



WILLOUGHBY YOUTH BASKETBALL | 2025-26 LEAGUE INFORMATION

Willoughby Youth Basketball is a community-based recreational league designed to provide boys and girls with the opportunity to learn and develop their basketball skills in a fun and supportive environment. The program emphasizes the fundamentals of basketball, including shooting, passing, dribbling, and teamwork, ensuring that participants build a solid foundation in sport. In addition to skill development, the league places a strong emphasis on promoting good sportsmanship, teaching players the importance of respect, fair play, and working together as a team. Whether new to the game or looking to improve their abilities, Willoughby Youth Basketball offers a positive, inclusive experience for all participants.

Willoughby is again proud to partner with the Cleveland Cavaliers and Junior Cavs Youth Basketball League. We are also excited to partner with Willoughby South High School Boys and Girls Basketball to provide additional resources and opportunities. Through our partnership with the Cavs each participant will receive a Junior Cavs branded reversible jersey, and an electronic voucher for 2 Cavaliers tickets.

Volunteers Make the Difference!

Volunteers are an integral part of our Willoughby Youth Basketball Program. From coaching and mentoring players to helping with game-day operations, their dedication is what makes our program successful.

We are grateful for the time, energy, and passion our volunteers bring to the court each season—they help create a positive and supportive experience for every player.

WILLOUGHBY PARKS & RECREATION

Div. 1 Co-Ed | Grades 1-2 | Junior Cavs League

- Registration Opens August 2025
- Registration Deadline: September 26
- Preseason Clinics: Saturday, October 11
- Team Practices start Saturday October 19
- Practices / Games on Saturdays October 11 - December 13
 - o No games Sat. November 29 (thanksgiving weekend)
- Teams will be made up of 6 participants and play 4 on 4 on shortened courts, and 9ft hoops
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Div. 2 Boys | Grades 3-4 | Junior Cavs League

- Registration Opens August 2025
- Registration Deadline: September 26
- Preseason Clinics: Saturday, October 4, 9am.
- Team Practices start the week of October 6th.
 - o Practice days will be TBD based on volunteer coach and gym availability.
- Games on Saturdays October 25 – December 13.
 - o No games Sat. November 29 (thanksgiving weekend)
- Games on Saturdays October 25 – December 13. *(possibility of games on Friday nights)*

Div. 3 Boys | Grades 5-6 | Junior Cavs League

- Registration Opens August 2025
- Registration Deadline: October 24
- Preseason Clinic: Saturday, November 1
- Team Practices start the week of November 3
 - o Practice days are tbd based on volunteer coach and gym availability.
- Games on Saturdays November 1 – March 13 *(possibility of games on Friday nights)*
 - o *League playoff games may be played on weeknights the week of March 16*

Div. 4 Boys | Grades 7-8 | Junior Cavs League

- Registration Opens Sept. 1, 2025
- Registration Deadline: Dec. 17
- Preseason Clinic: Saturday, January 3
- Team Practices start the week of January 5
 - o Practice days are tbd based on volunteer coach and gym availability.
- Games on Saturdays January 17 – March 13
 - o *League playoff games may be played on weeknights the week of March 16*

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GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUES/PROGRAMS:

Girls Div. 2 | Grades 2-4 | Junior Cavs League: More information Coming Soon

Girls Grades 5-6 | Willoughby Youth Basketball: More Information Coming Soon

- MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON FOLLOWING A REC LEAGUE MEETING 09/11/2025

Willoughby Youth Basketball Leagues start in January 2026

Div. 1 Co-Ed | Grades 1-2 | Willoughby Youth Basketball

- Registration Opens January 1, 2026
- Registration Deadline: January 12
- Preseason Clinics: Friday, January 16
- Team Practices start Friday, January 23
- Practices / Games on Fridays, January 16 – March 13.
- Teams will be made up of 6 participants and play 4 on 4 on shortened courts, and 9ft hoops

Div. 2 Boys | Grades 3-4 | Willoughby Youth Basketball

- Registration Opens January 1, 2026
- Registration Deadline: January 12
- Preseason Clinics: Saturday, January 17
- Team Practices start the week of January 19
 - o Practice days are tbd based on volunteer coach and gym availability.
- Games on Saturdays January 17 – March 13 (*possibility of games on Friday nights*)
 - o *League playoff games may be played on weeknights the week of March 16*

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WILLOUGHBY TRAVEL BASKETBALL

The City of Willoughby Parks & Recreation Travel Basketball Program provides players in 3rd through 6th grade the opportunity to compete at a higher level of play while continuing to develop their skills. Our volunteer coaches focus on building strong basketball fundamentals, game awareness, and sportsmanship, while also teaching the importance of teamwork. Willoughby South High School coaches support the program to help prepare and guide future players.

Program Details:

Teams: One travel team per grade level (3rd–6th) with 8–10 players each

Tryouts: Required; players selected by an impartial panel based on skill, effort, awareness, and potential for growth

Try outs are expected to be held in late September / early October

Season: November – January (Big Leaf Basketball League), plus local travel tournaments (dates TBD)

Cost: \$400 per player (anticipated cost) – includes jersey (top & bottom), shooting shirt, league fees, and tournament entry

This program emphasizes both player development and community pride, giving young athletes the chance to grow on and off the court.

For more information email dsarosy@willoughbyohio.com

Willoughby Youth Travel Basketball Tryout Procedures

- Each participant is required to attend **at least one tryout session**.
- Tryouts are open to all individuals interested in playing for a Willoughby Youth Travel Basketball team.
- Evaluations will be conducted by **non-biased evaluators**, focusing on basketball skills and overall ability to assess readiness for the travel team within their grade level.
- Players will participate in a combination of **skill-based drills** and **live game situations** to ensure a fair and complete evaluation.
- Participants will be notified of results by **email within 7 days** of the final tryout for their grade.

Interested participants should complete the following form: <https://forms.gle/jBiyWbHhh7WEqhQR7>

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WILLUOGHBY TRAVEL TRY OUT INFORMATION

BOYS TRAVEL BASKETBALL

3rd & 4th Grade Boys Tryout Dates:

Saturday, September 27th:

- 10:15 am: 3rd & 4th Grade BOYS

Wednesday, October 1st:

- 5:45 pm: 3rd Grade BOYS
- 6:45 pm: 4th Grade BOYS

5th & 6th Grade Boys Tryout Dates:

Saturday, September 27th:

- 9:15 am: 5th & 6th Grade BOYS

Thursday, October 2nd:

- 5:45 pm: 5th Grade BOYS
- 6:45 pm: 6th Grade BOYS

GIRLS TRAVEL BASKETBALL

Tuesday, October 7th: 3rd/4th/5th/6th grade GIRLS: 6:15 pm

Saturday, October 11th: 3rd/4th/5th/6th grade GIRLS: 9:00 am

Individuals MUST ATTEND 1 tryout.

Tryouts are 40 minutes.