

1. I would like to coach my child's team. How do I go about letting Aurora Parks and Recreation know that I would like to volunteer?

At time of registration there is a question asking if you would like to head coach or assist. There is a volunteer coach's form that is need to be completed. It can be accessed on the city web page located at the following link <http://www.auroraoh.com/633/Volunteer-Coaches>

2. When can I expect to hear from my child's coach?

A coaches meeting is typically held the week before the scheduled practice week. You should expect to hear from your child's coach the weekend prior to the scheduled practice week.

3. What type of equipment does my child need for soccer?

Soft soled shoes are the only required equipment needed to play recreational basketball. A water bottle and appropriate size basketball ball are recommended. Ball sizes per league: K-2nd = 27", grade 3rd – 8th = 28.5"

4. Can my children play together on the same team?

If they are in the same age group then yes they can. When registering please indicate that siblings would like to play on the same team. Likewise if you are interested in having your children play on separate teams, then please make a note of that when registering as well.

5. Can my child "play up" in another age/grade group?

Players are permitted to play in an age group higher than their age but not lower. All requests must be approved by the Parks and Recreation Director.

6. What if I missed the registration deadline?

If you missed the deadline, you will need to contact Aurora Parks and Recreation to be placed on the waitlist for the requested program. Waitlisted participants will be placed on teams that have available spots. There is no guarantee that your child will be placed on a team or that any coach/friend requests will be honored. If there is room you will be contacted to register your child and then they will be placed on a team. A \$20 late fee applies for late registration.

7. When are practice times?

Volunteer coaches pick their own practice days and times. At time of registration preferred practice days are requested and every attempt to place the athlete on those requested days is taken into consideration. However, circumstances may arise that may not make your requested practice day possible. Practices are typically held M-F evenings at 5p, 6p, 7p or 8p and typically last an hour.

8. Where teams practice?

Practice are held at the local school gymnasiums. A practice schedule is provided once leagues are formed.

9. Will the coach be provided equipment for the team?

Yes – every coach is provided an equipment bag which includes - a limited number of appropriate size balls, pinnies, cones, air pump, ice packs and first aid kits. Also, a binder is provided to each coach which includes – Positive Coaching Alliance information, league rules, practice schedule, game schedule, team roster and practice drills. These are provided to each coach at a mandatory coach’s meeting typically held the week before practices begin.

10. Can my son or daughter play with friends or play on a specific coach’s team.

You are able to request a coach, player(s) and practice days that work best for you at the time of registration. Aurora Parks and Recreation take all requests into consideration when creating team rosters but cannot guarantee your requests can be accommodated. Alternate practice days requested by volunteer coach or friends, too many requests for a particular coach (registration date is then used), teams will be unfairly setup (stacked) etc. are just a few examples of denied requests.

11. How are team rosters selected?

As stated above, Aurora Parks and Recreation take all requests into consideration when creating team rosters and participants are placed on teams accordingly. Siblings are always placed on the same team unless otherwise requested. For all leagues 3rd grade and up the rosters are reviewed at the coaches meetings and adjustments are made as needed to try and keep teams competitive. Teams are permitted to have one head coach and one assistant coach when assigning rosters. More assistant coaches are permitted but not used to help assign players to teams. Coach requests may be granted if skill level remains balanced among players.

12. Where and when are the games played?

Games are typically played on Saturday mornings through early afternoon depending on the number of teams in any given league. All kindergarten games are played at Leighton school. Grades 1-8 home games are played at Harmon or Leighton with away games played at gymnasiums located in the participating surrounding communities.

13. Am I able to access a game schedule?

The game schedule as well as standings, practice schedule and a host of other constantly updated and pertinent information is available on the city web site at the following link <https://www.auroraoh.com/491/Basketball>

NOTE: Game schedules are subject to change for a variety of reasons. Always check the online schedule and/or with your coach about your upcoming game.

14. When will uniforms be ready?

Jerseys are provided to each participant and are distributed typically the week before the first Saturday game. All planning is done with the intentions of assuring jerseys are available for the first scheduled games. If for some reason this does not happen you will be notified ahead of time and arrangements will be made with coaches for jerseys at the first game.

15. What do I do if a jersey is the wrong size?

Jersey are purchased for each athlete by the size specified at the time of registration. If for some reason the size differs from the original size requested, Aurora Parks and Recreation should be contacted for a replacement.

16. What are the rules for our league?

Rules for the various leagues are posted and can be viewed on the city web page at the following link <https://www.auroraoh.com/491/Basketball>

17. Do we have officials?

Yes, leagues grades 1 – 8 have two licensed officials assigned. The kindergarten league self-officiates their Saturday games.

18. Why are we playing games in other cities?

We play with surrounding cities to give our young players a variety of teams to play and different skill levels to compete with. Each city has a certain number of teams, sometimes only a few, in any given sport so we combine leagues to help each other out so a decent size league can be formed.

19. Can jewelry/earrings be worn during games?

No player will be allowed to play with jewelry or earrings with the exception of a medical alert bracelet or necklace. Placing tape or a band aid over earrings will not be allowed. This is for your child's own safety!

20. Do we keep score?

Scoring is currently kept in leagues – grades 1-2, 3-5 and 6-8. The score is not kept in the kindergarten league.

21. How are scores reported?

An official scorekeeper is present at the scorer's table for all games. Official scores are final. If there is a discrepancy the coach should contact Aurora Parks and Recreation to discuss. Scores are then posted on the "QuickScores" web site which can be accessed from the city web page <https://www.auroraoh.com/491/Basketball>

22. How do I know if a game is cancelled because of weather?

Rarely will basketball games be called because of weather. Should a snowstorm hit and parking lots cannot be cleared you will be able to check, on game day, by calling the field hotline at 330-655-6410. An email will also be sent to your child's coach as early as possible so they can contact their players regarding the cancellation.

23. If practice is cancelled can we make it up?

Yes, the coach can look at the online practice schedule and see what is available and discuss what works for the team. The coach will then contact Aurora Parks and Recreation to reserve the gym. The online schedule will then be updated to prevent more than one team being scheduled at the gym at the same time.

24. The officials are not calling fouls on the opposing team. What can be done?

The officials we use are licensed officials and have been officiating for many years at many different levels. No official is going to call a perfect game and will on occasion miss a foul that may occur. It is up to the coach to calmly speak to the officials regarding any missed calls. Approaching an official during a game by a player or spectator is strictly prohibited. Please give all officials the respect they deserve.

25. Are trophies/medals awarded at the end of the season?

Yes, currently kindergarten through the 2-3 league receive participation medals with first and second place trophies awarded to those teams in the 2-3 league. First and second place trophies only are awarded in the 4-5 & 6-8 leagues.

26. What is the refund policy?

Participants may request a full refund minus a \$15 processing fee, should they drop from the league prior to the first scheduled game. After the first scheduled game has been held, a prorated credit minus a \$15 processing fee, will be given. After the second game, no refunds or credits will be given. The processing fee will be waived if a credit to the families Aurora Parks and Recreation account is requested instead of a refund to a credit card or as a check.

All fees paid will be refunded in full when Aurora Parks and Recreation cancels a program.