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Summerville Family YMCA

Welcome to YMCA Youth Basketball

Dear Parents,

Thank you for choosing the YMCA as the organization for your child's sports experience. We hope that you and your child enjoy this season and the experience of YMCA sports. The YMCA is dedicated to providing a quality sports experience in a Christian atmosphere while focusing on the development of character in our youth. Our goal is not only to develop the player, but to also develop the person. We communicate and teach the values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility. We regard each player and team as winners despite skill level or winning percentage. We work to instill the values of sportsmanship and fair play. Our hope is that you and your team enjoy the fellowship of the game and take with you great memories from your experience with us.

The information contained in this packet is for your review. Please take the time to read through it carefully. If you have any questions, please call us or e-mail us at the contact information listed below.

Again, thank you for your participation in YMCA sports. We look forward to a great season!

Be sure to visit our PlayerSpace site for your schedule, roster, and more at <https://24pondswyb.playerspace.com/>

Thank you,

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YMCA Youth Co Ed Basketball

General Information for Parents/Coaches

How and where do I register?

You can register at any YMCA location or online at www.summervilleyymca.org/programs/sports-rec/. Any registrations after registration ends (October 14) will result in a \$15 late fee.

When you register, please indicate any days or times of the week that you CANNOT practice (see practice days/times below). Please make sure to include all phone numbers and email addresses for our office and your coach to call you. Please also make sure to indicate the division in which your child will be playing.

What does the Y provide and what do I need to provide?

We will provide your child's jersey. You must provide shorts/shoes but there is no uniform color that they must be as long as they are appropriate. Please ask to try on a jersey if you are unsure of the size your child needs. **Any additional jersey ordered will be associated with a \$20 fee.**

The Y does not provide trophies, medals, or team parties. We leave this decision of how to celebrate the season to the coaches and parents and suggest all the parents pitching in as a team to celebrate their child's success in an effort to make it more personable from the coaches!

When will we hear from our child's coach?

You should hear from your child's coach no later than **November 6th**. If you have not heard from your child's coach by this date, please contact the YMCA Sports Director.

When are practices and games and when do they start?

5-8 year old basketball: Practices will begin the *week of **November 11th***. Your child will have one hour-long practices per week. Practices are Monday through Friday, 5:00pm, 6:05pm, or 7:10pm. Please indicate on your registration form what days/times you **cannot** practice. Games will be November 23rd-February 1st. **While we do try to meet your requests, not all request are guaranteed, please understand not every request can be met. Any requests made after registration ends may not be met.**

3-4 year old basketball: This will be a **Saturday only program**. The first half of the season are practices; the second half are games. Practices begin November 23rd and games begin on January 11th. All practices and games for 3-4 year olds take place on Saturdays only and are located at the Ponds YMCA. Once games begin your team will no longer have practices.

Practice will continue as scheduled once the games begins. **There will be a break from games and practices the weeks of November 25th, December 23rd, and December 30th.**

No team may practice before November 11th, without consent from the Sports Office.

Please note that any make up games take preference over practices.

Your Coach will be notified when this applies to your team.



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*******Refund Policy*******

A \$15 administration fee is deducted from program refunds, or full credit for another program. Any refunds given 10 days prior to season's start will be subject to a \$15 administration fee plus 50% of the fee paid. **No refunds will be issued once the program has started (first day of practices)**. A \$15 fee will be assessed for any registrations taken after the registration period for the program has ended.

How can I help my child's team?

The Y is always in need of three volunteers: Head Coaches, Assistant coaches and Team Parent. Assistant Coaches assist the Head Coach in coaching the team. Team Parents help the coach by garnering funds from the other parents of the team to purchase trophies and organize the end-of-the-season party. If you are interested in helping out, let your child's coach know that you are available.

Interested in becoming a Head Coach or Referee?

Please contact the Sports Director at 843-486-1626, or by e-mail at DrewH@summervilleymca.org for more information.

- **Coaches Meeting:** October 15th 6:00pm at the Ponds YMCA. For anyone who signed up to coach or would be interested in helping a team.

League Structure

- The league is structured according to the following age divisions:
 - 3-4 year olds
 - 5-6 year olds
 - 7-8 year olds
- **Age Restrictions** - Please be advised that age divisions are set up to accommodate players of that particular age. If you wish to move your child up to an older division, we will allow it. However, keeping an older child back in a younger age division is not permitted unless mental or physical limitations preclude a child from participating at their age level. The age cut off for Winter Basketball is November 1st.

Prayer

Before the start of each game, both teams will gather around the center circle for a prayer. The prayer can be lead by a coach, a player, a parent, or the referee. We encourage you to take part in the prayer by volunteering to lead it, having your child volunteer to lead it, or by taking part in it from the sideline.



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Ponds YMCA – Property Rules

Property rules are put in place in order to ensure a safe, clean, and enjoyable atmosphere for all spectators and players. Please follow these rules and be considerate of the YMCA property and the people around you.

- **NO SMOKING** anywhere on YMCA property- nowhere, PLEASE.
- **NO PETS** are permitted on YMCA property
- **NO ALCOHOL** is permitted on YMCA property
- **NO WEAPONS** are permitted on YMCA property
- **NO SOLICITING** is permitted on YMCA property unless given permission by the Oakbrook Branch Director.
- **NO SPEEDING** is permitted on YMCA property.
 - Adhere to all STOP signs located on the property.
- Please dispose of all TRASH in the cans provided throughout the property.
- Please park in designated parking areas and park in such a manner as to be considerate of others' need to enter and leave parking areas without being encumbered.
- Please report any restroom problems to the staff at the front desk

We appreciate your SUPPORT of our referees on and off the field.

If you have any concerns, please report them to a YMCA staff member or to the Sports Director at 843-486-1626, or by e-mail at DrewH@summervilleymca.org



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*****Rules for Parents to Follow at Games and Practices*****

It is important for us, as adults, to conduct ourselves in a positive manner in order to create an atmosphere for our children that is conducive to learning, sportsmanship, and development. The YMCA has a **Zero Tolerance Policy** for parents throughout the season. If any of these rules are broken, you will be asked to leave the property immediately. Please follow these rules throughout the season in order to provide the best experience possible for you and your child.

- Spectators/Parents are not permitted to *talk* to or yell at referees or scorekeepers.
- Spectators/Parents are not permitted to stand or congregate behind goal lines or goals or by the team's benches.
- Spectators/Parents are not permitted on the field of play at any time, unless instructed to by the referee or coach in the case of an injured player.
- Spectators/Parents should stay a minimum of 3 feet from the sideline at all times.
- Spectators/Parents are not permitted to use foul language, taunt, or make inappropriate comments about, or gestures toward, other parents, spectators, players, coaches, or referees.
- Spectators/Parents should only use language that is supportive of the children on the field of play.
- Spectators/Parents should be supportive of both teams and lend encouragement at all times.
- **Spectators/Parents are not permitted to engage in any form of physical or verbal confrontation on YMCA property.**
- Spectators/Parents should approach the coach in a professional and respectful manner with questions or concerns regarding their child or the team.

As with any rule, there are of course consequences for actions that are deemed infractions of the rules. Any spectator/parent infringing upon the above stated rules will be subject to the following consequences:

- First Offense – Warning by the referee, coach, or Director. Depending on the severity of the infraction, the spectator/parent may be subject to a ban from the YMCA property.
- Second Offense – Spectator/Parent will be required to leave the YMCA property. Depending on the severity of the infraction, the spectator/parent may be subject to a ban from the YMCA property.
- Third Offense – Spectator/Parent will be banned from YMCA property.

Pictures

The photographers will be at the YMCA at the Ponds at a date that is **TBD**. The Sports Director or your child's coach will inform you of the photographers' location. You will need to have your child at the photographers' location or the location designated by your child's coach one (1) hour before game time on that particular weekend.

We ask that NO parents are allowed behind the photographer's tent and no one should take pictures with phones or cameras. If you do not have a game either weekend, please contact the Sports Office.

Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Sports Director at 843-486-1626 or by e-mail at DrewH@summervilleymca.org



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Risk Issues

Bad Weather:

Games will not be cancelled due to weather unless in extreme cases.

Tornado Warning: In the event of a tornado warning, practices and games should be discontinued. Seek shelter nearby. Practices and games may only continue when the warning has ended and no dangerous weather conditions are present.

Injury Prevention

Know the risk factors of the sport specific physical activity that your child is participating in. Make sure that the athlete has the appropriate protective equipment to prevent injury. Help your athlete develop strength, flexibility, and endurance. *Encourage your child to report pain and injury.*

Warm Up: Warm up activities are slow sustained stretching exercises, calisthenics and slowly increasing the intensity of motion. A good warm up should increase your body temperature, respiration, and heart rate, followed by stretching muscles with a slow static stretching.

Cool Down: Gradually reduces workout intensity. Have athletes walk at a slow rate until their heart rates get near normal. Follow up with light stretching.

Over Use Injuries: It is very important that coaches and parents are proactive and ask pointed questions if they suspect an athlete is injured or overly fatigued. Athletes commonly continue to play when fatigued or injured and may not report an injury to their coach.

Dehydration Prevention: Make sure your athlete has the proper amount of liquids and is staying properly hydrated. Fluid should be caffeine free. Athletes should have water breaks every 10-20 minutes and more often when exercising in extreme heat.

Heat Related Injuries: Know the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Make sure athletes are in appropriate clothing and receiving fluids & rest periods during high heat conditions

Concussions: Athletes need to be in proper protective gear for their sport. In the event of a head injury athletes need to be cleared by a medical professional before returning to play.



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Appropriate Behaviors

Appropriate Verbal Interactions:

- Positive reinforcement
- Appropriate jokes
- Encouragement
- Praise

Inappropriate Verbal Interactions:

- Name-calling
- Secrets
- Cursing
- Off-color or sexual jokes
- Shaming
- Belittling
- Derogatory remarks
- Discussing sexual encounters or in any way involving youths in the personal problems or issues of staff and volunteers
- Harsh language that may frighten, threaten or humiliate youths
- Derogatory remarks about the youths or his/her family

Appropriate physical contact:

- Side hugs
- Shoulder-to-shoulder or "temple" hugs
- Pats on the shoulder or back
- Handshakes
- High-fives and hand slapping
- Verbal praise
- Pats on the head when culturally appropriate
- Touching hands, shoulders, and arms
- Arms around shoulders
- Holding hands (with young children in escorting situations)

Inappropriate physical contact:

- Full-frontal hugs
- Kisses
- Showing affection in isolated areas
- Lap sitting
- Wrestling
- Piggyback rides
- Tickling
- Allowing a youth to cling to an employee's or volunteer's leg
- Any type of massage given by or to a youth
- Any form of affection that is unwanted by the youth or the staff or volunteer
- Compliments relating to physique or body development
- Touching bottom, chest, or genital areas

Appropriate Communication:

- Sending and replying to emails and text messages from youths ONLY when copying in a supervisor or the youth's parent
- Communicating through "organization group pages" on Facebook or other approved public forums
- "Private" profiles for staff and volunteers that youths cannot access

Inappropriate Communication:

- Harsh, coercive, threatening, intimidating, shaming, derogatory, demeaning or humiliating comments
- Sexually oriented conversations
- Private messages between staff or volunteers and youths
- Posting pictures of organization participants on social media sites
- Posting inappropriate comments on pictures
- "Friending" participants on social networking sites



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THE YMCA PHILOSOPHY OF YOUTH SPORTS

Seven Pillars of YMCA Youth Sports

What we want youth sports to be in the YMCA is stated in our Seven Pillars of YMCA Youth Sports.

Pillar One - Everyone Plays. We do not use tryouts to select the best players, nor do we cut kids from YMCA Youth Super Sports. Everyone who registers is assigned to a team. During the season everyone receives equal practice time and plays at least half of every game.

Pillar Two - Safety First. Although some children may get hurt playing sports, we do all we can to prevent injuries. We ask you to develop your players' fitness levels gradually so they are conditioned for the sport. And we ask you to constantly supervise your young players so that you can stop any unsafe activities.

Pillar Three - Fair Play. Fair play is about playing by the rules - and more. It's about you and your players showing respect for all who are involved in YMCA Youth Sports. It's about you being a role model of good sportsmanship and guiding your players to do the same. Remember, we're more interested in developing children's character through sport than in developing a few highly skilled players.

Pillar Four - Positive Competition. We believe competition is a positive process when the pursuit of victory is kept in the right perspective. The right perspective is when adults make decisions that put the best interests of the children above winning the contest. Learning to compete is important for children, and learning to cooperate in a competitive world is an essential lesson of life. Through YMCA Youth Sports we want to help children learn these lessons.

Pillar Five - Family Involvement. YMCA Youth Sports encourages parents to be involved appropriately along with their child's participation in our sport programs. In addition to parents being helpful as volunteer coaches, officials, and timekeepers, we encourage them to be at practices and games to support their child's participation.

Pillar Six - Sport for All, YMCA Youth Sports is an inclusive sport program. That means that children who differ in various characteristics are to be included rather than excluded from participation. We offer sport programs for children who differ in physical ability, financial circumstances, and years of experience. We offer programs to all children regardless of their race, gender, religious belief, or ability. We ask our adult leaders to encourage and appreciate the diversity of children in our society and to encourage the children and their parents to do the same.

Pillar Seven - Sport for Fun. Sport is naturally fun for most children. They love the challenge of mastering the skills of the game, of playing with their friends, and of competing with their peers. Sometimes when adults become involved in children's sport, they over organize and dominate the activity to the point of destroying children's enjoyment of the sport. If we take the fun out of sport, we are in danger of our children taking themselves out of sport. Remember that these sports are for the kids; let them have fun!



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**Summerville Family YMCA at the Ponds
Model Sports Program
Youth Basketball League Rules**

The Basketball League will play under NCHSAA rules governing basketball, with the following modifications:

Age Groups- 3-4, 5-6, and 7-8 (All Co-Ed)

Size of Ball- 3-8 years of age will use a size 5/junior ball (27.5in)

Goal height- 3-4 year olds will shoot on a 5 foot goal
5-6 year olds will shoot on a 8 foot goal
7-8 year olds will shoot on a 9 foot goal

Time of game- 3-4 year olds: four 5 minute quarters – **running clock.**
5-6 year olds: four 8 minute quarters – **running clock.**
7-8 year olds: four 8 minute quarters – **running clock.** The clock will stop on dead balls during the last two minutes of each half. The clock will also stop on all time-outs and injuries.

Scoring- Standard basketball scoring rules apply. **Once a team reaches a 20 point lead, the score will not change until the lead falls below a 12 point difference. Score will only be kept in the scorebook. Once the lead is less than 12 points, only then will the score be kept back on the clock.**

Substitutions- You may sub on dead balls. **All players must play at least half of the game. Exception:** if a player is injured, the coach may come onto the floor to attend to the player after the referee has stopped play. The player is not required to be taken out of the game nor will the team be charged a time out. If the player must be taken out of the game a substitute player may take his/her place. The period will count as a period played for the player that plays the majority of the quarter. **Every player must sit out at least one quarter's time. Exception:** if a team has less than 7 players in attendance **this is the coaches responsibility. If the officials see that a player hasn't played a full half, the game may be forfeited**

Free throw- 3-6 year olds will not shoot free throws
7-8 year olds will shoot from shortened free throw line

Switching goals-At halftime, 7-8 year olds teams will switch goals.

Timeouts- Each team will be issued (4) 30 second timeouts to be used at any time during the game.

Defense- 3-8 year olds must play defense inside the 3 point line
3-6 year olds will wear wristbands to matchup on man-to-man defense

Technical fouls- When a player receives a technical foul, he/she will be taken out for the remainder of the quarter and will be charged with the quarter.

Fouling out- A player will foul out of the game with 5 personal fouls.

Grace period- 5 minute grace period from the time the game was scheduled to begin. You must have four players to start the game.



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Pressing- There is no pressing for 3-8 year olds.

Bonus- One-and-one begins on the 7th team foul of each half (2 shots on the 10th foul). Free throws are never awarded as a result of a player control foul.

Overtime- In the event regulation ends in a tie. There will be one 2 minute OT period. Each team will be given one additional timeout. The foul bonus is still in effect for the OT period.

Point system- A point system will be used to keep play clean and fair. The following points will be assigned to players and coaches in the league: **technical foul = 1 point , cursing = 1 point , ejection = 3 points**
A player or coach whom receives three points will serve a week suspension from the league and will be required to meet personally with a representative from the YMCA. Any player who receives, in any combination, five or more points will be removed from the league without refund and serve a one year suspension from all YMCA sports programs effective the day the fifth point is incurred. Note: all YMCA staff have the authority to issue points to players or coaches who curse before, during or after the game.