn't give enough focused practice time and left the kids dragging towards the end of the game. The 3-on-3 was great to give kids a chance to play more, but would prefer a 5-on-5 option and more kids on a team. Ours had only 6.	Apr 23, 2010 3:12 PM
165	Great job. Kudos to all the parents and volunteers who help make the program happen	Apr 23, 2010 3:15 PM
166	The biggest issue are the officials that seem to be burnt out and inconsistent. I realize that it is a tough position to have but I do not see the same type of hostility toward the coaches and fans in other BV sports. The inconsistencies of calling travels, fouls, etc is confusing for the kids and again, I think that improvements can be made across all of the officials on what to call for each age/grade. The younger ref's seem to have more of a relationship with the players and more consistent (purely my opinion!) My boys have played every year and enjoy the program very much! They have learned a lot of skills that otherwise they would not have gained. Great program, just fix the officiating!!	Apr 23, 2010 3:15 PM
167	It seemed that all the afternoon games were always running late. Maybe schedule a little more time between games so that if earlier ones go into OT, it won't effect the later games as much.	Apr 23, 2010 3:15 PM
168	Make sure refs know rules for each grade level and watch them in a game atmosphere b4 you let them do it to make sure they have the ability.	Apr 23, 2010 3:23 PM

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169	clinics for coaches. parents aren't always equipped to coach although they want their kids to play. Our 4th-grade girl's coach needs help knowing drills to coach and how to help each girl. Would also like to see teams go past 7th grade... especially if BV cuts middle school sports. Some kids love the games but feel they aren't good enough for school teams and don't want to embarrass themselves by "helping the school team LOSE". We had some officials "commissnerating" with coaches from opposing teams and felt they were biased to those teams ... making calls against our team letting worse offenses 'get by them' without being called when the other team was involved.	Apr 23, 2010 3:25 PM
170	Officiating could be much more consistent	Apr 23, 2010 3:27 PM
171	Improve the training for the officials. There are special rules at the lower levels, they need to be consistent to enforce them. (both officials)	Apr 23, 2010 3:29 PM
172	I thnk there needs to be more monitoring of the coaches atleast in the 4th grade level...the coaches are extremely competitive and over the top. I am concerned at what some of the girls are learning from their coaches and how the coaches conduct themselves on the court.	Apr 23, 2010 3:32 PM
173	1. For older grades, and certainly for 7th grade boys competition, the 10 point no press rule is not appropriate. That is basically 3 baskets. Consider moving to 15 points for 7th grade at least.  2. Officiating was better this season, but still continues to be inconsistent. Some officials act like tyrants and don't allow any level of interaction with them. Coaches need to be able to respectfully argue their points and advocate for their teams. This is part of the game, as is criticism for blown calls. Again, for the older leagues or for the D1 leagues, an attempt should be made to appoint the most qualified referees and allow coaches more consistent latitude to coach their teams and work the officials to see their side. These games are very competitive and the players care a lot. And, are working hard. Too often, I feel officials are still deciding too much of what happens, rather than the coaches and players.	Apr 23, 2010 3:43 PM
174	would like to see cheaper team pictures. ie be able to purchase one small child pic and one team pic for under \$10. Also, I noticed in the 4th grade boys league there were 1 or 2 coaches that were teaching their boys how to play dirty and that winning was more important than anything else. i was disgusted with their attitudes and would never let my son play on a team like that.	Apr 23, 2010 3:50 PM
175	1. I think the amount of changes between 4th & 5th grade is a lot. I question whether it makes sense to move the 5th graders to the larger gyms. I think it causes poor basketball skills development.	Apr 23, 2010 4:01 PM
176	Teams are being formed outside of school boundaries, beginning to create "elite" teams. This needs to be better monitored if all are supposed to abide by the rules. It's creating an imbalance of competition at all levels. You have teams that consist of BVNW, BVW, and BV players, which makes it difficult if we're all supposed to be staying within school boundaries to compete. In addition, officials need to be graded during games for conduct and ability to officiate with knowledge and understanding of rules/games. There were times when supervisors were reading magazines, or talking to others. There was no documentation or items being written down at any time that could be discussed with an official at a later time. 90% of the officials are doing a good job, but you have a few who view themselves as being part of the "show" instead of managing the game flow and conduct of participants.	Apr 23, 2010 4:03 PM
177	I understand the need for the officials to make sure all players/ coaches and parents act with good sportsmanship but some of our games the officials confined our coaches to their seats and told them they were not to instruct the players. I believe on several occasions our coaches had done nothing wrong yet the team we were playing were allowed more leniency. Additional training for the officials would help, we had many games where both teams were subject to bad calls but could not be challenged. Overall, my kids enjoy playing. I just wish the adults would behave as the children do.	Apr 23, 2010 4:06 PM

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178	The refs at the 3rd grade level were not nearly as good as the 5th grade. I'm sure this is done by design, but an upgrade to 3rd graders would be my only complaint.	Apr 23, 2010 4:12 PM
179	<p>Team Selection Process is very political after 4th Grade. Parents/kids not well prepared for this behavior. We need to educate 3rd grade parents that the next year their child will be thrown to the wolves and it will all be about who you know and not about how you play.</p> <p>I would love to see a low stress skills assessment by high school and then have BV staff state what level a child should play out of. Coaches could then draft out of these pools. This would be redone every year and would encourage kids to improve their skills.</p> <p>In general, I feel that your refs have always been well trained and dealt with the kids great. My daughter did have one child on her BB team that did not have good on court behavior (bumping, shoving, etc). I wish our coach would have handled it, but when he did not I wish the refs could have taken stronger action. Since no action was taken to help her learn, my daughter will most likely not play BB again as I just do not want her playing on a team where players behave like that.</p>	Apr 23, 2010 4:24 PM
180	Officiating needs to be consistent. While I understand that at this level the children are still learning the basics, some kids blatantly travel, go out of bounds, foul, etc. and are not called on it by the officials.	Apr 23, 2010 4:32 PM
181	<p>Would prefer a draft system allowing for more evenly balanced teams. More practice time and space would be nice.</p> <p>I think cost is a bit high. In other cities where we have played, a similar price included pictures and uniforms.</p>	Apr 23, 2010 4:39 PM
182	in 4th grade players need more practice time. We only got once a week when games started.	Apr 23, 2010 4:57 PM
183	It is a good program for my child. I have no suggestions at this time.	Apr 23, 2010 5:22 PM
184	Make sure your coaches care. Our's clearly did not.	Apr 23, 2010 5:30 PM
185	<p>Something HAS to be done about the officiating!</p> <p>Even the BVrec employees agreed with parents that complained but were unable to do anything about it. I also had a son playing in the 9th grade level. We had several of the same officials. They are lazy (or doing too many games and can't make it up and down the court cuz they are tired) and miss many calls. Consistency is also an issue.</p>	Apr 23, 2010 5:34 PM
186	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Should have practices during the week, like they do for soccer.</li> <li>2. This may seem petty - but the trophies the 1st grade girls received were pitiful. They were like ceramic knick knacks - not trophies. Soccer, cheer and baseball had much nicer trophies for the players.</li> <li>3. Jerseys - we had to buy ours which seemed odd, based on our soccer experience and then the jerseys were really cheap quality.</li> </ol>	Apr 23, 2010 5:51 PM
187	Need to play on 10 ft goals sooner	Apr 23, 2010 6:02 PM
188	Parents need to be inform the game rules. It seems there are some different game rules than what we know and parents and kids seems having difficulties to follow BVR rules and normal basketball rules which causes some confusion and argument between teams and officials!!	Apr 23, 2010 6:13 PM
189	Referees --There was one older ref who I felt made fun of the kids. I heard him announce that he usually officiates high school kids. There was one time when two boys were not paying attention and were pushing each other a little. He stopped play and yelled at the two boys that "the game is down Here". I felt so embarassed for those boys parents. I even told him that after the game. I think this age needs all young refs who Know the game.	Apr 23, 2010 7:01 PM
190	More games	Apr 23, 2010 8:28 PM

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191	Do not let teams disband after 3rd grade. Kids should be playing on teams from their elementary and middle school not on teams where they won't see each other until high school.	Apr 23, 2010 9:36 PM
192	We had a very difficult time having kids on the team that had no idea what they were suppose to do on the court. It made it very difficult for boys that want to win. They have to "carry" the boys that just stand there. Very sad.	Apr 23, 2010 10:00 PM
193	better officials that keep learning and teaching of the game a priorty, not just calling fouls.	Apr 23, 2010 10:30 PM
194	lower the price and more practice	Apr 24, 2010 1:40 AM
195	Some coaches are VERY unsportsman-like. Should they to the seminar that parents attend. Do not put competitive teams against recreational teams.	Apr 24, 2010 7:44 AM
196	Have a BVRC staff member (not the one working the gym location) observe each ref at least twice a season.	Apr 24, 2010 1:21 PM
197	Coaches need to more education on how to treat officials with respect. Officials need to put in more effort to hustle, switch on fouls, and use proper officiating mechanics.	Apr 24, 2010 1:42 PM
198	the season could be a little longer	Apr 24, 2010 1:46 PM
199	Must have either older refs or court monitors...too young to control unruly parents and coaches	Apr 24, 2010 2:21 PM
200	Most everyone has a cabinet full of team pics from Basketball, baseball, soccer ..... really don't need anymore	Apr 24, 2010 3:50 PM
201	For the price of the season, I expected more games and more practices. I felt the season was rather short.	Apr 24, 2010 4:02 PM
202	None at this time.	Apr 24, 2010 4:52 PM
203	1. Older and more experienced officials who want to be there could be beneficial for the teams involved. 2. For the officials to be impartial when officiating and realize that the safety of our girls is of utmost importance. 3. To have consistent officiating in a game and throughout the season.	Apr 24, 2010 5:56 PM
204	Preparation of ref's may need to be improved as the calls from ref to ref are very inconsistent	Apr 24, 2010 6:50 PM
205	More gym time	Apr 24, 2010 7:04 PM
206	Have the officials deal with coaches who are "unsportsmanlike". We had an instance with an opposing coach who was just awful. If he was my child's coach, I would have been embarassed.	Apr 24, 2010 7:28 PM
207	Practice before the game is a Horrible Idea...if the kids were able to have more practices the children will play better during the games.	Apr 24, 2010 8:54 PM
208	I am very unsatisfied with how the tournament is handled. Teams are moved around into different divisions based on their w/l ratio. I feel that they should stay in the division they played in all season regardless of their record. Also, my daughter's team lost to a team that had a girl who was on their roster but almost never, if not never, played with them during the regular season. She played on a competitive league and was brought in to play during the tournament to give them a edge. This is non-completive bball and that sets a bad example for all the girls. I don't know how you police this but that type of lack of sportsmanship but it needs to be addressed.	Apr 25, 2010 2:52 PM
209	Have somebody from the league monitor the parent fans behavior!!Ensure the protection and safety of all the players	Apr 26, 2010 12:04 AM
210	The practices can be way to late for the age of the kids. I know there are lots of teams, but it is also hard when you have little ones to put to bed and have to get a kid at practice.	Apr 26, 2010 1:23 AM
211	try to have students play at their own schools, if possible.	Apr 26, 2010 11:07 AM

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212	Referees need to be a tad more patient with the coaches. I coached the Hoopsters in the 5th grade girls division and, at times, I just felt the refs went overboard when they were questioned about ANYTHING. At times, they just seem to 'hyper-sensitive'...	Apr 26, 2010 5:07 PM
213	Give parents idea of what coaches try to do in a short period of time with limited practice time. Allow coaches to practice at school at a time that the boys get a feel of full court not half. Coach has the opportunity to use gym with out having to pay from our pocket to rent .	Apr 26, 2010 10:04 PM
214	League officials placed in stands to observe and monitor fans. Better referees. Some referees acted as if they didn't know what level the were officiating. They were obviously biased and did not work to help the children understand the play of the game.	Apr 26, 2010 11:18 PM
215	More experienced ref's and more practice time. For touraments, have the teams stay with their level and not move them up or down.	Apr 27, 2010 3:06 AM
216	practices at the size gyms that the games are on. We practiced in elem schools and played in middle schools and that was tough. I coached and thought the league is very well run and we had an excellent experience.	Apr 27, 2010 3:34 PM
217	Consistency in referee -	Apr 28, 2010 4:34 AM
218	more access to open gyms for practice	Apr 28, 2010 1:01 PM
219	Would be nice to have more practice time, though with the number of teams it is understandable. The parents need to be reminded of their roles in being good sports for the young players, though this too may stem from the coaching as well.	Apr 28, 2010 7:24 PM
220	You're doing great & we appreciate you	Apr 29, 2010 2:54 AM
221	stop the clock during free throws	Apr 29, 2010 4:04 AM
222	I think the coaching focused too much on shooting and not enough fundamentals. The kids didn't know what to do on defense and how to get open to get a pass on offense. Not much teamwork emphasized-too many of the same kids taking most of the shots.	Apr 29, 2010 2:57 PM
223	The officiating ranges from good to horrible and the quality is very inconsistent. I have seen too much ego from some Refs who go out of their way to look for and in some cases cause trouble.	Apr 29, 2010 8:26 PM
224	1. Grades 1-3 give t-shirts instead of trophies. 2. Grade 3 - Referees need to call games tighter so that the girls can learn the rules. If the coach teaches the rules during practice and then the refs don't enforce them during the games, the players don't think the rules matter.	Apr 30, 2010 1:57 AM
225	Referees should be more consistent with the younger ages. With the special rules/restrictions, some refs call them, some don't. That is frustrating. Either have the restrictions or don't. It is not fair that some coaches don't play by the rules while others do. And it can't be a ref-by-ref, game-by-game decision. The refereeing needs to be consistent game to game so coaches/players can practice for what to expect.	Apr 30, 2010 7:14 AM
226	The politics in teams formed from early on are a bit overwhelming. We found that 3rd grade parents were a bit overboard when they didn't get placed with a certain team. This left our team at a disadvantage because we were given too many non-experienced kids in place of the ones who were switched off of our team after the rosters already went out.	May 1, 2010 1:05 PM