



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF BELLEVUE  
WINTER BASKETBALL  
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**1. Who is my coach?**

Teams are coached by volunteers from the community, typically a parent of one of the team members. We are always looking for coaches. If you are interested in coaching, please call us at 425-998-5795. Coaches receive basic instruction in Boys & Girls Club philosophy and mission, and are required to undergo a thorough National background check. All coaches are also required to sign and submit a coach's code of conducts for this sport and all are held to a very high standard when coaching. Our coaches meeting is December 3rd at 6:30p.m. at the Bellevue Boys & Girls Club.

**2. What if our team doesn't have a coach?**

The Boys & Girls Club is a recreation volunteer based organization. We do not charge the fees that coincide with paid coaches. We rely on community volunteers. If we do have a parent volunteer from your participants team we will reach out to our volunteer base. If we are not able to find a coach prior to the season, the Boys & Girls Club will hold a parent meeting and run a practice with the players. Please help us in finding great coaches for the kids.

**3. When are team practices?**

Teams practice once a week at a local elementary school with the time and place to be **determined by the head coach** of the team at the coaches meeting on **December 3rd**. Teams are allowed one practice per week, not to exceed 60 minutes in duration. Once a practice time and location are selected it becomes the responsibility of the head coach to notify the parents of changes and cancellations of practice. Practice availability is subject to school availability (holidays, custodian sickness, etc.). Please note our coaches are volunteering their time to coach the team and we work to find a practice time that works for them.

If this practice time doesn't work for your participant, we will do our best to move your participant to another team.

**4. How are the teams formed?**

Teams are formed based on the school the player attends, buddy requests, and subject to the time of signups.

**5. What if my child doesn't like the league?**

If your child chooses not to play you must submit a written request to the Boys & Girls Club. Between signup and the 1<sup>st</sup> week of practice you are eligible for a full refund minus a \$15.00 fee. Between the first week of practice and the first game you are eligible for a 50% refund. Once the 2<sup>nd</sup> game has been played there are no refunds. Memberships are not refundable.

**6. When do we get the team jerseys?**

The game jerseys that each player receives will be distributed to the coaches the week prior to your first game. The coaches will give out jerseys after that day.

**7. Are game times always the same?**

No, your weekly game time will vary throughout the course of the season and only the head coach of the team may request any specific game times during the season. Game schedules will be posted online prior to Winter Break. A link will be emailed out to the coaches and forward to all parents.

**8. Who are the officials for the games?**

Officials for basketball are selected based upon their experience and ability as determined by the Athletic Director. All officials are paid, contracted employees of the Bellevue Boys and Girls Club. They all receive training in the mechanics and play calling of basketball and are versed in all aspects of the Boys and Girls Club philosophy. Their jobs are to provide instruction and guidance for the players and help ensure they have a safe, fun experience. Any parents who choose to heckle, or harass an official will be immediately removed from the game and possibly suspended from future club events.

**9. Who do I turn to if I have a question or concern about this league?**

If your question or concern is regarding your team specifically, I would suggest you first ask your coach. These are the hands-on leaders working for us in the field. If your concern is with a particular coach and/or you do not feel comfortable talking with him or her about it please feel free to contact the athletic department (425) 998-5795. Remember this is a fun league with an emphasis development and fun.

**10. Do we have a picture day?**

Yes, we do designate a picture day for your team. Pictures are scheduled for the second week of games. This information will be included on the game schedule. In order to make picture day run smoothly we ask that you have your picture form completed ahead of time and that you arrive on time for your scheduled picture. This will help us to keep pictures and games running on time.

**11. Can I sponsor a team?**

Yes! The Boys & Girls Club appreciates and depends on team sponsorship as a major contributor to our scholarship program. Either individuals or companies can sponsor a team in any of our leagues. Team sponsorship fees are \$250. This fee includes company name on the back of the jerseys, a complimentary 8 x 10 team picture, and a note of appreciation on our "thank you" page on our website. And, of course, the fee is tax-deductible.

**SEASON TIMELINE**

- Coaches Meeting December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30p.m.. at the Main Boys & Girls Club. All participants should hear from a coach or the club by December 5<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the club if you haven't heard anything by 12/5.
- Practices begin the week of December 9<sup>th</sup>.
- No practices during Winter Break and or Mid-Winter Break.
- Games begin the week of January 6<sup>th</sup> and end no later than March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for participating in the Bellevue Boys & Girls Club winter basketball league. If we can be of any other assistance over the course of the season don't hesitate to call or email us at any time at 425-998-5795.

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