



WEST SPRINGFIELD PARK & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

2009 - 2010 BASKETBALL



TEAMS WILL BE FORMED ACCORDING TO CHILD'S CURRENT GRADE.

<u>Activity Code</u>	<u>Program Name</u>	<u>Grades/Ages</u>
10600	Fun Basketball	Kindergarten - Coed League for boys and girls ages 5 & 6 (age cannot turn 7 before September 1 st)
10601	Instructional Girls	Grades 1 & 2 (age cannot turn 9 before September 1 st)
10602	Instructional Boys	Grades 1 & 2 (age cannot turn 9 before September 1 st)
10603	Girls Midget I	Grades 3 & 4 (age cannot turn 11 before September 1 st)
10604	Boys Midget I	Grades 3 & 4 (age cannot turn 11 before September 1 st)
10605	Girls Midget II	Grades 5 & 6 (age cannot turn 13 before September 1 st)
10606	Boys Midget II	Grades 5 & 6 (age cannot turn 13 before September 1 st)
10607	**Boys Junior	Grades 7, 8 & 9 (age cannot turn 16 before September 1 st)
10608	**Girls Intermediate	Grades 7, 8, 9 & 10 (age cannot turn 17 before September 1 st)
10609	**Senior League	Grades 10, 11, & 12 (and/or cannot turn 19 before September 1 st)

Register now for 2009-10 youth basketball season. Participants must be a West Springfield resident or currently registered in a *public or private school in West Springfield. Proof of age is required if you have never participated in a W.S. Park & Recreation program before. In order to avoid being placed on a waiting list, registrations must be received by November 2, 2009

Registration Dates: October - November 2, 2009
Registration Fee: \$25 on or before November 2, 2009
 \$40 for registrations received after November 2, 2009 (if openings still exist)

West Springfield Park & Recreation Dept. Registration Form

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Home Phone _____
 (parent/guardian if participant is under 18 or under legal guardianship)

Street Address _____ Work Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Cell Phone _____

Is this a change in address? ___ Yes ___ No Email Address: _____

Birth Certificate required for new participants!

Participant Information:

Activity Code	LAST NAME (Child's)	FIRST NAME (Child's)	ADDRESS	M/F	Age as of Sept. 1, 09	Grade	D.O.B.	Fee

Coaches & Sponsors Needed!

We rely on volunteers to coach and help coach teams. Without volunteers, the basketball program cannot be successful. No experience is necessary, just the desire to help kids learn basic skills and enjoy being active.

I would like to Volunteer as Coach _____ Asst. Coach _____
 I would like to Sponsor a team - Sponsor fee: \$100 Yes _____ No _____

Please Read and Sign

I am aware that participation in any recreational activity may involve the risk of injury. I have reviewed the activities required to participate in this program as set forth above, and I am able to perform these activities. I realize that the submission of any false or knowingly misleading statement made in completing this form by the participant or by his or her parent or guardian, will be grounds for the removal of the participant from the program and the forfeiture of any fee paid. Recognizing that there is a risk of injury in my participation in this program, I hereby release, and discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless, the Town of West Springfield, its employees, contractor instructors, and volunteers from any and all liabilities and cause of action that I or my child may have arising out of participation in this program.

I hereby agree to abide by the rules and regulations as established by the West Springfield Park and Recreation Department. I further agree that when I leave this activity or at its completion, I shall return any and all equipment and uniforms issued to me.

Zero Tolerance Policy

By signing below, I agree that if I, or any of my family members or guests, fail to abide by the Code of Conduct found in the "Zero Tolerance Policy", received at the time of registration, then I/they will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the "Zero Tolerance Policy; that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by an official, head coach or Recreation Staff person.
- Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by WSPRD.
- Game forfeit initiated by the official or coach.
- Parental season suspension.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

_____ Cash (do not mail cash)

_____ Check/Money Order

Make checks payable to:
Town of West Springfield

Mail to:
**West Springfield
Park & Recreation Dept.
26 Central Street - Suite 19
West Springfield, MA 01089**

**Park & Recreation Dept.
(413) 263-3284**

NEED-TO-KNOW

Player Eligibility for Non-Residents -
 *Proof of attending a public/private school in West Springfield must be provided prior to the child being registered. Proof of public/private school enrollment must be made prior to each registration, an additional \$5.00 non-resident fee will apply.

**If a participant makes a High School Varsity or Junior Varsity team before December 31, that player shall not be eligible for the remainder of the season. Also cannot have played Varsity basketball in their senior year of eligibility.

For Boys & Girls Midget, Girls Intermediate and Boys Junior league, practices are held weekday evenings, one practice per week November 30th - March 1st. Practices are scheduled by volunteer coaches according to the coaches' availability and the availability of the facilities. Games are held on Saturdays.

Games and practices are held at various West Springfield School facilities.

The Fun Basketball program and Boys & Girls Instructional program are held on Sunday afternoons beginning January 3rd.

The Senior League begins in January.

If: You are trying out for the school team, CYO or Suburban basketball team but might be interested in playing Park & Recreation basketball, please sign up now. If you then decide not to play we can refund your money. It is more difficult to add players after the teams have been drafted then it is to pull a player off a team.

Note: Coaches will notify participants directly about their team placement.

No refunds after program start date.

Inclement weather number 781-3020 or www-west-springfield.ma.us

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PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

For Kids Sake! - Children's sports are supposed to be fun - for the children! Unfortunately, many parents, fans and coaches don't realize that their actions, whether verbal or nonverbal, can have lasting emotional effect on children. Too many children are leaving sport activities because the fun is unfairly taken away by adults.

The West Springfield Park and Recreation Commission has adopted the following Parent Code of Conduct as a result of its concern for good sportsmanship. All coaches, players and parents must abide by our "Code of Conduct". Violations of this code must be reported to the Park and Recreation Department and all reported violations of the "Code of Conduct" will be investigated and enforced as stated in the W.S. Park & Recreation Dept's Adopted Policy Addressing Violence in Youth Sports Programs.

- As a parent, I acknowledge the importance of being involved in my child's recreational activities.
- I will introduce myself to my child's volunteer coach/leader and will exchange pertinent contact information.
- I will know who is transporting my child to and from any recreational activity.
- I will know my child's schedule - practice days, dates and schedules.
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of any personal desire to succeed.
- I will provide support for coaches and leaders working with my child to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all.
- My child and I will treat other participants, spectators and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- Parents will respect the decisions of officials and encourage players to do so as well.
- Parents will applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and the team.
- Never ridicule players for making mistakes. Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by other spectators, coach officials or players.
- Encourage all players to follow the rules and official's decisions.
- Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.
- I will demand a sport environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sport events.

Be A Fan...Not a Fanatic!!!