



2010-11 Basketball Program Grades 1 & 2

Parents - Read and Keep!
Information, dates, guidelines, etc.

THE PROGRAM

Over 5,000 boys and girls participated in the Blue Valley Recreation Commission's (BVRC) basketball program last season. The program serves youth currently in grades 1-7 and 9-12. **Only residents of the Blue Valley School District or those attending a school within Blue Valley are eligible to participate.** Those not residing, but attending a school within the district, pay a higher fee. The season begins with practices in December. Games begin January 9 and are played on Saturdays and Sundays. All children who register to play in the BVRC basketball program are given that opportunity provided registration deadlines are followed.

TO REGISTER

All players may begin registering on-line today by using our web site, www.bluevalleyrec.org. To register on-line, please follow the instructions found on our web site. Keep in mind that if you have never registered on-line for a class through the BVRC before, you will first need to initiate a customer ID. Please allow 48 hours (2 business days) to receive your customer ID from the BVRC. Don't wait until the last minute to register! If you are unable to register on-line, you can register at the BVRC Activity Center (6545 W. 151st St.) or at the Recreation Complex (9701 W. 137th St.). The final day to register for guaranteed placement onto a team is November 3. After November 3, registrants will be placed on a waiting list with no guarantee of placement on a team. *We do not accept phone-in or faxed registrations.

MANDATORY PARENT SEMINAR

One parent of every player must attend a mandatory sportsmanship seminar. Those who attended the seminar last spring or fall need not attend a seminar this year. Attendance is taken and kept from year to year.

When: Monday, November 1

Time: 7-8pm

Where: BNV High School (12200 Lamar) Performing Arts Center

The seminar will be presented by Richard Bechard of the NAIA Champions of Character Initiative.

FEES

The early registration fee is \$79 for each child registered. Beginning September 9 the fee will go to \$89. Additional practices or participation in tournaments, scheduled by some coaches, are not part of this program or fee. Players attending a school within the Blue Valley District, but not residing within the Blue Valley School District, must pay an additional 25% non-resident fee.

First and Second Grade

(These are instructional and non-competitive leagues)

Those in first and second grade ('10-'11 school year) will have three one-hour practices on Saturdays or Sundays, December 4/5, 11/12, and 18/19. Each team will also play 6 games on Saturdays or Sundays - January 8/9, 15/16, 22/23, 29/30; February 5/6, 12/13. Each 75-minute game session allows for 30 minutes of practice time, followed by a 3-on-3 game. The 3-on-3 game consists of two, 20-minute halves, with a 4-minute halftime. The clock will run continuously, stopping every 5 minutes for substitutions.

- ◆ Parents are needed to serve as coaches
- ◆ Score and standings will not be kept
- ◆ All players play at least half the game
- ◆ All practices/games in BV elementary schools
- ◆ League play for all skill levels
- ◆ Assigned practice times
- ◆ 28.5 size basketball used
- ◆ Eight foot goals
- ◆ Award for each player

HOW TEAMS ARE FORMED

There will be a maximum of six players per team. Teams are formed by elementary school boundaries by staff and coaches. For example, if there are twelve players from an elementary school, staff will meet with two coaches from that school and the coaches will each choose six players. Combining two schools, due to low registration numbers, could be necessary. Players in first and second grade will be contacted by their coach by November 19.

PLAYING TIME

The BVRC provides the youth of Blue Valley with a quality program that promotes sportsmanship, instruction, teamwork and the enjoyment of the basketball experience. All Blue Valley children who register prior to the deadline will be placed on a team regardless of skill level. Each age group has minimum playing time rules for players, to which all coaches must adhere.

HELP - WE NEED COACHES WILL YOU COACH?

Coaches are needed at most age levels and parents are strongly encouraged to assist with the program. Potential coaches should complete and return a coaches application to the BVRC by October 16. Coaches applications are available on the BVRC web page www.bluevalleyrec.org. Good sportsmanship and the ability to interact positively with youth are two key qualities of a BVRC basketball coach.

SPORTSMANSHIP AND CONDUCT

Good sportsmanship is a top priority within the BVRC basketball program for players, parents and fans. Parents and players will also be asked to sign a code of ethics that will be returned before the first game (coaches will be given further information on this item).

Coaches are asked to be responsible for their teams. However, the BVRC staff and officials have complete authority to enforce good sportsmanship. A volunteer Sportsmanship Committee also assists the basketball program. Committee members are assigned to observe games once or twice throughout the season and then report on the positive and negative incidents observed. Volunteers are needed to serve on this committee; those interested should contact their coach.

The BVRC has strong rules regarding interaction with officials and ejections from games. If a coach or parent is ejected from a game they must immediately leave the gym and will be required to serve a one-game suspension. Staff and the Basketball Advisory Council may invoke stricter penalties should the situation warrant.

SUGGESTIONS/PROBLEMS

Parents and coaches are encouraged to call the BVRC Sports Department at 685.6030, and speak with staff should a problem arise.

UNIFORMS

Teams purchase their own uniforms. Jerry's Sports Shop is the official uniform supplier for the BVRC. For more information, contact Jerry's at 402-9994 or at www.jerryssportsshop.com. The jersey **must be a two-color, reversible jersey or a team must have two sets of jerseys (one light colored and one dark). A number on the front and back is required.** This will avoid problems should two teams playing one another have the same color of jersey (the home team, listed first on the game schedule, wears the light colored jersey and the visiting team the dark jersey).

PRACTICES

Everyone would love to have practices in their neighborhood school. However, that is infrequently the case, because: 1) 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades play at different basket heights and the school administration does not want the baskets changed from practice to practice, as they break quite often. Thus, the school you attend may not be designated for your grade, 2) more than one team will practice in a gym at one time. Coaches have indicated they prefer to have a like-grade practicing with their team so that scrimmages are possible. With this in mind, each age group is assigned to a gym that it will use for practices. Those gyms are determined by basket height, the number of teams in an age group and gym availability.

GYMS – WE ARE GUESTS IN THEM

The Blue Valley School District has allowed our basketball program to use their gyms. It is our responsibility, as players, parents and coaches, to take care of the gyms and schools. When in the schools, players and other children should be supervised at all times. Remember, we are guests in these facilities! **Participants are to remain in the gym at all times unless they are using the restroom facilities.**

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

For individuals high school age and older, the basketball program offers various job opportunities. The BVRC is looking for high school students and adults to officiate games. We are also seeking adults to supervise gyms on Saturdays and Sundays for all games. Training sessions will be held to instruct those interested in these positions. These are great jobs for individuals looking to earn extra money over the winter! Call the BVRC Sports Department at 685-6030 to apply.

ADVISORY COUNCIL

The program is administered by the Blue Valley Recreation Commission. An advisory council, made up of seven volunteer patrons, along with staff, sets rules, policies, etc., for the program. Each year, there are 2-3 openings on the Council. Those interested in serving should contact the Sports Department office at 685-6030, prior to September 1, 2011.

INCLEMENT WEATHER - GAMES AND PRACTICES

Our web site serves as the main vehicle by which to notify participants of changes or cancellations during inclement weather. As a secondary source of notification, we also use the following telephone number and extension. The current telephone number is: 913-685-6099 EXT: 5.

TEAM PICTURES

Team and individual pictures are not included in the registration fee. However, a picture day for teams who wish to have pictures taken will be coordinated through the BVRC. Teams are responsible for payment to the photographer. Coaches will be notified at their organizational meeting about dates and times.

QUESTIONS

Have questions about the program? Call the BVRC Sports Department at 913-685-6030.

BVRC WEB SITE

For information regarding inclement weather, league schedules, league standings, picture times and other general information about the basketball program you may visit our web site at: www.bluevalleyrec.org

INSURANCE

Blue Valley Recreation does not carry medical insurance for participants.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR PLAYERS?

- **November 3** - Last day to register for guaranteed placement onto a team
- **November 17** - 1st and 2nd grade coaches meeting at 6:00pm, location TBA
- **Last week of November** - All players contacted by their coaches
- **December 4** - Practices begin
- **January 8 or 9** - First games

PRACTICE/GAME DATES

December 4/5	Practice 1
December 11/12	Practice 2
December 18/19	Practice 3
January 8/9	Game 1
January 15/16	Game 2
January 22/23	Game 3
January 29/30	Game 4
February 5/6	Game 5
February 12/13	Game 6