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Dear Biddeford Recreation Basketball Families,

We're excited to kick off basketball season soon! Please review the following important updates to help create a smooth start for the season!

PreK and Kindergarten Schedule

Sessions will be on Saturdays at the J Richard Martin Community Center. The season dates are Saturdays, December 7th, 2024-February 1st, 2025 (no basketball on Saturday, December 28th)

Kinderhoops will begin at 9:00am with Pre-K following at 10:00am.

Practices for Grades 1- 6

No set schedule has been assigned. We will be contacting families early next week with practice information. Please note that teams need a volunteer coach in place to start the season. During the holiday season, please notify your child's coach if you will be missing a practice. We hope to accommodate as best as possible during this time!

Games for Grades 1-6 Divisions

Games will be held on Saturdays starting January 4th. Schedules will be added to your child's roster under Team Info after the regional community meeting, typically held in late December.

Basketball Picture Day

All divisions will participate in Picture Day on Saturday, January 4th at the Recreation Center. Players will receive their team shirts, have photos taken by Joe McKenney Photography, and enjoy a fun day of practice and games. Look for additional updates about Picture Day later this month with team schedules and photo ordering information.

Equipment Needed

Sneakers with non-marking soles are required. Basketballs will be provided during practices and games.

Volunteer Coaches

Our youth sports programs rely on volunteers! If you are available to coach this season, please indicate this during your child's registration. Teams in Grades 1-6 must have a coach to start the season. If you did not initially sign up and would like to help, please contact Biddeford Recreation Sports at sports@biddefordmaine.org We'll provide a coaches' handbook and practice plans. Thank you for supporting our programs!

Cancellations

Practices and games may be impacted by weather. Weekday cancellations are typically

decided by 3:00 PM, and weekend cancellations by that morning. Updates are posted as an alert at www.biddefordrec.com, and we may also email or text schedule changes, so please ensure your contact information is current in your Biddeford Recreation account online. This season, we will not use Facebook for schedule updates.

REMEMBER

Everyone involved with our youth sports program has an important job that leaves an impact on each child that participates. Some of these jobs include recreation staff who organize, coaches who coach, officials who maintain safety and fairness, volunteers who fill the gaps, and parents who support their child and the many other kids on the court. Too many times we see an environment created in youth sports that is parents vs. coaches, coaches vs. officials, recreation staff vs. parents, and so on. Let us all remember that we each serve a purpose and NEED to work together in doing our jobs to provide a safe, competitive, fun environment for the kids.

Questions?

Please contact us at sports@biddefordmaine.org OR call our office at 283-0841

Thank you for taking the time to read through this! We look forward to a great basketball season and will see you all on the court this winter!

Sincerely,
Biddeford Recreation Department