



YOUTH BASKETBALL INFORMATION WINTER 2023-2024

OCONEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

REGISTRATION

OCPRD offers the following leagues for both boys and girls: Mite, Pee Wee, and Major. Boys leagues are offered for Minor and Senior. Each team will average one (1) weeknight and one (1) Saturday activity (practice or game) per week.

Registration for Oconee County Residents:

Monday, October 2 – Thursday, October 26 (*or until full*)
In County Fee: \$125

Registration for Out of County Participants:

Monday, October 9 – Thursday, October 26 (*or until full*)
Out of County Fee: \$250

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Coaches:

- Our coaches are volunteers.
- Each coach will have the opportunity to attend a basketball coach clinic and must complete the NYSCA coach course through the National Alliance for Youth Sports.
- There is **NO** guaranteed placement for players except for the head coach's child and siblings.

Parents:

- At least one (1) parent **must** complete the NAYS Parent Orientation & Membership Program course.
- Parents may take the free course online at <https://www.nays.org/parents/> (Step-by-step instructions are available on our [website](#)).
- A child may **not** participate in the program until one (1) parent meets this requirement.
- We encourage you to volunteer as a coach or team parent.
- Your volunteer coach should contact you within a few days after receiving their roster.

Uniforms:

- Team jerseys are provided; shorts, socks, and shoes are the parents' responsibility.
- Team Jerseys are given to coaches for team distribution at a practice prior to games beginning.
- The jersey will be reversible (white on one side and color on the reversible side. Teams designated as the "Home Team" for a game will dress in white; teams designated as the "Guest/Away Team" will dress in the darker colored side of the jersey.
- There is no requirement on socks or shorts color.

LEAGUES

Age Divisions

Age Divisions	Age
Mite	7 – 8 years*
Pee Wee	9 – 10 years
Minor Boys	11 years
Major Boys	12 years
Major Girls	11 – 13 years
Senior Boys	13 – 14 years

Age Control Date

Winter 2023: September 1, 2023

****Must be 7 years old on or
before age control date***

SEASON TIMELINE

Monday, October 2	Online Registration Begins – 8 a.m.
Thursday, October 26	Youth Basketball Registration Deadline (Or until full)
Monday, October 30	Pee Wee Boys, Minor Boys, Major Boys: League Evaluations/Drafts
Thursday, November 2	Pee Wee Girls, Major Girls, Senior Boys: League Evaluations/Drafts
Wednesday, November 8	NYSCA Clinic at 6 p.m. in OVP Community Center (Coaches only)
Thursday, November 9	Volunteer Coach Clinic 6 p.m. <i>Mite & Pee Wee in HCM Gym</i> <i>Minor – Senior in OVP Gym</i>
Saturday, November 11	Deadline for coaches to contact parents
Wednesday, November 15	Practices begin*
November 19 – 26	NYSCA Clinic at 6 p.m. in OVP Community Center (Coaches only)
Week of December 4	NO ACTIVITY (Thanksgiving Break)
Friday, December 8	Games Begin
Saturday, December 9	Pictures @ OVP Community Center
Friday, December 15	Pictures @ OVP Community Center
Saturday, December 16	Pictures @ OVP Community Center
December 17 – January 1	Saturday Games*
Tuesday, January 2	NO ACTIVITY (Winter Break)
Friday, January 5	Practices resume
Monday, January 15	Friday Practices Scheduled (Make-up for Jan. 1)
Friday, January 19	NO ACTIVITY (MLK Day)
Saturday, January 27	Friday Practices Scheduled (Make-up for MLK Day)
Week of January 29	Saturday Games*
Monday, February 5	Final Regular Season Games
Saturday, February 10	Post-Season Tournament Begins (Minor/Major/Senior Leagues)
Tuesday, February 13	Pee Wee League Jamboree (Final activity for Pee Wee Leagues)
	Saturday practice opportunity for teams remaining in Minor-Senior tournament
	Minor/Major/Senior Championships

***All designated Saturdays without games scheduled will be practice days.**

EVALUATION DATES & TIMES

Mite

- NO EVALUATIONS

Pee Wee

- Boys North: Monday, October 30 at OVP last name A-K at 7:15 p.m.; L-Z at 7:30 p.m.
- Boys South: Monday, October 30 at HCM last name A-K at 7:15 p.m.; L-Z at 7:30 p.m.
- Girls: Thursday, November 2 at HCM last names A-K at 6 p.m.; L-Z at 6:15 p.m.

Minor Boys

- Monday, October 30 at OVP last name A-K at 6 p.m.; L-Z at 6:15 p.m.

Major

- Boys: Monday, October 30 at HCM last name A-K at 6 p.m.; L-Z at 6:15 p.m.
- Girls: Thursday, November 2 at HCM ALL at 7:15 p.m.

Senior Boys

- Thursday, November 2 at OVP last name A-K at 6 p.m.; L-Z at 6:30 p.m.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

What goal height and size ball will my child use?

<u>Leagues</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Balls</u>
Mite (Boys & Girls)	8'	27.5" (Junior)
Pee Wee (Boys & Girls)	9'	28.5" (Intermediate or Women's)
Minor Boys & Major Girls	10'	28.5" (Intermediate or Women's)
Major & Senior Boys	10'	29.5" (Official)

How often will my child's team meet?

- Pre-season: All teams will have one weeknight and one Saturday practice.
- Once games begin: Most teams will have one practice and one game per week; exceptions if they have a bye week. Most games will be on weeknights, with a few Saturday games scheduled.
- Majority of weeknight activity for boys' leagues will occur on Mondays OR Tuesdays AND Saturdays.
 - a. Exception: Senior Boys League will meet on Mondays OR Thursdays AND Saturdays.
- Primary weeknight activity for girls' leagues will occur on Thursdays AND Saturdays.
- Friday's may be utilized for any league as a make-up night or for game schedules affected by leagues with an odd number of teams.

Where will practices and games be held?

The following is intended as a *guide* as changes may occur based on the number of teams per league, etc.:

HCM = Herman C. Michael Park	CFES = Colham Ferry Elementary School
OVP = Oconee Veterans Park	MBES = Malcom Bridge Elementary School
MBMS = Malcom Bridge Middle School	HSES = High Shoals Elementary School
OCMS = Oconee Co. Middle School	OCHS = Oconee Co. High School Practice Gym
DCES = Dove Creek Elementary School	

What are the Saturday times?

Saturday times can vary greatly depending on registration numbers (our youth leagues featured 92 teams last season), and we are utilizing multiple gym locations. Saturday start times can range from 9 a.m. through early evening hours.

Will my child make a team? My player is nervous about "Try Outs".

OCPRD holds evaluations for Pee Wee – Senior leagues where coaches rate all participants' skills. We encourage all players and coaches to attend evaluations in order to accurately assess the skills of players. The greater number of players that attend evaluations, the more competitive and fun the season will be for everyone. These ratings are used by OCPRD staff to put together Pee Wee teams and by Minor-Senior coaches to draft their teams. All Mite teams are randomly formed to balance out the players' ages, sizes and number of seasons played. This process is to ensure a better balance amongst teams.

Does OCPRD coordinate tournament or all-star post-season play?

Mite:	No post-season play
Pee Wee:	End of season "Jamboree" may be offered when the schedule permits
Minor, Major & Senior:	Post-season single elimination tournament

Does OCPRD coordinate end of season trophies?

OCPRD does not coordinate or arrange for trophies or end of season awards.