

FREQUENTLY-ASKED QUESTIONS

FOR YOUTH BASKETBALL (YBL)

1. *What is the registration period for the Summer YBL 2019 season?* General registration begins January 28th, 2019, and will continue until March 13, 2019. Bear in mind that last-day deadlines tend to be hectic. To avoid the rush (and the lines), we recommend that you register as early as you can.
2. *What is the time frame for the Summer 20189Season?* The season begins on May 11, 2019. Ends times will vary depending on the number of teams within each age division.
3. *How many games are there per season, and are there make up games?* The YBL always has a ten-game season, and games are always held on Saturdays, throughout the city. Any games canceled by BCPR Staff will always be made up at the end of the playing season. Day of game forfeits without any prior notice to BCPR staff will not be made up.
4. *Are there end-of-season play-off tournaments for the YBL?* Only the 15-17 year old division will offer an end of season tournament for the Summer 2019 season only.
5. *What is the total cost of the program?* The program costs \$115.00 plus a \$15.00 non-refundable registration fee, totaling \$130.00 per child. This cost applies for the 5/6, 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, and 13/14 age divisions. 15-17 year old age division will cost \$125 for the program plus a \$15 non-refundable registration fee, totaling \$140.00 per child.
6. *What forms of payment does your office accept?* We accept debit/credit cards, and checks or money orders. WE CANNOT ACCEPT CASH.
7. *Does your office accept partial payments?* We cannot. Payment must be made in full and a receipt given (by law) from our office to the payee.
8. *Do you have a Refund Policy?* Yes, the Refund Policy is listed on the back of the registration form. Please read the back of the form in full before signing. (See link to form above)
9. *Is there Online registration or do I have to go to the Sports Office?* We do not have “Online registration” at present. We require the parent/legal guardian’s original signature on the registration form. You may access the registration form on this website in order to download, print, and fill it out in advance of bringing (or having it brought) in to our office. All forms are also available at our office: **111 Union Square St. SE, Alb., NM 87102. (See Map)** Walk-in registration processing is on a first-come, first-served basis.
10. *What are your Hours of Operation and is your office open during lunchtimes?* BernCo’s Sports Office is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Office doors automatically lock at 5:00 p.m. We are closed weekends and all major holidays. Someone is always available to assist you throughout the day; we do not close for lunchtimes.
11. *How many children can I place on one registration form?* One registration form per child must be completed in full.
12. *What ages may play in the Youth Basketball League?* We have Six age divisions. They are: 5/6; 7/8; 9/10; 11/12,13/14 and our newly offered 15-17 age division.

13. *Is possible for my child to play up or down in any division?* It is never possible for a child to play down into a lower age division; however, a child may play-up, as long as the parent(s) and coach believe the child capable of playing among older players and the parent(s)/guardian accept all responsibility for such a decision. If that is the case, the parent(s)/guardian must complete the playing-up form, which is available in our office. The only exception to playing up is that due to liability issues, we will not allow participants to play up in the 15-17 year old division.
14. *Are the uniforms included in the total cost?* Yes, the sports jersey (top and bottom) is included in the program cost. Sample jerseys are available in our office and children are welcome to try any on for sizing. Jersey sizes are *not ordered separately* (Different sized top and bottom); they are only ordered as a set.
15. *Do uniform colors change from season to season?* Yes. Each season's colors will be different from the last season's. All BernCo teams will have the same colors at any one season and all jerseys are reversible. The league coordinator determines the jersey colors near the start of the playing season.
16. *I have a coach in mind, how do I let you know who that is?* There is a space on the bottom of the registration form where the parent would list their "Preferred Coach". Placement is not 100% guaranteed (in case of logistical concerns beyond our control) however, the coordinator will do her utmost to meet parental requests for preferred coaches.
17. *Is there a list of coaches available for me to choose from?* There is not. We are always looking for good, volunteer coaches, and we maintain a flexible pool which can change from season to season. If you are interested in coaching, please come into our office with your driver's license. Coaches must submit to a background check (cost is free to you), sign a liability waiver, and fill out a contact information sheet. Results of background checks usually take 24-48 hours. Head coaches only (not assistant coaches) do receive "one free program entry" (Valued at appropriate division cost) per team they coach, but will still have to pay the remaining registration fee of \$15.00 for any free entry.
18. *How will a coach be determined for my child?* If you did not select a preferred coach, the YBL coordinator will try to find a coach that is practicing within your listed zip code, or as close to it as possible. That coach will be given a roster of names and contact information. The coach who receives your information will contact you regarding practices. Please keep in mind that not all coaches located within your zip-code will practice at a convenient location to you.
19. *When are practices held?* It is up to the Coach to secure a practice facility. Practices typically run in the evenings, beginning around one month before the season begins, once or twice per week (depending on the coach as well as gym availability). Some practices can and have also been held on the weekends. BCPR provides limited practice space within our Community Centers however those practice space do fill up fast.
20. *If I have more questions, who can I contact?* You may call the Sports Front Desk at 505-314-0415 if you have further questions.