



IMPORTANT
League Provision

RECREATION BASKETBALL

Boys & Girls, Grades 7-8

Season begins November 29th

This is a recreational league, where the basic skills and fundamentals are taught to the participants.

See separate flyer/registration form for Recreation Basketball Grades 3^d – 6th.



Practices: Each team will practice for one hour, one weeknight each week and for one hour on Saturdays at one of the townships public schools; to be determined by the coach and the Recreation Dept. WE DO NOT ACCEPT REQUESTS.

Games (*schedule may vary depending on school closures*): Games will be played between 12:00 PM & 6:00 PM on Sundays, January 9 – March 7. Occasional Monday, Thursday, and Friday games will be played between 6:00 PM & 9:00 PM at William Annin or Cedar Hill. Teams may practice twice per week during game season.

Team Selection: Boys and girls will play in separate leagues. In order to divide teams evenly, mandatory basic skill evaluations will be held (see schedule below). Please bring a basketball (labeled with your name) and arrive 15 minutes prior to the evaluation for check-in. Parents will NOT be allowed in the gymnasium. Assessments will be made by volunteer evaluators selected by the Bernards Township Recreation Department.

MANDATORY SKILL EVALUATION

Girls, Grade 7th-8th: Monday, November 8th at the Ridge High New Gymnasium from 7:00PM – 8:30PM.

Boys, Grade 7th-8th: Wednesday, November 10th at the Ridge High New Gymnasium from 7:00PM – 8:30PM.

Players will be notified of their team assignment the week of November 15th.

Cost: \$95/player if registered on or before October 22 on a space available basis
\$120/player beginning October 25; *Residents only. Refunds are subject to a \$10 processing fee. No refunds will be issued after 11/26/10*

Recreation Basketball—Program Goals and Objectives

The focus of the league at all grade levels is on:

- developing skills, including an understanding of basic offensive and defensive strategies of the game.
- developing teamwork.
- athletic conditioning.
- developing sportsmanship. The most important aspect of this program is for the young players to get positive exposure to this lifetime activity. For this reason, we have established the following rule for **PARENTS** of participants, as a positive experience begins with a positive attitude:
 - Only **positive** cheering may be displayed; feel free to cheer for both teams! No stereotypes (music), air horns or noisemakers!
 - There should be no communication with the referees while the game is in session.
 - Please do not coach your child from the stands; allow the team coach to do his/her job!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

❖ **Volunteer Evaluators Needed!** Must have previous coaching experience. Please see volunteer section of your child's registration form.

❖ One volunteer Coach and one volunteer Assistant Coach is needed for each recreation basketball team.

The number of teams and participants we can accommodate depends on the number of volunteers.

It will take about 3-4 hours per week of your time!

As a coach or assistant for your child's team you will be responsible for:

- attending the Rutgers SAFETY Clinic (if you have never attended before) Monday, November 15, 7PM-10PM at the Town Hall Court Room.
- attending a basketball skills coaching clinic on a Saturday, November 13 (tentative), 1-2:30PM at William Annin.
- picking up equipment issued to your team and maintaining it throughout the season.
- communicating all important league information to parents and participants.
- teaching participants the basic skills and fundamentals of basketball and good sportsmanship.

Complete the volunteer section of your child's registration form if you are interested in volunteering.

COACHES NEEDED!

Thinking about coaching your child's team? Not sure if you're ready for the challenge?

Pick up a copy of our New Coaches Information Brochure

at the Parks & Recreation Office located at Town Hall or on the web at www.bernards.org

Learn more about the requirements, commitments and skills needed to coach your child's basketball team.

Call 908-204-3003 if you have any questions.



YOUTH PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

Complete one form per child, per program and submit one check per child, per program. This form cannot be used for the Summer Recreation Program.

Return to: Bernards Township Recreation, 1 Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920.

We DO NOT accept carpool, coach or schedule requests. Any registrations received with requests will be returned.

Program Title: Recreation Basketball **Fee:** \$ _____ *Make checks payable to "Bernards Township"*

Last name: _____ First name: _____ Male or Female: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ Zip: _____

Height: ___ ft ___ in Birth date: ____/____/____ Grade: _____ School child attends: _____

	Father/Guardian	Mother/Guardian
Name		
Home Phone #		
Work Phone #		
Cell Phone #		
Email		

Please provide information for an emergency contact (other than parent) We will always attempt to contact the parent/guardian first.

	Emergency Contact
Name	
Home Phone #	
Cell Phone #	

Medical, physical, behavioral, or mental health conditions we should be aware of:

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION		
The number of teams & participants we can accommodate depends on the number of volunteers. Refer to the program's description and our Youth Sports Coach/Coordinator policies for more information.	Name	
	Daytime Phone #	
	Email	
	Basketball/Softball	Circle one: Coach or Assistant

Basketball/Softball Coaches - You may choose **ONE** person you would like to coach with: _____

Please note: Requests are not guaranteed. The person you request must also request you. Multiple requests will be ignored.

SKILL EVALUATIONS: I am interested in volunteering to help with skill evaluations (circle): YES / NO

See program flyer for dates and times.

I hereby give permission for my child to participate in this program and give permission to provide emergency care as necessary for the well being of my child until such time as I may be contacted. I give permission for those individuals listed on this form to pick-up/release my child from the program. I agree that the Bernards Township Recreation Department shall not be held liable in the event of accident or injury resulting from participation in this activity. I grant the Bernards Township Recreation Department the right to use any and all photographs of myself or my child participating in a Department sponsored activity for future media promotion. I certify that I have read and understand the Recreation Department's registration, refund, youth sports and volunteer coach/coordinator policies.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

For office use only: Cash _____ Ck. # _____ Received: _____
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<p>YOUTH SPORTS POLICIES <i>The Bernards Township Recreation Department directly sponsors Girls Softball, Youth Basketball (Recreation & Travel) and Ant/Floor Hockey.</i></p> <p>The Bernards Township Recreation Department encourages equal participation, skill development, team work, good sportsmanship and having fun.</p> <p>For Girls Softball, Recreation Basketball and Ant/Floor Hockey, league standings are not kept and awards are not distributed.</p> <p>Good sportsmanship is expected at all times. Gym supervisors and officials have the right to expel any coach, player, parent or spectator from the program for any act of misconduct, including heckling, use of foul language, and other unacceptable behavior. The Model Athletic Code of Conduct and Parent Code of Ethics will be distributed and explained at the beginning of each season to all coaches, parents and players.</p>	<p>Team assignments are made according to skill level first in an effort to maintain balanced teams. Other factors may include the child's grade and the school they attend. Due to the overwhelming number of participants in our youth sports programs we cannot accept carpool, coach, team or schedule requests. Any registrations received with requests will be returned. We will not make changes to team rosters once they are assigned.</p> <p>We realize conflicts in schedule will occur. A commitment to attend every team practice and game is greatly appreciated by teammates and coaches. However, whether or not a participant is able to attend all practices, they will receive an equal amount of playing time during games.</p> <p>VOLUNTEER COACHES & TEAM COORDINATORS The number of teams and participants we can accommodate in a program depends on the number of volunteer coaches and coordinators. Parent participation is encouraged and appreciated.</p>	<p>We will assign one coach and one assistant coach per basketball and softball team and one team coordinator per hockey team.</p> <p>All coaches, assistant coaches and team coordinators must complete an authorization for a sex-offender background check. Authorizations are kept on file and additional checks are conducted each year for those who continue to volunteer.</p> <p>All coaches and assistant coaches for basketball and softball are required to have completed the Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y. Clinic (Sports Awareness for Educating Today's Youth). A three-hour safety orientation and training skills program that provides partial civil immunity protection to volunteer coaches. Clinics are held in fall and spring for Recreation Department volunteers.</p>
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