



WILLOUGHBY YOUTH BASKETBALL

2026-27 League Info

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.

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

- Registration Opens August 19, 2026
- Registration Deadline: September 30, 2026
- Preseason Clinics: Saturday, October 10
- Team Practices start Saturday Oct. 17
- Practices / Games on Saturdays 10/10– 12/12
 - o No games Sat. 11/28
- Teams will be made up of 6 participants and play 4 on 4. Shortened court, and 8.6ft hoops

Div. 2 Boys | Grades 3-4 | Junior Cavs League

- Registration Opens August 19, 2026
- Registration Deadline: September 30, 2026
- Preseason Clinics: Saturday, October 3
- Team Practices start Saturday Oct. 10
- Practices / Games on Saturdays 10/03– 12/12
 - o No games Sat. 11/29
 - o Practice days after 10/04 TBD based on volunteer coach and gym availability.
- Games on Saturdays 10/25 – 12/13 (possibility of games on Friday nights)

WILLOUGHBY PARKS & RECREATION

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

- Registration Opens August 19, 2026
- Registration Deadline: Oct. 23
- Preseason Clinic: Saturday, Oct. 31
- Team Practices start the week of November 2
- Practices / Games on Saturdays 11/02 – 03/19
 - o Practice days after games start are tbd based on volunteer coach and gym availability.

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

- Registration Opens Sept. 1, 2025
- Registration Deadline: Dec. 17
- Preseason Clinic: Saturday, Jan. 3
- Team Practices start Saturday Jan. 10
- Practices / Games on Saturdays 01/10– 03/20/2027
 - o Practice days after games start are tbd based on volunteer coach and gym availability.

Girls Basketball:

Girls Div. 2 | Grades 3-5 | Junior Cavs League:

- Registration Opens Sept. 1, 2026
- Registration Deadline: Dec. 18, 2026
- Preseason Clinic: Saturday, Jan. 9, 2027
- Team Practices start Saturday Jan. 16
- Practices / Games on Saturdays 01/09– 03/19/2027
 - o Practice days after games start are tbd based on volunteer coach and gym availability.

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

Willoughby Youth Basketball Leagues start in January 2027

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

- Registration Opens January 1, 2027
- Registration Deadline: Jan. 12
- Preseason Clinics: Friday, Jan. 15
- Team Practices start Friday, Jan. 22
- Practices / Games on Fridays, 01/15 – 03/18
- Teams will be made up of 6 participants and play 4 on 4. Shortened court, and 9ft hoops
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Div. 2 Boys | Grades 3-4 | Willoughby Youth Basketball

- Registration Opens January 1, 2027
- Registration Deadline: Jan. 12
- Preseason Clinics: Saturday, Jan 16
- Team Practices start the week of January 18
- Practices / Games on Saturdays 01/16 – 03/19 2027
 - o Practice days after games start are tbd based on volunteer coach and gym availability.



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 ; 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.