



Children's Basketball League

Parent Packet

After reading through the information, if you have any questions, contact

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Sport Parent Expectations

When registering for the Children's Basketball League, each parent agreed to abide by the Sport Parent Code of Conduct. The New Lenox Community Park District, your coaching staff and your child will hold you accountable for this Code of Conduct. Make sure to reread the Sport Parent Code of Conduct below to be ready for the upcoming season.

SPORT PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: **trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship**. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character".

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Sport Parents' Code of Conduct Pledge:

- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will remember that the game is for youth-not for adults.
- I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

Failure to comply will result in disciplinary actions being taken to resolve the issue. Actions may include but are not limited to verbal warnings, ejections and/or suspensions. Incidents will be handled how staff deems appropriate based on the severity of the incident.

Team Information

The park district will notify you by October 31st of team placement. Coaches will follow up with contact information and any team specific information. If you do not receive any contact from your coach, call the office at 815.485.3584 on Monday, Nov. 3rd, and we will have the information for you.

When you are contacted by your coach, they will go over the following information:

- Team Number & Name
- Practice Schedule
 - Day of the week
- Confirm your contact information
- Coaching staff contact information

Practice Information

- **Practices will start the week of November 3rd.**
 - Teams will practice for one hour, once a week at the gyms within School District 122 & 210.
- When coming to practice, please have your players bring their basketball shoes in a bag and have them put on their shoes once coming into the facility. This is to limit snow coming into the gym.
- **Parents will not be allowed in the gyms during practices.** This policy is implemented because:
 - To limit the distraction of the parents in the gym from the players.
 - To allow more space in the gym when there are multiple teams practicing at the same time.
- **Parents are to return to their car. At the end of practice**
- **Parents will need to sign out their child with the NLCPD staff, regardless of level**

Practice schedules can be found on the Team Sideline website under the “Downloads” tab. Due to circumstances beyond the NLCPD control, practice locations and times may vary and change throughout the season because of scheduling conflicts with the schools. The practice schedule will have a list of locations on the bottom of the document. These locations are as follows:

LWW =Lincoln Way West Field House	LWC =Lincoln-Way Central Field House	CH =Cherry Hill School Gymnasium
ST =Spencer Trail School Gymnasium	SC =Spencer Crossing School Gymnasium	NR =Nelson Ridge School Gymnasium
NP =Nelson Prairie School Gymnasium		

When coming to your practice location, use the doors and entrances below to get to the gym:

- **Lincoln-Way West High School:** *Athletic Entrance (Northwest side of the building)*
- **Lincoln-Way Central High School:** *Athletic Entrance (West side of the building, near the football field)*
 - *For practices at the High Schools, parents will need to walk their child to the Field House doors within the school.*
- **Spencer Trail:** *Door Entry N (West side of the building)*
- **Spencer Crossing:** *Door Entry L (Northwest corner of the building)*
- **Nelson Ridge/Prairie:** *School Main Entry*
- **Cherry Hill:** *Door Entry N (South side of the building)*

Game Day Information

- Games will be at Lincoln-Way West High School, located at 21701 Gougar Road, New Lenox, IL 60451.
- Bleachers and chairs will be provided for spectators to use during the games.
 - You are not allowed to bring your own chair.
- Only water is allowed inside the gyms!
 - Make sure to finish your morning coffee before entering the building.
- Spectators are not allowed on the team bench.
- Due to safety precautions, have your child remove any jewelry before their game. This includes wristbands, necklaces, and earrings.

Player Uniforms

Players must wear their jersey that will be given to them by their coach. **Jerseys are sublimated, specific to each team with players' names on the back.** When washing your jersey, avoid using any fabric softeners. This will help the screen print stay intact and prevent peeling.

Game Schedule

The game schedule will be posted on the Team Sideline website during the week of November 10th. To access this, go to the New Lenox Community Park District website, www.newlenoxparks.org, and click the orange button at the middle of the page titled "Team Sideline". Once you are at the Team Sideline website, there will be a link on the left side of the page for your division's game schedule. Girls Junior and Teen were combined and will be grades fifth through eight.

Pee-Wee = Grades 1-2, Youth = Grades 3-4, Junior = Grades 5-6, Teen = Grades 7-8

To access the Time Sideline website, you can also use this link: www.teamsideline.com/sites/newlenoxparks/home

- **Games begin Sunday, December 7th with the last game February 22nd.**
- **Additional start times and Saturday games may be scheduled if needed for previously cancelled games.**

Weather Cancellations

In the case of severe weather, cancellations will be posted on the following platforms:

- NLCPD Facebook Page – www.facebook.com/NLCPDPage
- NLCPD Team Sideline website – www.teamsideline.com/sites/newlenoxparks/home
 - It will be listed under the "Cancellations" logo

Picture Day

Picture Day is scheduled for Sunday, December 14th located at Lincoln-Way West High School. Pictures will be taken before your game in the up-stairs balcony of the main gym. The picture day schedule and the online order link will be emailed a few weeks prior.

All pictures will be shipped to the address listed on the order.

Parents are not permitted in the balcony area with the team. You will check your child in with the team coaches who will then escort the team to the photo area.

Trophies/Medals

Trophies or medals will not be given out to the players at the conclusion of the season. We ask that you do not do this on your own either as it creates confusion for other players and parents that they were given by the Park District. If you would like to do your own end of season celebration, please do this off-site.

Volunteer Coaches Make It Happen!

We are extremely grateful for the volunteer coaches in our leagues! These programs do not have success without them. Throughout the season, they may ask for help at practice or on game day. If you can, please step up and volunteer to help the team. The league rules can be found on the Team Sideline website under the "Downloads" tab.

Volunteer Fee Information

When registering, each family was charged a \$25 volunteer fee to encourage people to help with the Children's Basketball League. When this has been completed, you will receive a \$25 credit to your Park District household account. If you are a volunteer coach, this will count towards the volunteer fee. Any volunteer must be at least 14 or older. **An email will be sent out on Monday beginning December 1st to the email on file. Please follow the instructions on how to sign up for one of the volunteer spots. All sign-ups must be completed a week before game day to ensure proper staffing for open slots. Volunteer coaches will receive the volunteer fee back.**

Below are the following spots that are available to volunteer:

- Concession stand (1 hour shift)

- Scorekeeper (1 hour shift)

When showing up to your shift, make sure to check in with the NLCPD staff at either the concession stand (if volunteering for concessions) or the scorer's table for your designated court (if volunteering for scorekeeper). When checking in you will have to sign our volunteer waiver. This will be provided by our staff.