



## **WARREN COUNTY YMCA 2025 Pre-K & K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade Rookies Basketball**

**Dear Parents/Guardians**

**Welcome to the PreK and K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade Rookies Basketball Programs at the Warren County YMCA. Thank you for registering your youth in our program! First things first, our YMCA Basketball Programs and Leagues are all about the kids. It's all about teaching them the 'fun' fundamentals of the sport of Basketball. We thank you for the opportunity in allowing us to lead and teach your kids! We hope you enjoy the upcoming season.**

**Pre-K Rookies BIDDY Basketball:** The Pre-K Biddy Basketball Group will meet on Saturday mornings from 8:30-9:20am. This program is a Learn How To Play Program meaning the basics of the sport will be taught over the session. This is not a league. Each week, your player will work on learning basketball fundamentals including dribbling, shooting, passing, basic rules and teamwork. These activities will help develop the initial skills needed for basketball. Later in the winter, depending on skill development levels, we may begin to play short quick basketball games or will introduce more difficult activities.

**Parents who are willing are welcome to assist Y staff with stations and activities.**

**Kindergarten-1<sup>st</sup> Grade Rookies Basketball:** The Kindergarten-1<sup>st</sup> Grade Rookies Basketball Group will begin their season today November 15 & next week, November 22, from 9:30-10:40am with 2 season opening skills clinics. The same skills as above will be practiced introducing basketball skills to new players prior to starting games in December. After the Week 2 clinic, we will be off for 1 week due to Thanksgiving. During this break, I(Ben) will create and place players on teams for games that will start when we return on December 6<sup>th</sup> (Week 3). I will let you know after week 2 (during the Thanksgiving break) which team your child will be on and will send out game schedules for the remaining dates in December and January. Games will take place at either 9:30am or 10:30am (depending on how many teams we have). Staff will help coach, ref, and run the clock. Any parents who want to help on the bench and rotate players in and out for breaks are welcome to do so.

**Program Dates/Starting Times (Both Groups): Saturday Mornings**

**Dates – November 15, 22, December 6, 13, January 3\*, 10 & 17**

**Times – Pre-K Rookies Biddy Basketball 8:30-9:20am**

**K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade Rookies Basketball (Clinics) 9:30-10:40am (Week 1 & 2)**

**(Games) 9:30am or 10:30am (Week 3-7)**

**\*The dates for December & January are updated from the initial sport flyer as I corrected an error to a few dates. THESE are the official dates.**

**NO PRACTICES OR GAMES ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: November 29 (Thanksgiving Weekend), December 20 & 27 (Christmas & New Years Break)**

**Make-up Days/Cancellations:** There will be up to 2 make-up days available at the end of the session (January 24 & January 31). These make up days will ONLY be used if we must cancel one of the above dates due to dangerous winter weather and travel conditions/no power at the Y. If I feel like we won't be able to have the program, I (Ben) will cancel, otherwise it is on. If you live out of town, and don't think you can make it, but I have not cancelled, it is up to you to decide if you want to come. I will wait as long as I can before making an official call. I will send you all an automatic text from our computer system that will let you know if a cancellation is happening or not. Please avoid bombarding the Y with calls if you have not heard from me yet. If you do not hear from me, consider the program on as normal. Please opt-in to receive alerts from the Warren County YMCA via Daxko Engage. Text WCYMCA to 54539 to opt in. If you do not do this, you will miss alerts regarding delays/cancellations/program updates.

**Picture Day:** The asterisk (\*) above on Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> (Week 5) means that it is Picture Day! We will hand out picture forms after games on December 13<sup>th</sup>. I will send a message out around the new year as a reminder. Pictures for the Pre-K Group will take place at 8:30am. Pictures for the K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade group will take place prior to each team's games. Bear with us if games start slightly later than normal due to pictures. Shyvel's Photography is returning this year to take pictures. Thank you, Shyvel!

**T-Shirts:** Players for both groups will receive shirts on December 6<sup>th</sup> prior to their scheduled practice/game time.

**Kidtropolis:** Please note that our Kidtropolis playroom will be closed to the public while Youth Basketball is actively taking place in the gym. It will reopen when all basketball activities conclude each Saturday. Private rentals/events for the room are still allowed if they are scheduled.

Finally, if you are interested in sponsoring your child's team/group/sport, the cost for the basketball season is \$200. This helps offset t-shirt, equipment, and staff/referee costs. Your logo/business or family name will be added to the back of your child's team/program shirt. If interested, I will need confirmation and will need your logo artwork sent to me prior to Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> when I order shirts. As an extra thank you, I will also have a 2x2 banner made for you that will hang outside on the baseball field fence during the 2026 Youth Sports Seasons. We would love the support! Please let me know if you are interested or have any additional questions!

Thank you so much for reading this letter. I hope you and your child enjoy our program this Winter! If you have any questions, call me at the Y at 309-734-3183, or email me at [ben@warrencountyyymca.org](mailto:ben@warrencountyyymca.org).

Thank You,

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