

Dear YMCA Basketball Parents,

Welcome to our MISSION VALLEY YMCA YOUTH SPORTS program. Please remember that this league experience is for the children and only positive comments will be allowed. *Pressuring your child to win or perform in no way motivates them!* Our focus at the YMCA is to have fun, provide equal playtime and enhance skill development.

Included in this letter are some important dates for the winter season

Important Dates to remember:

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| ★ Season dates | January 15 th through March 16 th |
| ★ Skill Assessments (all ages) | Saturday, January 5 th |
| ★ Makeup Skill Assessments (ages 5-9) | Tuesday, January 8 th at 5:00pm |
| ★ Makeup Skill Assessments (ages 9-17) | Wednesday, January 9 th at 5:00pm |
| ★ First week of practice begins | January 15 th through January 18 th |
| ★ First Game | Saturday, January 26 th |
| ★ Last Game | Saturday, March 16 th |
- ★ You should receive an email from PlayerSpace with your login credentials sometime late afternoon or evening on Monday, January 14th. This will allow viewing of your child's team information and having access to the game schedules. Please email me if you do not receive an email from PlayerSpace by Tuesday, January 15th.

Important information about team formation:

- ★ Following the makeup assessment, I will be working on forming the teams. **We will do our best to accommodate any special requests however our priority is to form well balanced teams.**
- ★ Some age groups may be combined.

Practice request guidelines

Requests that will be honored are as follows:

- Siblings playing in the same sport and age division will be put on the same team.
- Parents who are coaching a team will have their child on the team.

Requests that will "NOT" be honored are as follows:

- Any child who has played with the same coach for at least three seasons will have to play for a different coach for at least two seasons, so that other children have the same opportunity to be with that coach.

I am looking forward to great winter season, and hope to get an opportunity to meet you all. Please feel free to email me with any questions or concerns.

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