



**Ruby C Hunt  
Youth Basketball  
2009-2010 Parent Information Packet**



**\*\*\*PLEASE READ! THIS PACKET WILL ANSWER ALL YOUR QUESTIONS!\*\*\***

Dear Parents,

Thank you for signing your child up to play basketball at the YMCA this fall. In this letter you will find some useful information about our program. We have designed this handbook to help you learn more about the basketball and acquaint you with the policy and philosophy of Youth Basketball and the YMCA. This program has an objective to make sure that every child, no matter the skill level, has a positive and fulfilling experience. At the YMCA, if you participate, you win.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with your children. Be involved, show interest, help the coach where he or she needs help, encourage your child – and enjoy the sport yourself!

If you have any questions or concerns --- please do not hesitate to call Jeff Nerret at (704) 669-3627.

Sincerely,

Jeff Nerret  
Sports Director

**PROGRAM PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY:**

The YMCA philosophy for Youth Sports is unique. We will deliver a quality youth basketball program for your children which promotes a fun, family environment based on these philosophies: Everyone plays, balanced teams, positive coaching, good sportsmanship and open registration for anyone where interest and enthusiasm are the only criteria for playing. **THIS IS A RECREATIONAL LEAGUE!** The YMCA enforces certain rules to help insure this philosophy is fostered:

- \*\*\* No Tryouts or Cuts**
- \*\*\* Equal playing time for each participant**
- \*\*\* Emphasis is placed on participation; not winning!**

*Gym supervisors and officials have the authority to ask parents, coaches, or spectators, who do not display conduct in keeping with the YMCA philosophy, to leave the practice or game area.*

**TEAM ASSIGNMENTS:**

All age groups (except 3-4 year olds) will participate in our **“Draft Night. Volunteer coaches will evaluate all participants and then collectively draft teams afterward. It is VERY IMPORTANT that your child be at draft night.** It helps us to create as many equal teams as possible to maximize the enjoyment for everyone. *The following week your child’s coach will call you and let you know when and what time your child’s first practice will be.* Our 3-4 year olds will begin their season on the beginning of January. You will receive a phone call to confirm date and time from the YMCA.

**Draft Night: Held at the Ruby C Hunt YMCA**

**Monday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>**

9-10 boys 6 pm  
10-12 girls 7 pm  
11-12 boys 8 pm

**Tuesday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>**

5-6 (co-ed) 6 pm  
7-8 boys 7 pm  
13-15 boys 8 pm

**Thursday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

7-9 girls 6 pm  
13-15 girls 7 pm  
16-18 boys 8 pm

*All participants should receive a call from their coach by Friday Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> to inform them about their team and practice schedule.*



**COACHES:**

All team coaches are YMCA volunteers. They are individuals who take their personal time to instruct and coach your child. Without their efforts, this program would not be possible. Please be sure to thank all of our coaches.

***Coaches are still needed!*** Please contact the Sports Office at (704) 669-3635 as soon as possible, if you are interested in coaching. ***THE ONLY WAY WE CAN GURANTEE THAT YOUR CHILD WILL HAVE A COACH THIS SEASON IS IF YOU VOLUNTEER TO COACH YOUR CHILD'S TEAM.***

Even if you cannot be the “head” coach, please volunteer your services to be an assistant coach. It is imperative to have at least two adults participating with each team.

**SPONSORS:**

Our goal is to have every team sponsored. This support is a great way to promote a business and also helps the program. The sponsorship helps keep the cost of the program affordable, helps scholarship kids that can't afford the program and helps with the purchasing of supplies. If you are interested please contact the YMCA Sports Department- THANK YOU!. Also, please be sure to thank and support all of our sponsors- we really appreciate each of them!



**TEAM PARENTS:**

Team parents assist the coaches by:

\*\*\* Helping with phone calls to team members

\*\*\* Helping organize post-game refreshments and the end of the season party.

**WEATHER CANCELATIONS:**

Please call the weather hotline at 704-407-0004 if there is a chance of inclement weather for practices and games. Decisions about cancellations will be made by 3:00pm.

**EVALUATIONS:**

Parents, at the end of each season we pass out evaluations and we value your opinions a lot. We take these opinions and suggestions and try to make sure our program is the best that is can be for our community.

## **GYM RULES:**

1. Children should always be under direct supervision! Please do not leave your child at a practice or game until you see a coach and know that the game/practice has not been canceled/postponed.
2. Parents are encouraged to stay; if you must leave, please be on time to pick your child up.
3. Proper attire is expected
4. No food, drinks, or gum is allowed in the gymnasium. Water is the only exception.
5. *All children/siblings must remain with/or near their parents during games and practices. They will not be allowed to wander around the YMCA.*
6. *Non-members are not allowed to use the facilities while your child is practicing.*

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

## **1. WHEN IS THE FIRST PRACTICE, GAME AND WHEN WILL THE SEASON END?**

\*\*\* Practices begin the week of December 7<sup>th</sup>. The season will begin Fri, Dec 18<sup>th</sup> or Sat., Dec 19<sup>th</sup> and end on Sat., February 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **2. DOES THE YMCA PROVIDE TROPHIES / MEDALS TO THE PARTICIPANTS?**

\*\*\*All participants will receive a trophy/medal for the basketball program. The YMCA will furnish trophies/medals to the team coach who in turn will hand them out to the players.

## **3. IS THERE A POST SEASON TOURNAMENT?**

\*\*\* Not for ages 3 – 8. All other age groups will have an end of season single elimination tournament.

## **4. WHERE WILL THE PRACTICES AND GAMES BE HELD?**

\*\*\* Games are held at the Ruby C. Hunt YMCA and Dover Foundation YMCA. Practices will be at the Ruby C Hunt YMCA.

## **5. WILL THE TEAMS HAVE THEIR PICTURES MADE?**

\*\*\* Yes. Please mark your calendar! The picture day has been scheduled for Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. Team and individual photos will be taken. Information on pictures will be given out on the week before pictures are taken.

## **6. WILL THERE BE AN END OF THE SEASON PARTY?**

\*\*\* Each team is encouraged to have their own individual team party at the end of the season to make things more formal. This will be organized by your team's team parent!

The Ruby C Hunt YMCA Staff and Board of Directors welcome you and your children as participants in our Youth Basketball program. *The goal of our program is to provide a fun and rewarding youth basketball experience where young players can create a bond with the game while also learning what it takes to be successful away from the court.* In hopes that you better understand our program policies, purpose and daily procedures – the following information has been prepared for you.

*YMCA Mission: Helping all people reach their God given potential in spirit, mind and body.*



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We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.

## Important dates to remember



**November 17<sup>th</sup> - Pre Season Coach Meeting from 6 – 7 pm at the Ruby C Hunt YMCA**

**Week of Nov. 30 -**

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**December 7<sup>th</sup> - Practices start this week!**

(Your coach will call with your practice night and time.)

**December 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> – First game**

**January 16<sup>th</sup> – Picture Day**

Team and individual pictures will be taken before your scheduled game.

**February 13<sup>th</sup> – Last Regular Season Game**

**Week of February 15<sup>th</sup>- Ages 9-18 End of Season Tournament**

**February 20<sup>st</sup> – Championship Games**

*Thank you for the opportunity to work with your kids during this YMCA youth basketball season. If there is anything that we can do for you or your family, please do not hesitate to give us a call.704-669-3627*

*Ruby C Hunt YMCA Staff*

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