

Welcome!

2010 Season

Thank you for allowing your child to participate in the YMCA Youth Basketball Association program (YBA). Our philosophy is – athletes first. We feel it is more important for the players to develop their skills, love the game, have fun and exercise then to just focus on winning. Here, everyone plays. We believe no one learns by sitting on the bench.

All information will be posted on the web so please visit our web site for YBA information: www.MorrisCenterYmca.org.

Practice and Game times:

All games/ practices are held at the Y at your assigned time. This will not change for the duration of the season-unless there is an unforeseen circumstance.

The league runs Friday nights (5th – 7th) and Saturday mornings (Pre-K – 4th):

Pre-K	9:00 (12/4/10 – 2/19/11)@ Blake Center
Kinder	9:00 or 10:00 (12/4/10 – 2/19/11)
1 st & 2 nd	10:00, 11:00, 12:00, or 1:00 (12/5/10 – 2/19/11)
3 rd & 4 th	1:00 or 2:00 (12/4/10 – 2/26/11)
5 th - 7 th	6:30 or 7:30 (12/3/10 – 2/25/11)

The teams:

Please understand that we carefully put the teams together. They are thought out and balanced. We try to honor all requests based on first come first serve. It is very difficult to accommodate requests for four and five children to be on the same team. In those situations, we tried to put 2 of the buddy requests on the same team. We also try to group the children by their school. If you are concerned about your child's team, please give it a chance. Many times the children know each other but you may not know it. Some children are happy too being away from some of their friends- they can be their own person on the team. If there is a *serious* problem, please let me know. I'm sure you can understand that barring a dire situation, the teams will remain as set.

Parking:

Our parking lot is **very full** on Friday nights and Saturday mornings. We have basketball, swimming and adults working out. It is great that the Y is so vibrant...it does however, make parking difficult. If the lot is full or you are able bodied, please park down the street at our Blake Children's Day Care Center. There is a path or you may use the sidewalk at the street.

YBA Membership:

All children participating in YBA have a full Y membership. This means your child can swim during open swim, use the gym during open gym, sign up to participate in our other programs – swimming lessons, karate etc. (programming fees may vary).

You can also upgrade your child's membership to a family membership if you wish to take advantage of our fitness center, track, spin classes, pilates, pool etc. You can inquire at the front desk

Weather:

If you are unsure if the weather has cancelled YBA please check the website, www.MorrisCenterYmca.org. As always, use your best discretion even if we are open.

Misc.

Team t-shirts will be handed out before the start of the games.

One last note, please give our volunteer coaches a chance. Some will be up and running the first practice, other's may take a few weeks to get to know the players, what drills work etc. We know you are grateful for the time they dedicate to helping your children learn the sport. Thanks for your patience.

All parents, relatives, friends are encouraged to cheer for their favorite player. Those who are positive, without over coaching are encouraged to stay for the games. If you find yourself repeatedly yelling instructions to your player, please feel free to visit our beautiful lobby. It is important for their growth that they make mistakes and think for themselves.

If you have any questions please contact us. We're here to help.

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