

Hello Head Coaches for **Girls Jr. NBA Basketball (Winter 2021)**.

First, if we haven't already met, please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Steve Schellman. I am the Program Manager of Youth Sports for JC Parks. I look forward to working with you during the upcoming season.

Second, I want to thank you for coaching and volunteering your time to mentor young kids. That is a very noble gesture. Personally, I've found coaching to be very rewarding and a great way to make a difference in our community.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with as much quality information as I can so you are well-informed and well-prepared as a coach.

It can be overwhelming, so I have broken it down into the various topics below:

League Information:

- Jr. WNBA basketball league for girls in grades K-4.
- 6-game season.
- Game nights are Thur. at The LINC.
- Players register individually, teams are formed by school and reciprocal buddy requests.
- Fee includes a reversible WNBA-replica jersey (\$20 value).
- Game dates: Jan. 13 - Feb. 17. Make-up games on Feb 24 & March 3.
- Parents can click on the corresponding Activity # below to register & pay online.

Activity #	League	*Night	Early Bird Fee (Nov. 1 - 15)	Regular Fee (Nov. 16 - 30)
805080	Kindergarten	Thur.	\$60	\$70
805081	1st Grade	Thur.	\$60	\$70
805082	2nd Grade	Thur.	\$60	\$70
805083	3rd Grade	Thur.	\$60	\$70
805084	4th Grade	Thur.	\$60	\$70

***Game nights are tentative and subject to change.**

Or parents can register via:

Phone: (573) 634-6482.

Walk-In: The LINC during our [Operating Schedule](#)

Coach's Registration:

If you haven't already, you must complete the Coach's Registration by going to [this link](#).

Click on "**Volunteer**" and submit your information. You'll need to create an account with TeamSideline, our software vendor, if you don't have one already.

Team Names/Jerseys:

As part of the Coach's registrations you will select your top 3 choices for your WNBA team name. Your replica, reversible WNBA jerseys will match your team name. You can see a sample of the jerseys at: [this link](#).

Background Checks:

As part of the Coach's Registration, we also require **all head coaches and assistant coaches** to submit their information for an online criminal background check through the Background Investigation Bureau (BIB). Once you submit your info., it should only take about 1-2 days to be approved. If you have already submitted a background check with us recently, it will detect a duplicate email address or social security number and not allow it. This means you already have an active background check on file and are exempt.

Team Sites:

Once you have passed the background check & all teams are formed, I will publish your online team site through TeamSideline so you can see the players on your roster, the parents, and their contact information. Then you and all of your team's parents will receive an automatic email with a link to your team site from TeamSideline.

Team Rosters:

Teams are formed by reciprocal buddy requests and schools. I may add late registrations up until the time we order jerseys. I will notify you if we add players to your team. For grades K-1 (3 vs. 3) we prefer rosters to be about 5-6 players. For grades 2-4 (5 v. 5) we prefer rosters to be about 8-10 players.

Communications:

Once your Team Site is published, please contact all of your team parents by phone ASAP to introduce yourself, let them know they are on your team, inform them of any possible upcoming practices, verify their contact information, etc. There are also many free apps available for team communication like GroupMe, Team Snap, and Remind.

Parent Meeting:

Please set up a Parent Meeting so they can meet you and so you can go over your expectations, goals, etc. This can just be a quick meeting for 10 minutes before your first practice, but it is important for parents to get to know and trust you.

Sample Goals:

- Have fun
- Get better
- Use good sportsmanship

Coaches Meeting:

All Head Coaches must attend the mandatory pre-season coaches meeting on **Tues. Dec. 14 at 5:30 PM at The LINC (1299 Lafayette St.) in the President's Suite (2nd Floor, East side)**. The meeting should last about 1 hour. If the Head Coach cannot attend, please send an Assistant Coach. We will discuss many important topics and everyone's attendance is required and appreciated.

Google Drive:

We use an online Google Drive to share resources with our coaches. Please visit the link above for forms, coach's information, and many important resources. This is the Google Drive for **Youth Sports Coaches**. Please pay special attention to the safety information.

Indemnification Forms:

Each parent on your team must fill out an Indemnification Form (linked above) and return it to the Head Coach. This form is also in the Google Drive. This form includes important information including indemnification, treatment authorization, emergency contact information, and medical conditions. Please

distribute, collect and keep these forms until the season is over. You do not need to submit these forms to me.

Certification Course:

We certify all of our Head Coaches through an online course from the National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS). If you are a new coach to our programs, you will need to take the **Coaching Youth Sports Intro** course (about an hour) and the **Basketball U10** course (about an hour). There is no charge for this. It can be done online at your leisure, but please allow 2-3 hours for both courses. **You must complete your certification before your first game.** I will send you an automatic email through NAYS, soon after the coaches meeting, with a link to the course(s).

After completion of the Coach Training, coaches become full members of NAYS. As members, coaches receive \$1,000,000 excess liability insurance coverage in case he/she becomes liable for an occurrence while coaching. Coaches also gain access to a members-only section of the NAYS website, with coaching resources and additional training opportunities. These include a Resource Library, Coach Rating System, Skills and Drills section, and a Coaching Forum. Coaches have the ability to complete several additional training at no cost as well.

If you have taken the general course, but not the basketball course, I will add that for you.

If your membership has expired, I will renew it for you.

If you are certified through another organization please email me your membership card for verification purposes.

Assistant Coaches:

Assistant Coaches need to complete the Coach's Registration and submit the background check, but they do not need to take the certification courses.

Game Schedules:

All teams will play 6 games. Games are once a week unless we need to do bye weeks for divisions with an odd number of teams. Games will begin on **Jan. 13**. All games will be at The LINC. Game schedules will be posted at teamsideline.com/jeffersoncity a week or 2 before the season starts. **If there are any dates the majority of your team is not able to play, please let me know ASAP.** I will try to accommodate, but can't make any guarantees.

Game Times:

Games will start at 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, & 8:30 PM. Games are about 45 minutes each (Four 10-minute quarters with a continuous running clock and a 5-minute halftime). Games are scheduled 60 minutes apart. If time permits, teams can warm-up on half of the court prior to each game. For grades K & 1 (half-court games), please split the available time and give each team equal time at the basket and center court.

Cancellation Text Alerts:

In case of inclement weather, please [sign up](#) to receive text alerts from JC Parks via TeamSideline. An email will also be sent to coaches & parents. We usually decide on cancellations at about 3 PM. Please do not contact us regarding cancellations, we will notify you as soon as possible.

COVID 19 Basketball Guidelines:

Everyone is welcome to attend games, but we strongly encourage you to stay home if you are not feeling well. Face masks, social distancing, and frequent sanitizing is recommended. Players must use individual water bottles that are clearly marked with their names.

Practices:

We will offer our courts to you for practices at The LINC, but we have very limited availability, usually only on Friday nights. You can practice at The LINC for free but due to the high demand, we can only allow you 1 half-court practice per week. I will let coaches know when you can reserve courts by calling the front desk staff at 573-634-6482.

League Rules:

Complete league rules (linked above) are on website. Please be very familiar with the rules of your grade division.

Score/Standings & Awards:

Score & standings are not kept for grades K-1, but is for grades 2-4. All players will receive an award (i.e. medal) at the end of the season. We will notify you when the awards come in so you can pick them up at the front desk of The LINC and give them to your players before your last game.

Timekeepers:

For grades K-1, one volunteer is needed for each game to run the clock. Since K-1 is half court and the clock shows the same for both sides of the court (i.e. 1A & 1B) please make sure each half-court is ready to begin at the same time. For grade 2-4, the Officials will run the clock.

Team Equipment:

We will provide a few warm-up basketballs to each team and 1 game ball. These will be placed under the score table in a mesh bag. Please make sure all basketballs are returned to the bag after each game.

Jewelry:

For player safety, jewelry (ear rings, necklaces, bracelets, etc.) is not allowed while playing.

Jerseys:

Each participant receives a WNBA replica, reversible jersey that corresponds to their team name. Jerseys are reversible. Home team will wear light side out. Away team will wear dark side out. All jerseys must be tucked in at all times. I will let you know when the jerseys arrive and you can pick them up at The LINC. Coaches do not receive a coach's shirt.

Sportsmanship:

Everyone must always use good sportsmanship and conduct themselves in a professional and respectful manner. This includes all coaches, players, parents, and fans. Head Coaches are responsible for the behavior of everyone associated with their team. We have a zero tolerance policy and will not tolerate bad sportsmanship from anyone. Consequences will include ejections, suspensions, removal from the league and any means necessary to ensure the kids have a safe, fun, and enjoyable youth sports experience. Please also respect your opponent and do not run up the score. Please sub different kids in at various positions to help keep the score more competitive when needed.

Playing Time:

Equal playing time is required in this league. I've found that it works well to plan playing time before the game begins and have it written or typed on a sheet for your reference during the game.

Officials/Supervisors

For grades K-1, the coaches are the officials. Please bring a whistle. For grades 2-4, we will provide 2 Officials for each game. A Facility Supervisor will also be on-hand at The LINC during your games as well.

The Supervisors wear bright-colored shirts so you can spot them easily. If you need any assistance, please talk to them. Please report all emergencies, accidents, incidents, etc. to them ASAP as well. Please be considerate and respectful in all dealing with the Officials & Facility Supervisors.

Jr. NBA Skills Challenge:

JC Parks will host a local competition of the Jr. NBA Skills Challenge at The Linc on **Saturday Jan. 15, 2022** at 9:00 AM. This challenge provides boys and girls the opportunity to showcase their fitness through a dribbling, shooting, and rebounding skills competition in the sport of basketball. The program is free for all participants. Boys and girls compete separately in two different age groups: 11U and 13U. In 2019, we had a National Champion from Jeff City. We've also had National Finalists from here the last 3 years.

Survey:

At the end of each season, we will email a brief (3-5 minute) online survey to all coaches and parents. Please take the time to offer us constructive feedback so we can continue to improve all aspect of our operations and service.

Thanks:

I hope this information has been helpful and has answered all of your questions. Please let me know if you have additional questions or need any assistance at any time. Thanks again for coaching and thank you for your time and efforts as we all work together to provide a safe, fun, and enjoyable youth sport experience for the kids in our community.

Sincerely,

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