



League Handbook

The information within is intended to clarify the philosophy, goals, and policies of Jackson Hole Youth Basketball. It is expected that players, parents, coaches, and all those involved in Jackson Hole Youth Basketball will follow these guidelines.

About Jackson Hole Youth Basketball (JHYB)

JHYB is a non-profit organization founded in 2010 by parents who desired a better basketball experience for their children. The organization continues to grow with the help of dedicated families, staff, and board members. JHYB offers basketball programs throughout the year to boys and girls grades 1-12.

Mission

To help boys and girls be as successful as they can by teaching the fundamentals of basketball, respect for the game, and life lessons such as hard work, fair play, teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship.

Values

Growth mindset - We believe in a player's ability to improve everyday regardless of where they start

Effort - We inspire players to give their best effort and reward efforts rather than results

Learning - We encourage players to be teachable and to learn from their experiences

Freedom to make mistakes - We teach players to not be afraid to make mistakes and to bounce back quickly from them

Respect for the game - We strive to win the game the way it is supposed to be played

Programs

JHYB offers recreational league and travel league opportunities as well as camps and clinics. In addition, JHYB hosts the annual Veterans Classic and Broncs Alumni Event. JHYB is pleased to partner with Teton County Parks and Recreation and the JHHS Broncs basketball programs to offer basketball programs throughout the year to boys and girls grades 1-12. Seasonal program details and registration information are available at www.jhyb.org.

Contact Information

Website: www.jhyb.org

Email: jhybinfo@gmail.com

Website

Our website www.jhyb.org is used to communicate information such as leagues, programs, events, and schedules. It is each family's responsibility to check regularly for announcements.

Email List

Announcements from the league, coaches, and team managers will be circulated via email and, if elected, text messages. Each family is expected to provide at least one email address during the registration process and notify our Director of Operations if there are any changes.

Social Media

Facebook: @jhyouthbasketball

Instagram: jhyouthbasketball

Twitter: @JHhoops

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Registration and Fees

Fees

JHYB is a non-profit organization. Registration fees cover operational expenses including coaching, officiating, jerseys, tournament registration, gym fees, and program administration.

Registration

Registration for JHYB programs is available online at www.jhyb.org. Players must be registered and have paid in full prior to the first session of each program or they will not be allowed to participate.

Refund Policy

Fees paid for participation in JHYB programs are non-refundable. Exceptions will be considered under extenuating circumstances and require approval from the Board of Directors.

Financial Assistance

JHYB is committed to providing financial assistance to help all youth in our community play basketball. Our goal is to encourage as many boys and girls to participate in our programs as possible regardless of their financial situation.

Please visit www.jhyb.org/assistance to complete and submit an application. Applications must be submitted **prior to the beginning of the program for which you are applying**. Once submitted, the Board of Directors will review each application on a first come first serve basis using the following criteria:

1. Financial need
2. Academic performance

Please contact the Administrative Director for any additional financial assistance information.

Coaching Philosophy

- Uphold the JHYB mission and values.
- Demonstrate respect for your players, rules, officials, opponents and their coaches.
- Teach the fundamentals of the game.
- Improve your players' performance by focusing on effort rather than results.
- Encourage players to make mistakes and see them as opportunities to learn and improve.
- Foster a positive, safe and enjoyable experience for players.
- Evaluate players' levels and abilities fairly and make decisions regarding the best strategies for the success of the players and team.

Player Code of Conduct

- Uphold the JHYB mission and values.
- Demonstrate respect for the rules, officials, opponents, teammates, and coaches.
- Attend scheduled practices and games.
- Bring a positive attitude and a focused effort at all times.
- Be coachable and willing to learn.
- Use your mistakes as opportunities to learn and improve.
- Develop a habit to do your best at all times.
- Play hard but control your emotions. The most important play is the next play.
- Communicate positively with other players and coaches on and off the court.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

- Uphold the JHYB mission and values.
- Demonstrate respect to players, coaches, officials, spectators, and opponents.
- Maintain a positive attitude and encourage the same positive attitude in your player(s).
- Encourage your player(s) to make mistakes and view them as opportunities to learn and improve.
- Refrain from coaching from the sidelines. Cheer, encourage, smile, and let your player(s) know how much you enjoy seeing them play.
- Ensure that your player(s) attends practices and games.
- Handle meals, lodging, transportation, and any other expenses related to the player(s) program.
- Volunteer for JHYB programs and events to help keep program costs as low as possible.
- Understand that failure to comply with JHYB policies or failure to show proper respect to players, coaches, officials, or opponents can result in disciplinary action including the suspension of your player from the program at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors.

Reminders for Practices

- Register and pay before the start of each program.
- Be on time for drop-off and pick-up.
- Players should bring a water bottle, practice jersey, and appropriate shoes to each session.

Issue Resolution

JHYB coaches are committed to providing a positive, healthy, safe, and enjoyable experience for our players. While this commitment is firm, it is understood that issues may arise between coaches, parents, and players as to how to achieve the best experience. JHYB urges everyone to address these issues with the best interests of the players in mind. If an issue or question arises, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- Unless the issue immediately affect's someone's safety, do not interfere with the coaches during a practice or game. Please schedule a time to speak to the coach after the practice or game.
- If speaking with the coach does not sufficiently resolve the issue, please contact the Executive Director.

Rec Leagues

JHYB offers Rec Leagues for boys and girls grades 1 through 8 interested in playing basketball regardless of prior experience. Emphasis is placed on recreational level basketball, balanced teams, and equal playing time. JHYB Rec League directors' and coaches' priority is to give every player a chance to be successful.

Travel Leagues

JHYB offers Travel Leagues for boys and girls grades 5 through 12 interested in playing at a competitive level. Players will attend team selections and rosters will be selected to create the most competitive teams.

Team Selections

- The determination of team rosters will be made by JHYB program directors and coaches based upon open and fair assessments.
- In cases where the number of players and coaches allow, there will be designated "practice" teams and "tournament" teams at each age group.
- When determining tournament teams that encompass multiple age groups, JHYB coaches will consider not only individual level of competitiveness but also player's age and long-term potential.
- In the event a player is unable to attend a scheduled team selection for illness, family emergency, or other reasonable cause, JHYB coaches will provide an individual evaluation. This evaluation may be based on a makeup assessment, and/or previously demonstrated playing experience, accomplishments, leadership, teamwork, and sportsmanship.
- Players may not "play up" or "play down" from their level unless it is an extreme case and approval has been received from the coaches at both levels as well as the Executive Director.

Playing Time

- Playing time during games is earned and may not be equal. The determination of playing time will be based on which players together create the most competitive team. Coaches will make this determination based on observation and evaluation of the players throughout the season.
- Practices are scheduled in advance and players are expected to attend all practices and tournaments. During practices, there will be ample opportunity for each player to be on the court and compete for playing time.
- While the Travel League will have a pre-determined season, there may be opportunities outside of the season to participate in an event, such as a tournament or team camp. JHYB coaches, at their discretion, may offer players opportunities to participate in these events.

Travel Policy

- JHYB does not provide supervision, meals, lodging, or transportation to and from events. Each parent/guardian is responsible for providing meals, lodging and transportation for their player(s).
- JHYB assumes no liability for incidents relating to travel, lodging or meals and by executing the Handbook Acknowledgement, parent/guardian and player(s) release JHYB from any and all liability for any damages or injuries arising from these activities.

Concussion Safety and Return to Play Guidelines

JHYB will utilize the following Centers for Disease Control Return to Play guidelines:

Signs and symptoms

Athletes who experience one or more of the signs or symptoms listed below after a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body may have a concussion.

Signs observed by coaching staff

- Appears dazed or stunned
- Is confused about assignment or position
- Forgets an instruction
- Is unsure of game, score, or opponent
- Moves clumsily
- Answers questions slowly
- Loses consciousness (even briefly)
- Shows mood, behavior, or personality changes
- Can't recall events prior to hit or fall
- Can't recall events after hit or fall

Symptoms reported by athlete

- Headache or "pressure" in head
- Nausea or vomiting
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Double or blurry vision
- Sensitivity to light
- Sensitivity to noise
- Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
- Concentration or memory problems
- Confusion
- Just not "feeling right" or is "feeling down"

Action plan

If a coach thinks an athlete may have a concussion he or she should:

- Remove the athlete from play.
- Record and share information about the injury, such as how it happened and the athlete's symptoms, to help a health care provider assess the athlete.
- Ask for written instructions from the athlete's healthcare provider about the steps that should be taken to help the athlete safely return to play. Before returning to play an athlete should be back to doing their regular school activities.

For more information and to order additional materials free of charge, visit www.cdc.gov/headsup.

IT'S BETTER TO MISS ONE GAME THAN THE WHOLE SEASON.

The information provided here is not a substitute for medical or professional care. Questions about diagnosis and treatment for concussion should be directed to a physician or other health care provider.

SafeKids Program

JHYB will utilize the following policies and preventive measures with regard to awareness and prevention of abuse within our organization:

Policies

- JHYB is committed to providing a safe environment and preventing child abuse and sexual misconduct.
- JHYB will make every reasonable effort to ensure that every person involved in coaching/training a sport activity in our organization will abide by the SafeKids Guidelines.
- JHYB will make every reasonable effort to exclude any adult with a legally documented history of child abuse/molestation or any other conviction or record that would bring unnecessary risk to the health and safety of the participants of this organization.
- JHYB will perform a criminal background check on every person applying for a position at our organization.
- JHYB will take appropriate action on all allegations of child abuse and/or sexual misconduct. All allegations will be reported immediately to the authorities for investigation and JHYB will cooperate fully with any such investigation.

SafeKids Guidelines

- Physical, mental, and verbal abuse of any of the participants, coaches, managers, employees, or volunteers involved in our sponsored activities is not permitted.
- Inappropriate touching of any kind is forbidden.
- JHYB will provide more than one adult working at or overseeing every activity. If a child needs special attention (one -on-one training or an individual meeting), it will be handled with the assistance or presence of another adult.
- Coaches/trainers should not socialize with the participants outside of the sponsored activities of the organization.
- Coaches/trainers should never ride alone with a child or participant in the car. Procedures will be established for coaches to follow in the event a participant is stranded at an activity.
- Parents are encouraged to attend sponsored activities.

Jackson Hole Youth Basketball Handbook Acknowledgement

By signing below, you are verifying that you have read, understand, are subject to, and agree to abide by the information provided in the JHYB Handbook.

Player: Printed name, Signature, Date

Parent/Guardian: Printed name, Signature, Date

Jackson Hole Youth Basketball Liability Waiver and Release

In consideration for participating in any or all of the following: basketball activities, basketball games and practices, basketball tournaments, open gyms, basketball instruction, basketball camps, special events, coaching, and travel to and from basketball games, practices, meetings, or other basketball related activities (collectively “**Basketball Activities**”) provided to, or arranged for, me and/or my child by Jackson Hole Youth Basketball, the undersigned warrants, covenants, acknowledges and agrees as follows:

The undersigned are/is the legal parent(s) or guardian(s) of the below-identified child.

The undersigned is familiar with the game of basketball and that each of the Basketball Activities are inherently dangerous activities, which could result in severe emotional, mental and physical injuries, including death, to me and/or my child. By allowing my child to participate in Basketball Activities sponsored by or provided by Jackson Hole Youth Basketball I, individually and on behalf of my child, voluntarily, irrevocably and forever waive, release and discharge Jackson Hole Youth Basketball, together with its respective successors, assigns, officers, directors, members, shareholders, servants, agents, employees, coaches, volunteers, and any other persons or entities who on their behalf may be liable (“**Released Parties**”) from any and all liability, negligence or culpability of any kind that causes, in whole or in part, mental, emotional or physical injuries or death to me or my child, **including any such injury, death or other damages caused in whole or in part from the negligence of any of the Released Parties**, for which no coverage is afforded and paid to or on behalf of the Released Parties by Jackson Hole Youth Basketball’s policy or policies of general liability insurance, if any. This release specifically releases the Released Parties from any damages, costs, expenses or liabilities of any kind or nature that are not covered and paid by the Released Parties’ policy or policies of general liability insurance. I, individually and on behalf of my child, acknowledge that nothing herein or elsewhere requires Jackson Hole Youth Basketball to maintain or provide insurance covering losses or damages to, or potential liability of, my child or me. I, individually and on behalf of my child, further shall indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from and against any and all claims, actions, damages, liability and/or expenses (including punitive damages and attorneys’ fees) incurred by the Released Parties to the extent caused by the action or inaction of me or my child.

This Liability Waiver Release shall be interpreted and governed under Wyoming law and any actions or claims I, my child, or my heirs, successor, or assigns bring against any of the Released Parties shall be submitted to the courts of the State of Wyoming in Teton County and that the substantive law of the State of Wyoming shall apply in any such action or claim.

I have carefully read, clearly understand and accept the terms and conditions stated herein and acknowledge that this Liability Waiver and Release shall be effective and binding upon myself, my child, and my heirs, assigns, and successors.

Child’s Name:

Parents’ Names (Print and Sign):

Date:

Address:

Phone Number:
