



# SKYBALL

## MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

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### What is SKYBALL?

SKYBALL provides the middle school basketball program for all students (boys & girls) in the Salem/Keizer Area. SKYBALL is the acronym for Salem-Keizer Youth Basketball Inc, the non-profit organization responsible for organizing teams and leagues. Scholarships are available to ensure all students can play.

### Skill Levels

All skill levels and experience are welcome. The boys' teams are divided into three skill levels (red, white, and blue). The girls' teams have two skill levels (red and white). Players are placed on teams where they will have the most success.

### Team Selections

Local high school varsity coaches and approved SKYBALL coaches will help in the evaluation process and in assigning players to teams. All teams, regardless of skill level or gender, will play an equal number of games and qualify for a post-season tournament.

Players who register will be placed on a SKYBALL team, as space permits. Teams will represent their middle school and will consist of players at the same grade level and gender.

No requests for a player to be on a specific team will be accepted. SKYBALL rules also limit the number of players on a team to 9-11, with 10 preferred. However, this limit can be either increased or decreased with approval of the Board of Directors.

### Evaluations

The evaluation process is important in forming teams. SKYBALL Area Coordinators schedule the evaluation sessions at either middle school or high school gymnasiums. Players **must** attend their assigned evaluation session to be placed on a team (e.g., 6<sup>th</sup>-girls, 7<sup>th</sup>-girls, 8<sup>th</sup>-girls, 6<sup>th</sup>-boys, 7<sup>th</sup>-boys, or 8<sup>th</sup>-boys). Evaluations are held in mid-October.

### Playing Time

There is equal playing time for each player during the first 36 minutes of the game. Playing time during the final 12 minutes of each game is at the discretion of the coach. [**Exception:** Open substitutions allowed for the Red Divisions of 7<sup>th</sup>-boys, 8<sup>th</sup>-boys, and 8<sup>th</sup>-girls levels.]

### The Season

Practices begin the first week in November. SKYBALL provides 13 games from December through February, plus a single-elimination post-season tournament.

### Practices

Generally, teams will have 1 or 2 practices of 60-90 minutes per week at your local middle school gym or at a nearby elementary school gym. Some teams practice at other gyms.

## Registration Fees

Player registration is \$85. (Scholarships are available upon request and Board approval.)

## Games

Games are held on weeknights and Saturdays at The Hoop and local school gyms. Games consist of two 24-minute halves with a running clock, except for stop-clock situations during the final two minutes of each half. The season consists of 13 games played from December through February. A single-elimination tournament is held at the end of the regular season.

## Tournaments

SKYBALL teams may elect to play in weekend tournaments. These are not sponsored or paid for by SKYBALL. The entry fees for outside tournaments are typically \$175 to \$225. Teams are responsible for entry fees and other costs associated with these tournaments. Additional tournaments may be scheduled by coaches after conferring with parents. There is no guarantee of playing time for players in the non-SKYBALL tournaments.

## Uniforms

Reversible mesh jerseys are provided and must be worn at all games. If a jersey is lost or damaged, a \$20 replacement fee is charged. Players may keep their jerseys after the season, if they pay \$10 or get a team sponsor. A sponsorship is available to businesses and individuals for \$250 per team.

## Coaches

We appreciate the time and efforts of our volunteer coaches. This program would not be possible without their commitment. Coaches do their best with the time and talent they have to share. If you have a concern with a coach, we ask that you first attempt to discuss it with the coach. Most coaches would like to know your concerns. However, just before or after a game or practice may not be the best time to discuss issues.

If you are interested in coaching, please complete an application as soon as possible. We may be calling parents for help, if we don't have enough volunteers. All coaches are subject to a criminal background check.

**If you have any questions, please give us a call or visit our website!!!**

### **Salem-Keizer Youth Basketball, Inc.**

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