



Branford Youth Basketball League (BYBL) Recreation Program Overview

Our Mission

The goal of BYBL is to deliver the **best possible recreation basketball program** for all players, using our available resources. We believe every child should have the opportunity to grow as a player and teammate in a fun, inclusive, and supportive environment.

What is the BYBL Recreation Program?

The BYBL Recreation Program is a **casual, skill-based basketball league** that emphasizes:

- Player development
- Teamwork and sportsmanship
- Personal growth
- Fun and inclusiveness

While open to all skill levels, from beginners to more experienced players, the recreation league is designed to be **less competitive** than travel basketball, though still structured and organized.

Evaluations (not tryouts) are held each November to assess player skill levels. This helps create balanced teams across the league and ensures travel players are distributed evenly, helping maintain fair play and competition.

Why Are Travel Players Required to Play Recreational Basketball?

The BYBL Board strongly believes that having all players—including travel team members—participate in the rec program best serves the entire league. Here's why:

- **Competitive Balance:** Travel players help elevate the overall level of play, improving the experience for all participants.
- **Team Equity:** Distributing more experienced players across teams helps avoid "stacked" teams and encourages fair games.
- **Community Connection:** Playing on town teams builds friendships, school pride, and community spirit.
- **League Sustainability:** Having all players involved ensures that we have enough participants to run a full, vibrant league.
- **Player Development:** The rec league offers **additional court time** without the pressure of competition, supporting both early and late-developing players.

We recognize that the rec requirement may not suit every travel player, but the BYBL Board reviews this policy annually and remains confident that it benefits the league and each player.

Scheduling and Commitment

We do our best to **avoid direct conflicts between rec and travel schedules**. Our goal is to offer travel players an opportunity to:

- Get extra time on the court
- Play in a more relaxed setting
- Enjoy the game with friends outside the travel environment



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Online registration for Recreation Programs opens in **late August** at www.branfordbasketball.com

Program Descriptions and Fees

Intro-to-Basketball (Grades K-1)

- **Format:** Co-ed, Clinic-style (no teams)
- **Duration:** 8 weeks
- **Schedule:** 1 clinic per weekend
- **Hoop/Height:** 8 feet
- **Fee:** \$125 per player
- **Sibling Discount:** -\$10 per child across all programs

Recreation Basketball (Grades 2-3) **

- **Format:** Boys & Girls Teams
- **Duration:** 10 weeks
- **Practice:** 1 weekday per week
- **Games:** 1 non-scored game per weekend
- **Hoop/Height:** 8 feet
- **Fee:** \$150 per player
- **Sibling Discount:** -\$10 per child across all programs

Recreation Basketball (Grades 4-8) **

- **Format:** Boys & Girls Teams
- **Duration:** 10 weeks
- **Practice:** 1 weekday per week
- **Games:** Scored games with referees each weekend
- **Playoffs:** Included
- **Hoop/Height:** 10 feet
- **Fee:** \$175 per player
- **Sibling Discount:** -\$10 per child across all programs

***These programs are now official members of Jr. NBA & Jr. WNBA*

Important Notes

- The BYBL Board **annually reviews** all travel and recreation policies and may update them as needed
- Program costs are reviewed each year and may be adjusted based on operational needs and offerings at the board's discretion

Contact Us

Questions about the Recreation Program?

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