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2017-2018 Youth Basketball Guide

REGISTRATION NOW TAKING PLACE

Register In-house or online at: <http://parksandrec.southkingstownri.com/>

PLEASE NOTE: This guide contains the most up-to-date information available.

South Kingstown Parks and Recreation Mission Statement

Serving our community by providing enriching recreation experience and quality facilities.

The South Kingstown Parks & Recreation Instructional and In House Basketball Philosophy

The South Kingstown Youth Basketball program is designed for boys and girls in grades kindergarten through high school. As a town organization, we believe that the health and safety of the players entrusted to our care is a serious responsibility. We believe we have an obligation to parents to provide responsible program leadership. We strive to maintain our program in such a way that all players have the opportunity to broaden their horizons, to gain knowledge by acquiring new skills, and to experience the joy of friendship. All divisions in the South Kingstown Youth Basketball program have very specific playing time rules designed to allow each child the opportunity to play at least one half of each game. Every child will be assigned to a team. There are no cuts from South Kingstown Youth Basketball.

Coaches Needed!

The Parks & Recreation Department is looking for volunteer coaches for all divisions for the upcoming basketball season. Basketball experience is a plus, but not necessary. Coaches will be using the Alpha Sports basketball curriculum for the K-6 age groups. Weekly emails with detailed, step by step practice plans based on the age group being coached will be sent to make practice planning simple.

All accepted head coaches will have to attend training on both basketball and coaching techniques. We are encouraging MOTHERS, FATHERS, OLDER SIBLINGS, (etc.) that want to provide a positive experience for the youth in the league to apply. Coaches of their child's team will have their child's registration fee waived!

Contact Steve Gruenberg at 401-284-1933 or sgruenberg@southkingstownri.com if interested.

Instructional Basketball

BOYS and GIRLS - GRADES K—2nd GRADE

AGE CUTOFF DATE: September 1, 2017

This program takes place at the Recreation Center

Grades K-2

This program will use the Alpha Sports program and taught by skills coordinators. This Alpha Sports basketball curriculum is grade specific with drills geared toward the skill level along with psychological and physiological development of the participants. The program is meant to learn the very basics and fundamentals. There will be a heavy focus on drills and other fun activities to improve skills and less of a focus on game play. Staff will provide a combination of instructional drills and controlled scrimmages with volunteer coaches. Program will be held on Saturday mornings at the Recreation Center.

Dates and for the Instructional Program are as follows:

**SATURDAYS: DECEMBER 2, 9, 16, 30
JANUARY 6, 13, 20, 27
FEBRUARY 3, 10**



Make-up dates will be added for weather related closures.

Kindergarten Boys	8:00 AM
Kindergarten/1st Grade Girls	9:00 AM
1st Grade Boys	10:00 AM
2nd Grade Girls	11:00 AM
2nd Grade Boys	12:00 PM

****Exact times to be determined based on enrollment numbers****

2017 REGISTRATION FEE: \$85.00 PER CHILD

**Financial Assistance is available based on eligibility.
Please ask the Front Desk for Scholarship Information.**

In-House Basketball

BOYS and Girls- Grades 3 to 12

GRADE BASED WITH AGE CUTOFF DATE: September 1, 2017

This program is open for players of all levels who are looking to improve their skills through an hour of practice a week and a game on Saturday. Great for those who love both the competitive and social aspect of recreational basketball. Everyone makes a team! **Boys and Girls 18-years-old must still be in high school.**

2017 REGISTRATION FEE: \$ 85.00 PER CHILD

- Financial Assistance is available and is based on eligibility. Please ask at the Neighborhood Guild Front Desk for Scholarship Information.

REGISTRATION CLOSES—Monday October 23

3rd-4th grade—Practices will be lead by a skills coordinator and team coach. Boys will practice on Tuesdays and girls will practice on Thursdays at the Rec Center from 5:00-6:00pm or 6:00 to 7:00pm. Games will progress from 3 on 3 to 4 on 4 on Saturdays at the Recreation Center between 12:30pm and 2:30pm.

5th-6th grade—Boys will practice on Tuesdays and girls will practice on Thursdays at the Rec Center from 5:00-6:00pm or 6:00 to 7:00pm. Games will be held on Saturdays at either the Rec Center or Broad Rock Middle School between 8:00am and 11:00am.

7th-12th grade—Practices will be run in a “drop in” style and will be monitored by a team coach. Some skills may be taught along with scrimmages during assigned practice times. Practices will take place at either the Rec Center or Peace Dale Elementary School. 2 hour practices will be held once a week. Games will be played on Saturdays at either the Rec Center or Broad Rock Middle School between 11:00am and 5:30pm.

Practices will begin on the week of November 20th.

Game Dates:

December 2, 9, 16 , 30 January 6, 13, 20, 27 February 3, 10

“Drafting Day” is designed to help the coaches assess players’ skills in an effort to create parity among the teams for the season. **DRAFTING DAY IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS!** “Drafting Day” times and locations are as follows:

Monday, October 30th:	3rd and 4th grade boys and girls	5:30 to 7:00pm	Rec Center
Wednesday, November 1st:	5th and 6th grade boys and girls	5:30 to 7:00pm	Rec Center
Thursday, November 2nd:	7th and 8th grade boys, 7th—10th grade girls	5:30 to 7:00pm	Rec Center
Monday, November 6th:	9th—12th grade boys	5:30 to 7:00pm	Rec Center

Additional Information

South Kingstown In House Basketball Policies

- All participants must be registered by Monday, October 23. All participants registered after Monday, October 23 will be placed on a waiting list and placed on a team if roster size allows. Team Placement is not guaranteed after Monday, October 23.
- Volunteer coaches who coach their child's team as a head coach will have their child's registration fee waived.
- Team placement is final following the team selection.
- We do not honor requests for teammates, coaches, or practice times.
- Siblings will be placed together unless otherwise requested.
- Participants must play in the division designated for their grade in school. No exceptions.

South Kingstown Parks & Recreation Youth Basketball F.A.Q's

How does team selection work?

All participants in grades 3-12 attend a drafting day for their tryout. Each participant will be evaluated based on skill level. After a brief skill evaluation, team coaches will meet in order to "draft" players. The intent is to create a fair distribution of talent between teams. All registrants will be assigned a team. There are no "cuts" from South Kingstown Parks & Recreation Youth Basketball.

Why can't I change my child's team?

Rosters will be finalized following drafting day and cannot be changed. Following the drafting day, all teams carry the maximum of 10 players and there would be no teams to switch them to. Drafting day is also designed to allow for a competitive balance. Switching of players leads to teams gaining an unfair advantage, which we have no way to regulate. This ends up being detrimental to the league as a whole. We will not make changes following drafting day for **any reason** except in the case of a coach's child not being placed on their team.

My child missed practice. Will he/she be benched?

No, we understand that families have conflicts and cannot make practices on occasion. We fully expect our coaches to not allow this to impact the playing time of a child in a recreational league.

Another team seems "stacked" with stronger players.

As in any sport some teams will be better than others. While we strive for some parity, it is not uncommon to have teams go undefeated while other teams struggle. We do not "stack" teams with better players. We hold a draft very similar to the NBA's college draft. This is the most efficient way to achieve equality. However, due to a number of intangibles (player improvement, coaches knowledge of the players or of basketball) the parity we strive for may not be reflected in the final standings.

What team do you support?

Sponsor a Youth Basketball team!



For a \$150 sponsorship:

Your company name will be on the back of every shirt of the team.

You'll be recognized with your logo on a sponsorship banner with other team sponsors.

And, you'll be able to cheer on your favorite South Kingstown Parks and Recreation Youth Basketball team!

For a \$500 sponsorship:

Your company name will be on the back of every shirt of one team

You'll be recognized with your logo on its very own gym banner

Your logo will be displayed for one week during the basketball season on the league wide schedule website.

Your logo will be able to be clicked on and linked to your website.

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