







# AIM HIGHER. SHOOT STRONGER.

ROOKIE BASKETBALL LEAGUE

## IMPORTANT DATES

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| <b>SEP 13</b> | Registration opens                                       |
| <b>OCT 20</b> | Registration deadline                                    |
| <b>OCT 23</b> | Mandatory Coaches' meeting at Ironworks branch at 6:00pm |
| <b>NOV 8</b>  | Players should receive a call with team information      |
| <b>NOV 15</b> | Basketball begins for Roscoe program                     |
| <b>NOV 16</b> | Basketball begins for Ironworks program                  |
| <b>NOV 29</b> | No games for Roscoe program                              |
| <b>NOV 30</b> | No games for Ironworks program                           |
| <b>DEC 20</b> | Last day for Roscoe program                              |
| <b>DEC 21</b> | Last day for Ironworks program                           |

\*Picture Day Information TBD



## Stateline Family YMCA's Youth Sports Taskforce COMMITMENT TO CHARACTER



### Core Values

**Caring** – We expect athletes, coaches, officials, and parents to remain committed to their team, teammates, themselves, and the integrity of the sport while at practice, before, during, and after games, and at all times. Sports, at their core, are about commitment.

**Honesty** – We are dedicated to an equal and fair standard. This happens when athletes, coaches, officials, and parents are honest at all times. In the end, cheaters never win and winners never cheat.

**Respect** – We expect all athletes, coaches, officials, and parents to be treated with dignity at all times. The experience is the focus, not the outcome.

**Responsibility** – We hold athletes, coaches, officials, and parents responsible for their actions. It is vital that everyone is following the rules and conducting themselves with, Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility at all times.

### 4 Player Values

**Caring** – I will demonstrate caring to my sport and my teammates by practicing and playing to the best of my ability at all times.

**Honesty** – I will live out honesty by playing by the rules and don't complain to the officials.

**Respect** – I will be respectful to my teammates, the coaches, and the officials by treating them how I would like to be treated.

**Responsibility** – I understand that actions have consequences and I pledge to take accept the consequences for my actions at all times.

### 4 Coach Values

**Caring** – I will show my players I care by being prepared for practices and games.

**Honesty** – I demonstrate honesty by upholding the rules regardless of the outcome.

**Respect** – I will respect each player and strive to help players development individually and as a team. I will ensure that all players are respected by myself, teammates, and parents and ensuring everyone has equal opportunity to learn and develop is one of my most important role as a coach.

**Responsibility** – I understand the responsibility of being a coach and the impact my choices have on players and parents. I am a role model for all players and parents and I will not only follow the rules, I will uphold them at all times.

### 4 Parent Values

**Caring** – I will show my player that I care and support him/her by encouraging development both on and off the field /court.

**Honesty** – I will be a good role model for my player and their teammates by demonstrating honesty regardless of the outcome.

**Respect** – I will respect all players, teammates, coaches, and officials at all times and understand that this level of play is focused on fun, fair play, and development.

**Responsibility** – I understand that my player will demonstrate the same level of responsibility I have. Therefore, I will follow the rules and policies for the sport in which my player is participating in and will accept responsibility for my actions.

# FAQ's



## ROOKIE BASKETBALL

### **WHAT AGE GROUPS DOES YMCA ROOKIE BASKETBALL SERVE?**

Our rookie Basketball Leagues are for players ages 3–6. Register your child by their age as of November 15th, 2024.

### **WHEN DOES REGISTRATION BEGIN AND WHERE CAN I REGISTER?**

Registration officially opens September 13th. You can register online at [statelineymca.org/basketball](http://statelineymca.org/basketball), at the Ironworks (Beloit) YMCA, or at the Roscoe YMCA. The registration deadline is October 20th. Any late registration will have an additional \$15 fee and will only be accepted if there is space available. LIMITED SPACES ARE AVAILABLE IN ROSCOE - SIGN-UP EARLY!

### **WHAT PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED FOR EACH AGE GROUP?**

**Rookie (ages 3-4):** This league is for beginners who would like to be introduced to the basics of basketball. The session lasts 5-weeks this year with practices and games on Saturday's only. All players learn the beginning fundamentals in a supportive "skills session" environment. We use a "rookie" size ball and the hoop is lowered to about 6.5 feet. Each game or practice lasts about 1 hour. The first week is devoted to skill development through drills and stations that teach the fundamentals of the game. The remaining 4 weeks involves a format of 20-minute practices followed by a 30-minute scrimmage game versus another team on shortened court for fun & rapid play. There will be no score kept in the scrimmage games for this age group.

**Rookie (ages 5-6):** This league is for beginners who would like to be introduced to the basics of basketball. The session lasts 5 weeks this year with practices and games on Saturdays only. All players learn the beginning fundamentals in a supportive "skills session" environment. We use a "rookie" size ball and the hoop is lowered to about 6.5 feet. Each game or practice lasts about 1-hour. The first week is devoted to skill development through drills and stations that teach the fundamentals of the game. The remaining 4 weeks involves a format of 20-minute practices followed by a 30-minute scrimmage game versus another team on shortened court for fun & rapid play. There will be no score kept in the scrimmage games for this age group.

### **HOW DO I DETERMINE MY PLAYER'S "LEAGUE AGE"?**

Please register your child by their age as of November 15th, 2024.

### **I HAVE A CHILD IN THE 3/4 YEAR OLD GROUP, AND ANOTHER IN THE 5/6 YEAR OLD GROUP. WILL THEY PLAY AT THE SAME LOCATION?**

Unfortunately, due to limited gym space (especially in our Roscoe program) there is a chance that your children may play at different locations at the same time.

## **ARE VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED?**

Yes! All of your programs are growing rapidly in size. With that, there is an increasing need for volunteer head and assistant coaches. We rely on volunteer coaches to help our programs run smoothly. If you are interested please attend the coaches meeting that is scheduled for October 23rd, 6:00 pm at the Ironworks (Beloit) YMCA to be signed up to coach. Having enough coaches right away will ensure the season gets kicked off on time and will help with the coordination and organization of the league. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!

We will provide all of our volunteer coaches with practice equipment, drills and practice plans, practice space, schedules, league rules, and rosters with contact information. The Sports Director will also be in constant contact with coaches to give advice, share resources or answer any questions.

## **IS MY CHILD ON THE SAME TEAM S/HE WAS LAST YEAR?**

Not necessarily. Each child will be assigned to a new team from the previous year. Rookie level teams will be formed by the youth sports director and coordinator. We will factor in requests but they are just that "requests" and are NOT promised.

## **WHAT DO THE PROGRAMS COST?**

- Rookie Member: \$40 (Stateline YMCA and Stateline Boys & Girls Clubs members both receive member discounts)
- Rookie Non-Member: \$65
- Any late registration will have an additional \$15 fee

## **DO YOU OFFER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?**

Yes! If you are in need of financial assistance, you may apply at the YMCA or learn more at [statelineymca.org/financialassistance](http://statelineymca.org/financialassistance). To ensure that the paperwork is completed on time, we ask that the financial assistance paperwork is in by October 10th. To be granted financial assistance, we will need the previous year's tax form (1040) or a letter of non-filing, 1 month of paystubs, and all federal and state aid you receive (S.S.I, Food Share, etc.).

## **WHAT DOES THE PLAYER FEE COVER?**

Each player's fee covers only a portion of the expenses we incur to operate our leagues (team equipment, uniforms, referees, building rental, janitorial services, insurance, etc.). We cover the rest of our operating expenses with support from a combination of sources including donors and team sponsors.

## **DOES MY PLAYER NEED TO BUY ANY EQUIPMENT TO PLAY?**

Stateline Family YMCA supplies all teams with the equipment. We also supply all our players with a team shirt. Tennis shoes are required by all players in order to participate.

## **DO I NEED TO PICK UP MY CHILD'S SHIRT?**

No. Shirts are given directly to your coach and they will distribute them at a team practice on the first day of the season.

## **DOES THE YMCA CUT ANY KIDS?**

No. If you register for YMCA basketball, you are registered and will be placed on a team. (Please note, however, that we do have limits to the number of players who can play in each league, and we will close registration for those leagues as they are filled).

## **DOES EVERY PLAYER GET TO PLAY?**

Yes! In all leagues every player on the team roster must play at least half of each game.

## **HOW MANY GAMES DO THE TEAMS PLAY?**

Our Rookie Leagues will have a combination of 5 games and practices. Games will take place on Fridays in the Roscoe program and Saturdays in the Ironworks (Beloit) program.

## **HOW OFTEN WILL MY PLAYER'S TEAM PRACTICE?**

Our rookie program has practices built into the schedule. There are no practices during the week; everything is on Fridays and Saturdays, with the first meeting being a practice. The following 4 weeks will have a format of a 20-minute practices followed by a 30-minute scrimmage game. All sessions will last 1 hour in total.

## **WHERE ARE THE GAMES PLAYED?**

Games for our Ironworks (Beloit) program will be held at the Ironworks YMCA located at 501 3rd St. in Beloit.

Games for our Roscoe program will be held at the Roscoe YMCA located at 9901 Main St. in Roscoe, or at the Stateline Boys & Girls Clubs' South Beloit Campus, located at 1161 Dorr Rd. in South Beloit.

## **WHAT ARE THE GAME TIMES?**

- In our Beloit program, games will be on Saturdays between 9:00am-1:00pm
- In our Roscoe program, games will be on Fridays between 5:30pm-7:30pm

Actual game times will depend on how many participants and teams the league has. Each team will be scheduled for a 1-hour timeslot. It may not always be the same time each week.

## **WHO DO I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?**

- Your child's volunteer coach(es)
- Kobe Hollenbeck, Youth Sports Coordinator, at [khollenbeck@statelineymca.org](mailto:khollenbeck@statelineymca.org)