

ShepNaz Basketball 2021-22
Frequently Asked Questions
(or FAQ's for short!) (or Qs&As)

Shepherd Church of the Nazarene has hosted a winter youth basketball league for over 25 years. Kids from all over our area between Kindergarten and 12th grade come to play in our fun, safe leagues. This program offers skills training and competitive or non-competitive play (depending on age).

We have made the decision to continue our partnership with **Upward Sports** for our K-2nd Grade Leagues (K, 1st/2nd grade girls, 1st grade boys, 2nd grade boys) that will help us improve our teaching of solid fundamentals to our younger players. You can expect an improved experience for our younger league and the same great league experience for our older players.

1. How can I register?

- Online (starting September 1st): www.shepnaz.org/ministries/basketball
- In-Person in the Shepherd Church Lobby:
 - October 2nd (8:00am-11:00am)
 - October 23rd (8:00am-11:00am)
 - November 13th (11:00am-2:00pm)

2. How much is registration?

- This depends on the grade level of your player.
 - Kindergarten-2nd Grade
 - \$100 per player (\$110 after 11/20/21) (new Upward jersey included in the registration fee)
 - 3rd/4th Grade Girls and 3rd Grade boys
 - \$100 per player (\$110 after 11/20/21) (\$10 discount for using a ShepNaz jersey—blue and yellow reversible)
 - 4th Grade Boys, 5th/6th Grade Girls, 5th/6th Grade Boys, 7th/8th Grade and High School
 - \$125 per player (\$135 after 11/20/21) (\$10 discount for using a ShepNaz jersey—blue and yellow reversible)

3. When are practice/game times for my son/daughter?

- This depends on the grade level of your player.

Practice Schedules:

Practice for all leagues will start the week of November 29th:

- Kindergarten—Mondays from 6:15pm-7:15pm
- 1st/2nd Grade Girls—Tuesdays from 6:15pm-7:15pm
- 1st Grade Boys—Fridays from 6:15pm-7:15pm
- 2nd Grade Boys—Fridays from 7:15pm-8:15pm
- 3rd/4th Grade Girls—Mondays or Tuesdays from 7:15pm-8:15pm
- 3rd Grade Boys—Thursdays from 6:15pm-7:15pm or 7:15pm-8:15pm
- 4th Grade Boys—Thursdays from 6:15pm-7:15pm or 7:15pm-8:15pm
- 5th/6th Grade Girls—Mondays from 6:15pm-7:15pm or 7:15pm-8:15pm
- 5th/6th Grade Boys—Tuesdays from 6:15pm-7:15pm or 7:15pm-8:15pm or 8:15-9:15pm (rotation)
- 7th/8th Grade—Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays from 8:15pm-9:15pm
- High School—Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays from 9:15pm-10:15pm

NOTE! There are NO PRACTICES the week of December 20th or the week of December 27th. This means that there will be 4 practices for each team before the first game.

Game Schedules (games to start January 6th, 7th and 8th):

- Kindergarten—Saturdays at 8:00am
- 1st/2nd Grade Girls—Saturdays at 9:00am
- 1st Grade Boys—Saturdays at 10:00am
- 2nd Grade Boys—Saturdays at 11:00am
- 3rd/4th Grade Girls—Saturdays at 8:30am
- 3rd Grade Boys—Saturdays at 9:30am
- 4th Grade Boys—Thursdays at 6:15pm or 7:15pm
- 5th/6th Grade Girls—Saturdays at 11:00am or 12:00pm
- 5th/6th Grade Boys—Fridays at 6:15pm, 7:15pm or 8:15pm
- 7th/8th Grade—Saturdays at 5:00pm, 6:00pm or 7:00pm (NOTE THE CHANGE OF GAME TIMES!)
- High School—Saturdays at 1:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:00pm, or 4:00pm (NOTE THE CHANGE OF GAME TIMES!)

4. How are teams made?

- This depends on the grade level of your player.
 - Kidergarten-2nd Grade
 - As we continue our partnership with Upward Sports, a new system allows us to run the players through an evaluation process and enter each player's evaluation score into a data-base that will divide the teams equally, based on skills, to provide healthy competition.
 - 3rd/4th Grade Girls and 3rd Grade boys
 - Teams are randomly put together.
 - 4th Grade Boys, 5th/6th Grade Girls, 5th/6th Grade Boys, 7th/8th Grade and High School
 - All registered players are run through an assessment with all the coaches in attendance.
 - After the assessment, the players are dismissed, and the coaches enter "The Draft Room" and draft their teams.
 - All registered players that did not attend the assessment will be assessed by the coaches/ShepNaz Basketball personnel and ranked based on athleticism/skill level.
 - After the drafting of the players that attended the assessment is complete, the list of ranked registered players will be used in completing the draft.
 - Lastly, any player that coaches/ShepNaz Basketball personnel do not know, their names will be put "in a hat" and blindly drawn and assigned to the team with the next pick.
 - Coaches (both Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches) kids are automatically placed on that coach's team starting with the 3rd round pick...this process MAY change.

5. When should I be doing what?

- This depends on the grade level of your player.
 - Kidergarten-2nd Grade
 - Register your player and encourage others to do so as well!
 - Mark your calendar! **PLEASE BE SURE TO ATTEND ONE OF THE SESSIONS LISTED BELOW**
 - November 13th (11:00am-2:00pm)
 - November 15th (6:00pm-8:00pm)
 - Bring your player to Shepherd Church anytime between the hours listed above to have them run through the evaluation process. We are estimating that it should take between 15-20 minutes for a player to complete the evaluation but be prepared that it may take longer. This will also be a time to size your player for a jersey.
 - 3rd/4th Grade Girls and 3rd Grade boys
 - Register your player and encourage others to do so as well!
 - 4th Grade Boys, 5th/6th Grade Girls, 5th/6th Grade Boys, 7th/8th Grade and High School
 - Register your player and encourage others to do so as well!
 - Mark your calendar to attend the assessment!
 - November 20th
 - 4th Grade Boys—8:00am in the FLC
 - 5th/6th Grade Girls—8:00am in the CC
 - 5th/6th Grade Boys—10:00am in the FLC
 - 7th/8th Grade—10:00am in the CC
 - High School—12:00pm in the FLC
 - These times are the starting times of the assessment, please arrive 15-20 minutes early to get checked in for your assessment. This is not a registration time!

6. When should I hear from a coach?

- All players should hear from their coach no later than November 28th as practices start the week of November 29th.

➤ **NOTE! If you have not heard from your coach by Sunday, November 28th, please be sure to contact me ASAP!**

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