

# AIM HIGHER. SHOOT STRONGER.

GRADE-LEVEL BASKETBALL LEAGUE



**GRADES 1-6**

**REGISTRATION OPENS OCT. 31**  
**DEADLINE TO REGISTER: Dec. 11**  
*No Late Registrations will be accepted!*

**IRONWORKS (BELOIT) PROGRAM**  
**Saturdays 9am-2pm**  
**Jan. 21 - Mar. 12**

Games held at BMHS Fieldhouse and  
 Stateline Boys & Girls Club in Beloit



**CO-ED  
GRADES 1-2**  
 All players receive  
 a NBA-themed  
 jersey!

**BOYS'  
GRADES 3-6**  
 All players receive  
 a NBA-themed  
 jersey!

**GIRLS'  
GRADES 3-6**  
 All players receive  
 a WNBA-themed  
 jersey!

**Visit [statelineymca.org/basketball](http://statelineymca.org/basketball) to  
 learn more & sign-up today!**

**MEMBERS \$65 | NONMEMBERS \$90**

Multi-child discount of \$5 per child will be applied  
 for children in the same household.

QUESTIONS? Contact LaRon at [llofton@statelineymca.org](mailto:llofton@statelineymca.org)



**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:**

**GRADE (circle)**

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 First Name Last Name  
 .....  
 School  
 .....  
 Jersey Size (circle)\* YS YM YL YXL Adult S Adult M Adult L Adult XL  
 \*Jerseys run small - see front desk for an example. Shorts are NOT provided.

1-2 (Co-ed) 3-4 (Male) 5-6 (Male)  
 3-4 (Female) 5-6 (Female)

**PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:**

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 First Name Last Name Phone Number Email

Interested in Volunteer Coaching? [ ] Head Coach [ ] Assistant Coach Coach shirt size: .....

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## IMPORTANT DATES

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| <b>Oct 31</b>    | Registration opens   |
| <b>Dec 11</b>    | Registration deadline  |
| <b>Dec 14</b>    | IRONWORKS (Beloit) Coaches' meeting @ 6pm (at Ironworks)<br><i>Grades 1-2 Co-ed, or Grade 3-6 Boys</i> |
| <b>Dec 15</b>    | GIRLS' LEAGUE Coaches' meeting @ 6pm (at Ironworks)<br><i>Grade 3-6 Girls</i>                          |
| <b>Jan 3</b>     | Players should receive a call with info  |
| <b>Jan 9</b>     | Practices may begin this week  |
| <b>Jan 21</b>    | Games begin  |
| <b>Mar 11-12</b> | End of season tournament   |



## Stateline Family YMCA's Youth Sports Taskforce COMMITMENT TO CHARACTER



### Core Values

**Caring** – We expect athletes, coaches, officials, and parents to remain committed to their team, teammates, themselves, and the integrity of the sport while at practice, before, during, and after games, and at all times. Sports, at their core, are about commitment.

**Honesty** – We are dedicated to an equal and fair standard. This happens when athletes, coaches, officials, and parents are honest at all times. In the end, cheaters never win and winners never cheat.

**Respect** – We expect all athletes, coaches, officials, and parents to be treated with dignity at all times. The experience is the focus, not the outcome.

**Responsibility** – We hold athletes, coaches, officials, and parents responsible for their actions. It is vital that everyone is following the rules and conducting themselves with, Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility at all times.

### 4 Player Values

**Caring** – I will demonstrate caring to my sport and my teammates by practicing and playing to the best of my ability at all times.

**Honesty** – I will live out honesty by playing by the rules and don't complain to the officials.

**Respect** – I will be respectful to my teammates, the coaches, and the officials by treating them how I would like to be treated.

**Responsibility** – I understand that actions have consequences and I pledge to take accept the consequences for my actions at all times.

### 4 Coach Values

**Caring** – I will show my players I care by being prepared for practices and games.

**Honesty** – I demonstrate honesty by upholding the rules regardless of the outcome.

**Respect** – I will respect each player and strive to help players development individually and as a team. I will ensure that all players are respected by myself, teammates, and parents and ensuring everyone has equal opportunity to learn and develop is one of my most important role as a coach.

**Responsibility** – I understand the responsibility of being a coach and the impact my choices have on players and parents. I am a role model for all players and parents and I will not only follow the rules, I will uphold them at all times.

### 4 Parent Values

**Caring** – I will show my player that I care and support him/her by encouraging development both on and off the field /court.

**Honesty** – I will be a good role model for my player and their teammates by demonstrating honesty regardless of the outcome.

**Respect** – I will respect all players, teammates, coaches, and officials at all times and understand that this level of play is focused on fun, fair play, and development.

**Responsibility** – I understand that my player will demonstrate the same level of responsibility I have. Therefore, I will follow the rules and policies for the sport in which my player is participating in and will accept responsibility for my actions.

# FAQ's



## GRADE-LEVEL BASKETBALL

### **WHAT AGE GROUPS DOES YMCA GRADE-LEVEL BASKETBALL SERVE?**

Our Grade-level Basketball Leagues are for players grades 1–6. Register your child by their current grade. **NO PLAYER IS ALLOWED TO PLAY UP OR DOWN AN AGE GROUP.**

### **WHEN DOES REGISTRATION BEGIN AND WHERE CAN I REGISTER?**

Registration officially opens October 31. You can register online at [statelineymca.org/basketball](http://statelineymca.org/basketball), at the Ironworks (Beloit) YMCA, or the Roscoe YMCA. The registration deadline is December 11; late registrations will not be accepted

### **WHAT PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED FOR EACH AGE GROUP?**

**1ST/2ND GRADE CO-ED:** All games will be officiated by 1-2 YMCA staff members. Games will be played on 8-foot rims and with a 27.5-inch basketball. There will be no score kept at this age level. Games will consist of two 18-minute halves. The referees will stop the game in 6-minute increments to allow for coaches to substitute players. This will allow maximum participation for each participant. All players must play at least 50 percent of the game and each player must sit out at least two 6-minute rotations throughout the game. There will be no end of season tournament for this age group. The season will conclude on March 11th and every participant will receive an award.

**3RD/4TH GRADE BOYS OR GIRLS LEAGUE:** All games will be officiated by 1-2 WIAA or ISHA certified referees. Games will be played on regulation 10-foot rims and a 28.5 sized basketball will be used. Score will be kept at this age level. Games will consist of two 18-minute halves. The referees will stop the game in 6-minute increments to allow for coaches to substitute players. This will allow maximum participation for each participant. All players must play at least 50 percent of the game and each player must sit out at least two 6-minute rotations throughout the game. All teams will participate in a single elimination end of season tournament on March 11th & 12th. The teams who finish top 3 in the tournament will all receive an award.

**5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS OR GIRLS LEAGUE:** All games will be officiated by 1-2 WIAA or ISHA certified referees. Games will be played on regulation 10-foot rims and a 28.5-inch basketball will be used. Score will be kept at this age level. Games will consist of two 18-minute halves. The referees will stop the game in 6-minute increments to allow for coaches to substitute players. This will allow maximum participation for each participant. All players must play at least 50 percent of the game and each player must sit out at least two 6-minute rotations throughout the game. All teams will participate in a single elimination end of season tournament on March 11th & 12th. The teams who finish top 3 in the tournament will all receive an award

### **HOW DO I DETERMINE MY PLAYER'S "LEAGUE AGE"?**

For basketball, register your child based on the current grade your child is in on registration day. No player may move up or down a grade; every player **MUST** play with their current grade level. Any parent caught doing this will have their child removed from the program.

## IS MY CHILD ON THE SAME TEAM HE/SHE WAS LAST YEAR?

Not necessarily. Each child will be assigned to a new team from the previous year. Teams will be formed by the school and/or school district your child attends. There will be NO draft and no requests.

## WHAT DO THE PROGRAMS COST?

Grade Level Member- \$65

Grade Level Non-Member- \$90

There is a multiple child discount of \$5 per registrant for children signing-up from the same household. This discount is not available for online registration; **you will need to register in-person at the Ironworks (Beloit) or Roscoe YMCA to receive it.**

## DO YOU OFFER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

**Yes!** If you are in need of financial assistance, you may apply at the YMCA or access the application at [statelineymca.org/financialassistance](http://statelineymca.org/financialassistance). To ensure that the paperwork is completed on time, we ask that the financial assistance paperwork is in by December 2. To be granted financial assistance, we will need the previous year's tax form or a letter of non-filing, 1 month of paystubs, and all federal and state aid you receive (SSI, Food Share, etc.)

## WHAT DOES THE PLAYER FEE COVER?

Each player's fee covers only a portion of the expenses we incur to operate our leagues (team equipment, uniforms, referees, building rental, janitorial services, insurance, etc.). We cover the rest of our operating expenses with support from a combination of sources, including donors and team sponsors.

## DOES MY PLAYER NEED TO BUY ANY EQUIPMENT TO PLAY?

The YMCA supplies all our teams with the practice equipment. We also supply all our players with a team jersey. Parents will be in charge of supplying **BLACK SHORTS** for their child. Please keep in mind the **grade-level jerseys run very small in size.**

## DO I NEED TO PICK UP MY CHILD'S UNIFORM?

No. Uniforms are given directly to your coach and they will distribute them at a team practice before the season begins.

## DOES THE YMCA CUT ANY KIDS?

No. However, we do have limits to the number of players that we can accept in each program due to limited gym space for practices and games this year. The following are the limits per age group. Once we hit these registration numbers, will be closed even if we hit the limit before registration deadline.

- 1st/2nd- Co-ed: 100 players maximum
- 3rd/4th- Boys': 80 players maximum, Girls': 60 players maximum
- 5th/6th- Boys': 80 players maximum, Girls': 60 players maximum

## DOES EVERY PLAYER GET TO PLAY?

Yes! In all leagues every player on the team roster must play at least half of each game.

## HOW MANY GAMES DO THE TEAMS PLAY?

In our grade-level basketball leagues, each team will play a minimum of 8 games. Since some of our leagues have a year-end tournament, the exact number of games for each team depends upon how well the team does in the tournaments.

## WHEN DOES THE SEASON START, AND HOW LONG DOES IT LAST?

Grade-Level teams are formed mid-December. Your child's coach will contact you by January 3rd with team and practice information. Practice is eligible to begin the week of January 9th. Games will begin on January 21st with a scrimmage and uniform handout. The season will officially wrap-up March 11th & 12th with the end-of-season tournament.

## ARE VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED?

**Yes!** All of our programs are growing rapidly in size. With that, **there is an increasing need for volunteer head and assistant coaches.** We rely on volunteer coaches to help our programs run smoothly. If you are interested, please attend the coaches meeting (see schedule on page 3). Having enough coaches right away will ensure the season gets kicked off on time and will help with the coordination and organization of the league. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!**

We will provide all of our volunteer coaches with practice equipment, drills and practice plans, practice space, schedules, league rules, and rosters with contact information. The Sports Director will also be in constant contact with coaches to give advice, share resources or answer any questions.

## HOW OFTEN WILL MY PLAYER'S TEAM PRACTICE (GRADE LEVEL)?

We believe one of the most important factors in player development is regular team practices. For that reason, we require our coaches to practice once a week with their team.

Because each of our coaches has a unique job situation and gym space in the winter is limited in the area, it is impossible for us to tell you exactly when your player will have practices during the season during registration. In general, you can expect your player's team will practice one time per week throughout the season but we are not able to tell you the exact day of the week your team will have practice until AFTER registration. We are also not able to place you on a team based on what days you are able to practice.

## WHERE ARE THE GAMES PLAYED?

Ironworks (Beloit) League games are played at the BMHS Fieldhouse (1225 Fourth St. Beloit, WI), or Beloit Boys & Girls Club (202 Maple Ave. Beloit, WI)

## WHAT TIMES ARE THE GAMES?

All Grade-level games will be held on Saturdays and will start between 9:00am and 2:00pm Due to not knowing the official registration numbers, we are not able to give a more specific time frame at this time.