

## Frequently Asked Questions

What is Lady Blackhawks Youth Basketball? Our program is designed to give young female athletes in our community a chance to play basketball at a more competitive level. In its simplest form, we are a feeder program for the High School girls' basketball team. However, we are much more than that. In addition to teaching and coaching basketball, we will also ensure that the girls enjoy the process of becoming great student athletes. They will learn how to be a good teammate, good student athlete, and good representative of their school and community. They will gain confidence and learn how to become leaders.

Who can participate in the program? Lady Blackhawks Youth Basketball is intended for girls in $3^{\text {rd }}$ through $8^{\text {th }}$ grade who reside within the School District of Fort Atkinson or who attend one of the schools within the district.

How much does it cost? The yearly registration fee is $\$ 200.00$. This covers the player's uniform, shooting shirt, basketball, and all league and tournament fees. Scholarships are available to families that may be unable to pay the full registration fee.

Are there tryouts? No. We will always have a spot for players who commit to attending practices and games, have a good attitude, are ready to learn, and give great effort. Our program is about developing and building up confidence in the athletes in our community, not cutting them out. We will hold evaluations at the $7^{\text {th }}$ and $8^{\text {th }}$ grade level and players will be assigned to a competitively appropriate team.

When and where are practices? The younger teams will generally practice twice a week at the Middle School while the $7^{\text {th }}$ and $8^{\text {th }}$ grade teams will practice at the High School. Practices will be in the evening and coaches will do there best to schedule the best days for their team.

When are the games? The teams will play 2 or 3 games on either a Saturday or Sunday over the course of 6 weekends for league play. The games are scheduled to be completed within 5 to 6 hours in a morning or afternoon timeframe.

Is there travel involved? Yes, teams will be required to travel for league play. Our league consists of teams from Madison and surrounding area. Some teams may participate in tournaments outside of league play that will require travel as well.

What is the time commitment? Our practices start in mid-October and league games go until the end of February. Some teams may play tournaments into March as well. The expectations are that players will consistently attend practices and games. Our program will also host two weekends of league games. These are the biggest fundraisers for our program and they help keep our player registration fees low. All families are expected to volunteer some time at these events.

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