

Kanata Youth Basketball Association

Welcome to Kanata Basketball – 2010-2011

General Registration

Register after June 30, 2010: Smallball fee (born 2004-2005).....	\$115
All other ages (born 2003 or earlier)	\$160
Register after Sept. 28, 2010: Smallball fee (born 2004-2005).....	\$130
All other ages (born 2003 or earlier)	\$175

Please make the cheque payable to the Kanata Youth Basketball Association (KYBA) and mail your completed registration from(s) and the cheque to:

**Registrar
KYBA
PO Box 24010,
Kanata, ON K2M 2C3**

Don't forget to include your email address so KYBA may keep you informed of upcoming events in the fall. The information in this document is just a brief synopsis of 'need-to-know' information, please visit the KYBA website at www.kanatabasketball.ca for more details.

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KYBA Programs

The Kanata Youth Basketball Association (KYBA) is a non-profit association, which offers league basketball for children and youth ranging in age from 5 to 18 years. All KYBA executive as well as coaching and support staff are volunteers. The KYBA is funded primarily by the players / parents user fees. Parentally-assisted fund raisers are used by competitive teams to support tournament and travel expenses.

The KYBA offers programs to suit player needs ranging from the experienced competitive player to those who are just starting out. Both practice and league play is designed to offer equal measures of player enjoyment (FUN), physical fitness and personal skill development. However, each player has a different view of what constitutes fun, fitness and skill development. To address these varying objectives, the KYBA offers a multi-tiered program ranging from the house league, which represents basic level of play in all divisions, to the city-wide competitive teams which vary in number and composition across most divisions.

The KYBA's house league is the basic and hence, most widely used program. All practices and games (except for occasional inter-association tournaments) are held in gymnasiums of local Kanata schools. Practices are held on weekday evenings, with the earliest times going to our youngest players. Games may be held on evening practice times but are mostly held on Saturdays.

Division	Year of Birth	House League	Competitive
Smallball	2004-2005	Boys & Girls	Not Applicable
Novice	2001-2003	Boys / Girls	Not offered
Atom	1999-2000	Boys / Girls	Boys / Girls
Bantam	1997-1998	Boys / Girls	Boys / Girls
Midget	1995-1996	Boys / Girls	Boys / Girls
Juvenile	1992-1994	Boys / Girls	Boys / Girls

KYBA offers separate male and female programs at all age levels except Smallball. No movement of players between male and female teams is permitted regardless of the circumstances.

Notes & Changes for 2011 Season

1. Careful financial management has resulted in no increase in fees for the 3rd year in spite of continued increases in facilities charges and other costs.
2. Some significant changes have occurred in the fee structure for competitive teams. Parents are strongly encouraged to read this document and the revised policies on our website.
3. In some divisions, the KYBA will continue to offer a limited shared schedule with partner associations. .

Registration

The KYBA has offered early registration to returning players. Players are encouraged to complete registration as early as possible so they are not disappointed in the fall.

Registration must be complete prior to the beginning of team practices in the fall, since the KYBA's liability insurance does not cover unregistered players. Registration is only complete when a fully completed and authorized registration form plus the appropriate fees have been submitted to the Registrar. Registration numbers will be automatically assigned according to the date the registration form was processed through the registration system. The registration number indicates the order of priority should space limitations be a problem. No registration number will be assigned to applications received without all the elements required to fully complete registration. Regardless of registration priority, access to KYBA programs is offered to Kanata-area residents, first.

Parents/players are encouraged to carefully verify the information on the registration form to ensure the completeness and accuracy of information such as address, postal code, phone number and the designated emergency contact. The emergency contact is very important and the number submitted should be a number (e.g. cell phone), which offers a very high probability of reaching the parent or guardian at any time. The inclusion of a valid email address is also very important as the KYBA depends more on email for communicating with members. Physical parameters such as height and weight are important but health conditions (e.g. knee problems or asthma) must be noted. Coaches need to know if

there are any problems with their player's health so they can watch for, and head-off a problem before it becomes serious. This is a partnership between parent and coach. The KYBA strongly recommends that parents of players under 12 years of age attend both practices and games. In the case of those who must work or have other unbreakable commitments during practice and game time(s), we request that the parent delegate a suitable adult representative to ensure that your child is supervised before and after the practices and / or game, and / or attended if a minor injury should occur.

The parental signature guarantees the accuracy of the information presented on the form. An example of misrepresentation is where players deliberately report an inaccurate birth date in order to secure assignment to an incorrect division. Parents must also disclose the existence of serious medical conditions, such as allergies, cardiovascular conditions, behavioral problems (under treatment) or serious orthopedic problems, where there is a risk that their child may be unintentionally harmed during games or practices. While there are very few restrictions on who is eligible to participate in KYBA programs, parents are strongly encouraged to review the eligibility policy found in the registration section of our website. Such a review prevents any misunderstandings. The KYBA Executive Committee reserves the right to deny access and / or remove players from its programs if the parent deliberately presents inaccurate or incomplete information on their registration form.

Should a player is injured, sick or has sustained some other condition which noticeably reduces the player's ability to play, parents are obliged to notify the coach before the beginning of the practice or game. Furthermore, if a player is injured or becomes sick during a practice or game, the player will immediately be placed in the custody of the parent or designated adult. Should a player sustain a serious injury, the coach will notify emergency services according to provisions in KYBA's By-Laws. Whether the player is fit to participate in the practice or game is the coach's decision and that decision is final.

Should any player exhibit violent, dangerous or other inappropriate behaviour in the gym before, during and / or after a game, the KYBA referees will issue an incident report to the Registrar and the VP, House League. For players under 18 years of age, these incident reports will be investigated by the Discipline Committee. In some cases, this investigation may lead to penalties imposed by the KYBA Executive Committee. Penalties may range from discussion between parent and coach, to a suspension from play up to and including the balance of the season, dependent on the severity of the incident. In extreme cases, particularly when the behaviour results in injuries, the KYBA Discipline Committee may be compelled to notify police. At the time the referees issue the technical foul, both coaches will be notified by the referees that an incident report will be issued. A copy of the referee's incident report will be provided to parents of the affected player on written request. However, witness statements and other documents generated in pursuit of the incident investigation are private to the KYBA and will not be provided to anyone outside the KYBA Executive Committee except when requested by police or other civil authorities as prescribed by the Laws of Canada and / or the Province of Ontario. Discipline Committee rulings are final and KYBA will not engage in negotiations on these rulings with players or parents.

The year of birth and gender are the principal factors in establishing a player's division. Proof of age is required for all new player registrants or for any returning players wishing to make changes in their birth date information. Only Canadian birth certificates, passports or immigration documents will be accepted by the KYBA as a valid proof of age. The registration system records the verification of birth date for each player. No player's name will be submitted for competitive tryout unless proof of age has been verified. Any changes to birth date information currently in the database or new player registrations, must be accompanied by a photocopy of the player's birth certificate, passport or immigration card.

The registration form offers a choice of a practice night. However, the distribution of skill levels and hence, the creation of fair and equitable teams will be considered more important than practice night requests. In other words, there will be no guarantee of your practice night selection regardless of priority, except in the Smallball division. Should anyone have special needs, please contact the KYBA Registrar. While practice nights may vary, games are primarily played on Saturdays.

Please make sure to include your email address so that you can be kept informed about upcoming KYBA news and events.

Fees

All players are required to pay the basic fee regardless of whether they intend to tryout for a competitive team. Competitive fees, which are payable upon being selected for a competitive team, are separate and incremental. A description of the different fees and their purpose may be found in the registration section of our website.

Payment by cheque is the preferred payment method since the KYBA treasurer has a traceable bank transaction and parent / player may use their cancelled cheque as a receipt. Payment by cheque is the only accepted method of

payment for mail-in registration. Cash for basic house league fees is accepted only at face-to-face registration or when hand-delivered to the KYBA Registrar. Cash payment of competitive team fees is at the discretion of the team's coach and / or manager.

The KYBA will issue Fitness Tax Credit Receipts for the 2010 tax year during the last week of February 2009. This receipt will only be issued to players who are 16 years of age or younger on December 31st, 2010 and only cover fees (>\$75) paid on or before December 21. Parents are requested to verify the name and mailing address of the parent or guardian that the receipt is to be issued. The KYBA will only issue a receipt to the person who paid the fees. The KYBA will not issue split-receipts. Since your there are a number of requirements for eligibility for this tax credit in addition to those mentioned above, please consult the CRA website for further information on eligibility for the Fitness Tax Credit.

Should any cheque be returned unpaid from the financial institution for any reason, the parent / player will be notified by the Registrar. The parent / player must remit the fee in cash, money order or certified cheque to the KYBA Registrar within seven (7) days from the date of notification. After this time, the player's status will be indicated in fees-in-arrears. KYBA executive reserves the right to suspend players with fees-in-arrears. Please consult the registration section of the KYBA website for more details on our policy regarding fee payments and fees-in-arrears.

If the KYBA is unable to offer the selected program, a player may withdraw from their registered program. Refunds may be issued dependent on the timing and circumstances of the withdrawal. Please consult the registration section of the KYBA website for the withdrawal / refund policy.

Selects Program

The KYBA supports a Selects program where house league players are 'selected' to play on a special team. The selection process follows the same rules as the competitive team selection. The operating model for selects teams varies with each division. Details of the selects program in your division will be posted on our website during the first week of November. Please consult the website then for further information.

Competitive Programs

The KYBA offers competitive basketball but doesn't necessarily field a competitive team at all age groups. The level and number of competitive teams fielded by KYBA remains the sole responsibility of the KYBA executive.

For those interested in the competitive program, please indicate a tryout request on the registration form. The names of all those requesting a tryout will be compiled onto a list by division and given to the coaching staff. In the fall, the time and place for the tryouts will be posted on the Cavaliers section of the website.

Players wishing to play only competitive must complete a registration and submit a non-refundable \$15 tryout fee along with the form. In the past, players were expected to provide payment for the balance of their basic fees after they had made the team. There appeared to be some confusion over these fees and the time they were due. To alleviate this confusion, players will be expected to provide a post-dated cheque for the balance of their basic fees at the time of registration. The cheque date for the basic fees is October 11, 2010. If the player makes the team, the cheque will be processed sometime after October 11th, if the player is not selected, the cheque will be shredded. If a player changes his / her mind and requests assignment to a house league team, the player is placed on a space-available basis.

Starting this season, the KYBA is revising the competitive player fees in order to more fully cover expenses associated with competitive team operations. In previous seasons, a token fee (previously \$15 per player) was collected by the competitive coaches and subsequently transferred to the KYBA from the team account. This fee was implemented to address, at least in part, the additional practice gym time and the cost of expensive competitive uniforms. The variance in operating cost between a house league and competitive team (in the 2010 season) is approximately \$100 per player. The revised competitive fee of \$125 replaces the \$15 per player, which addresses increased expenses including reimbursing competitive coaches for some of the expenses incurred as coaches. Unlike the original \$15 fee, the revised competitive fee will be collected by the KYBA at the time of registration. A post-dated cheque for the competitive fee is required at the time of tryout. The cheque date for the competitive fee is October 11, 2010.

Tryouts (skill evaluation) are used to select the KYBA's competitive teams. Evaluations are conducted by the team's coaching staff and other persons appointed by the VP, Competitive. Ball handling, shooting, physical capabilities (speed, vertical leap,...) and court skills (understanding of the game) are factors used to evaluate the player's relative skill level. It must be noted that the selection of a competitive team roster is the sole responsibility of the VP, Competitive and coaching staff. Their decisions are final. Competitive coaches or members of the KYBA Executive will not engage in any

debates with players and / or parents over competitive team rosters unless clear evidence of bias / discrimination is presented in writing to the KYBA's VP, Competitive, on or before October 18, 2010.

KYBA COMPETITIVE BASKETBALL PROGRAM

KANATA CAVALIERS 2010-2011

The KYBA offers competitive basketball for boys and girls from ages 10 to 17. The teams play in the Eastern Ontario basketball Association and compete in the Basketball Ontario provincial championships.

During the 2008-2009 season, the KYBA hopes to offer a team in the following age groups:

Major Atom (u12 –born1999 or later) – boys and girls

Major Bantam (u14-born 1997 or later) – boys and girls

Major Midget (u16 born 1995 or later) boys and girls

Juvenile or Junior (u19- born 1992 or later) –girls

All players playing competitive basketball must first be registered as a member of KYBA. Registration can be done by mail in or face-to-face during registration in early September.

Several factors affect the KYBA's ability to have team(s) in certain age categories.

These are:

- The level of interest at the specific age group
- The underlying ability of the participants
- The availability of certified coaches
- The availability of gyms
- Parent support of the program

The extra costs involved with playing competitive basketball are significant both financially and time commitment. There are between 2-3 2hr practices per week, weekend games and practices and out of town tournaments to consider. Each competitive team works under its own budget and will be responsible for its own costs. The coach would be able to confirm at tryouts the additional fees or fundraising required for the upcoming season.

All players registered with KYBA are invited and encouraged to try out for our competitive program. Tryout schedule will be posted (August/September) on our website and in the Kanata newspaper. **Player selection is the sole responsibility of the appointed coach.**

For additional information please contact our VP Competitive at competitive@kanatabasketball.ca or visit

www.kanatabasketball.ca