Welcome to Rookie League Basketball!

More than just a game

What to expect this season

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To ensure everyone understands the new structure, please read through the details below of how this season will run.

Season Basics

There are six 45-minute sessions. Age-appropriate curriculum is developed for each division. Each week time will be spent on skill development as well as scrimmages/games. The first 2 sessions will consist of a full 45-minute clinic. The remaining 4 sessions will include a mix of clinic time and scrimmage/game time.

Teams

Players are divided into teams and will receive a Jr Jazz jersey for the season. Teams will have a main parent coach/volunteer that will coordinate treat schedules, rotate players during the scrimmage time, communicate with parents and assist staff on the gym floor.

Equipment

We’re excited to provide a basketball for every single player that is registered, so each player can also work on skills at home. Be sure to bring the basketball every week! Staff will provide other needed equipment each week for the 6 sessions. Players should wear their uniform every week. Non-marking tennis shoes should be worn in the gym. Only water in a water bottle is allowed in most gyms.

Who will be running the drills?

Staff will be facilitating the drills, but will need 2-3 parent volunteers on the gym floor to help with drills each week.

Are there still coaches?

Parent involvement is key to helping participants with drills and skills. While the staff will be the leader in running the drills, each team will need parent volunteers to help with the drills each week. Each team will need an assigned volunteer parent to help with general team organization, team communication, treat sign up, rotating players during scrimmage/game time and assisting staff with drills. By having parent volunteers, drills will run more efficiently and allow players to have more instruction time.

Basic Skills / Homework

Each week you will focus on basic skills. Those include, dribbling, shooting, passing, teamwork, and defense. Additionally we will provide brief “homework” opportunities to work on after each session that are easy to do at home and will only require minimal equipment.

Why?

The key to a successful player in any sport is to build a foundation of basic skills. By teaching rules and developing proper techniques in a fun environment, participants will learn and grow at a quicker pace and hopefully develop skills that will last a lifetime and improve your child’s experience, by getting more touches on the ball.

Jr. Jazz Ticket Voucher

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Rookie League Jr. Jazz Basketball FAQ's

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Mark your calendars:

- Dec 1: Session 1 - Program Start Day! Uniforms and basketballs will be handed out. Players will meet their team and parent volunteers.
- Dec 8: Session 2
- Dec 15: Session 3
- Dec 22nd: Holiday Break! There will be no Jr Jazz this day or the following week.
- Dec 29th: Holiday Break!
- Jan 5th: Session 4
- Jan 12th: Session 5
- Jan 19th: Session 6 & Award Day! Program Participation Awards will be handed out after the final session to players.

Parental Code of Ethics:

As a Parent I will: Remember that the game is for the players and not for the parents. Do my very best to make this sport FUN for my child. Place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win. Demonstrate GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP by giving POSITIVE SUPPORT and ENCOURAGEMENT to all players, coaches, officials, and recreation staff at every session/game. Support the coaches, officials, and recreational staff with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability. I will expect my child to do likewise.