

Austin Youth Basketball Registration
Deadline October 15

Welcome to Austin Youth Basketball (AYB). AYB is an independent non-profit organization devoted to the promotion of basketball for girls and boys in grades 4th - 8th and resides in the Austin School District. **AYB places emphasis on competition while being a feeder program for the Austin High School teams. Keep in mind equal playing time is not assured.** The purpose of AYB is to teach basic fundamentals, improve player skills and promote sportsmanship while attaining a competitive and safe level of play.

The AYB season runs from mid-October through mid-March. Games take place on weekends as traveling tournaments with most tournaments completed in one day and within 1.5 hours from Austin. Teams typically practice 2 - 3 times a week for 1 - 2 hours per session. Practices could include weekend sessions.

AYB Competition Philosophy - goal is to have teams of 8 - 10 players:

Grades 4 - 5:

- Players will practice together for 2-3 weeks then split into two even teams
- There will be no A or B designations and no players will be cut

Grades 6 - 8:

- Tryouts will be held to evaluate skills after at least 3-4 practices
- Players will be split into A & B teams based on skill level and coach recommendations
- There are only 8 - 10 roster spots for each team so everyone is not guaranteed a spot on the team
- **Registration fees will be refunded for players not assigned to a team**
- Attendance to practice is important
- A spot on the roster does not guarantee a set amount of playing time
- For 7th & 8th grade players are required to play Ellis basketball
- **We will need parent volunteers in order to sustain an A/B team at the 7th/8th grade level. Without this there is the potential that there will not be a team and players will be cut.**

Registration:

You can register your daughter or son by completing the section at the bottom and:

- Drop off at Games People Play or Austin Park & Recreation
- Mail to: Austin Youth Basketball, PO Box 494, Austin, MN 55912

Deadline to register is: October 15

Player Name _____ Sex _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent or Guardian (please print) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Email (print carefully) _____

Grade _____ Circle Shirt Size: Youth Small, Youth Medium, Youth Large, Adult Small, Adult Medium, Adult Large, Adult XL

Circle Short Size: Youth Small, Youth Medium, Youth Large, Adult Small, Adult Medium, Adult Large, Adult XL

Medical Conditions/Allergies _____

Would you or someone you know be willing to coach or volunteer time to support AYB activities?

Name _____

Fees: 4th Grade - \$75 _____ 5th Grade - \$100 _____ 6th - 7th - 8th Grade - \$125 _____

\$30 late fee for registering after 10/15

Payment - please circle one - Cash or Check (Check# _____)

Make Checks Payable to: **Austin Youth Basketball**

Financial Policy: No youth will be denied the opportunity to participate in the AYB program due to financial hardship. If you anticipate difficulties please contact AYB at the registration address above or email at aybboard@gmail.com.

Sibling Policy: If you have more than two players, you will get \$25 off per player.

****Follow us on Facebook at Austin Youth Basketball for updates this season. We will share pictures of players. Please sign below allowing pictures of your player to be posted by their coach.**

Parent Signature

Date

Volunteering is vital for a successful, affordable youth program. Parents will be asked to volunteer in various ways during our home tournaments.

COVID-19 NOTICE

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

In accordance with governmental directives, Austin Youth Basketball will offer certain activities subject to compliance with local, state, and federal laws, regulations, and guidelines. Even with these measures, Austin Youth Basketball cannot guarantee that students or other individuals participating in organized athletic activities (“Participants”) will not be exposed to COVID-19. Participants and their parents/legal guardians should consider the risks before participating in any youth basketball activities. It is a shared responsibility to protect everyone from COVID-19 and Participants should follow MDH/CDC guidelines to reduce the risk of exposure, including but not limited to the following:

- Stay home as much as possible;
- Stay at least 6 feet from other people if you are in public places;
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick;
- Wash your hands often, with soap and water. Wash for at least 20 seconds;
- Always wash your hands after being in a public place;
- Always wash your hands after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing;
- If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer that is at least 60% alcohol;
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze. Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue. Throw used tissues in the trash;
- Wear face coverings/masks that cover your nose and mouth and fit snugly against the sides of your face.

In recognizing the serious nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and the positive impact that participation in athletics has on student participants, it is imperative that students and families know and understand the following:

1. Participating in Austin Youth Basketball activities is **voluntary**.
2. While participating in Austin Youth Basketball activities, all laws, guidelines, and protocols related to COVID-19 must be followed.
3. Participant acknowledges the contagious nature of COVID-19, and the Participant understands that there is risk of injury and/or illness from participating in Austin Youth Basketball activities, including the risk to have direct or indirect contact with individuals who have been exposed to and/or diagnosed with COVID-19.
4. Participant agrees that if he/she is exposed to, or infected by, COVID-19 during the period of participation, they will immediately cease participation and follow Minnesota Department of Health protocols and Austin Youth Basketball guidelines for notification and return to participation.

Additional information regarding Activity Participation and COVID can be found at:

- health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/sportsguide.pdf,
- health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/k12planguide.pdf

Student Name

Parent Signature

Date