

Memphis Athletic Ministries



Boys & Girls **Spring** Basketball League

2 games each week*

March 24 to May 5

No tournament

Ages 7 to 18- Separate boys & girls groups

8.5 foot goal divisions available for boys & girls ages 7 to 10

(Teams are placed based upon skill level & not age; teams are moved to balance team skill level)

PLAYING LOCATIONS: Churches & schools all over Shelby County

\$300 for team (\$250 for 8u/10u teams)

******Each team provides own uniform******

Register a team through your church, school, sports organization or coach

Team registration deadline is March 16, 2012

This league is designed for players of all skill levels (recreation to AAU/school) who want to improve their skills. Our unique skill level grouping facilitates teams having the opportunity to play games with teams of similar ability.

* Number of games is not guaranteed (approx. 10 games)

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Team Registration Form
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Team Name _____ **Boys** ___ / **Girls** ___ (check one)

Is your team a 10u or 8u team that plays 8.5 ft goal? _____ (age is determined at start date of the league)

Is your team a 12 years old or younger boys team that plays on a 10 ft goal and with a 28.5 ball? _____ (No one in 7th grade or over 12 can play in this division)

Head Coach _____			
Address _____		City _____	ZIP _____
Home # _____	Work # _____	Cell # _____	Fax # _____
E-Mail _____			
Alternate Contact: Name _____		Cell # _____	Email _____

MAM Game Days are - Sat Mon Tues Thurs
You may X out up to one game day that you can't play.
You MUST be available to play all other days.

You can request certain game times on the lines below and we will accommodate you if we can.

Credit Card payment can be made online at <http://www.mamsports.org/>
 Checks can be made payable to MAM and mailed to 2107 Ball Road, Memphis, TN 38114.

	(Age as of league start date)	
Player 1 Name _____	Age _____	Grade _____
Player 2 Name _____	Age _____	Grade _____
Player 3 Name _____	Age _____	Grade _____
Player 4 Name _____	Age _____	Grade _____
Player 5 Name _____	Age _____	Grade _____
Player 6 Name _____	Age _____	Grade _____
Player 7 Name _____	Age _____	Grade _____
Player 8 Name _____	Age _____	Grade _____
Player 9 Name _____	Age _____	Grade _____
Player 10 Name _____	Age _____	Grade _____
Player 11 Name _____	Age _____	Grade _____

<p><u>Team Ability</u> <i>Please help us match your team with other teams of similar ability. To the best of your ability, rate your team versus other teams of similar age.</i> <i>(check one)</i></p> <p>Above Average _____ Average _____ Below Average _____</p>

Small teams recommended to maximize playing time; to add players after the initial roster is submitted, the team must apply to MAM for written approval

Coaches' Behavior

The coaches set the example for the team and fans. MAM expects the coaches to establish the following points as their goals: sideline decorum will be maintained (no yelling at referees or negative comments to players); players will be encouraged & exhorted to do well; no criticism of players in public; referee problems will be related to MAM officials and communicate MAM's expectation for fan and player behavior to your players & fans.

Coach's Agreement

I/we agree with the League Principles and the Coaches Behavior guidelines contained herein. I/we also agree to seek approval from MAM to add players after the initial roster is completed. If I/we or my/our coaching staff, players or fans are involved in a violation of these principles in the sole determination of MAM, MAM may take any action it may deem appropriate including but not limited to prohibiting a coach/player/fan from participating in the activity. In addition, no drug or alcohol use will be permitted by coaches at any MAM activity.

Signature (Head Coach): _____ **Date** _____

Player Registration Form

(Please print)

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Team Instructions

Players- Complete Player Registration; ; have parent or guardian sign Agreement; return to your head coach
Team Representative- Return all information to MAM, Grizzlies Athletic Center, 2107 Ball Road, 38114

Player Registration Boy ____ Girl ____

Player Name _____ Age _____ Birth Date _____

Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Church _____

School _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian 1 Name _____

Parent/Guardian 2 Name _____

Parent/Guardian E-Mail _____

Team Name _____ **Head Coach** _____

League Principles

All Memphis Athletic Ministries (MAM) activities have been established to foster sports skill development while having fun within a Christian atmosphere of nurture and sportsmanship. The fans play a critical role in establishing the tone of a game and establishing the example of proper behavior for their children. MAM expects the fans to not criticize the refereeing or the other team's players. We want positive reinforcement of your team not negative criticism of others. The coaches, players and referees deserve respect, encouragement, support and appreciation from fans. MAM expects the players to display good sportsmanship. No foul language or unsportsmanlike behavior will be tolerated. We expect the two teams to congratulate each other after the game in a positive manner. We expect everyone to remember that basketball is simply a game to be enjoyed regardless of the outcome. Treat others in the same manner as you wish to be treated (ie.- with courtesy, respect and love) and the experience for the players, coaches and fans will be uplifting. MAM does not permit the use of drugs or alcohol by participants.

Parent/Guardian Agreement

I/we agree with the League/Camp/Clinic Principles. If I/we or any member of my/our extended family am involved in a violation of these principles in the sole determination of MAM, MAM may take any action it may deem appropriate including but not limited to prohibiting a coach, player, parent or extended family member from participating in the activity. I/we, the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the above named applicant to participate in a MAM sponsored league/camp/clinic, hereby give my/our approval to participate in any and all activities. I/we represent that the applicant is in good health and able to participate in the physical activities and vigorous workout of a sports league/camp/clinic. I/we recognize that contrasting physical sizes may be playing in the same game. I/we assume all risks and hazards incidental to such participation, including transportation to and from the activities. I/we hereby authorize the league/camp/clinic staff or coaches to act for me/us according to their best judgment in any emergency requiring medical attention. I/we do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless the City of Memphis, Shelby County, any participating church or school, the Memphis Athletic Ministries, the league/camp/clinic organizers, league/camp/clinic sponsors, participants and persons transporting my/our child to and from activities; for any claim arising out of an injury to my/our child, whether the result of negligence or for any other cause, except to the extent and in the amount covered by accident and liability insurance.

Signature (Parent/Guardian 1): _____ **Date** _____ **Phone** _____

Signature (Parent/Guardian 2): _____ **Date** _____ **Phone** _____

MAM Spring Basketball League Instructions

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- 1) Complete all blanks on the **Team Registration Form**, have the head coach sign the Coach's Agreement and send the form to MAM as shown below. **Send the Team Registration form to MAM as soon as it is completed. Do not wait for all Player Registration forms to be completed.**
- 2) If MAM does not already have a form on the player, each player must complete the **Player Registration Form** and their parents or guardians must sign the Parent/Guardian Agreement. Every signed Player Registration form must be returned to MAM. Please make the parents and relatives aware of the expectations MAM has for their behavior at games.
- 3) Mail, deliver or fax the completed forms to:
Kevin Windsor
2107 Ball Road, Memphis, TN 38114 m 653-4484; fax 744-1600
E-Mail: kevin@mamsports.org

Frequently Asked Questions

Are there age limits for a specific team?

No, except for the teams playing in the 8.5 foot goal divisions and 12 and under boys teams that want to play on 10 ft goals with the 28.5 ball. Because of MAM's unique system of moving teams to find the appropriate division, there is no need to require specific ages to be on a team. We would recommend that you maintain as little age difference as possible on a team because friendships and team play are facilitated. There will be 10 & under and 8 & under divisions that play on the 8.5 foot goals. All players on these age group teams must be the appropriate age as of the first game of the MAM league. No 7th grader is allowed to play in the 12 and under.

Why are small teams recommended?

The purpose of the league is for everyone to get to play. If you have more than 10 players, we would recommend dividing into 2 teams. Even if one team is clearly weaker, the split works because the weaker team will be playing in division with teams of a similar skill.

Do we need to practice?

Since your team will be moved to a division of similar playing ability, you can practice as much or as little as you want. You don't have to worry about the amount of practice because of the divisional structure.

What are the insurance arrangements for the league?

MAM secures supplemental medical insurance (there are deductibles) for the players. The insurance cost is included in your team cost.

When will the games be played?

Weekday games are played on either Monday, Tuesday or Thursday at 6:00pm, 7:00pm & 8:00pm. Saturday games are played from 9:00am to 5:30pm.

Where will the games be played?

The games will be played at the gyms of participating churches and schools all over Shelby County.

Will our team move between divisions?

While we attempt to place teams at the right level, we move teams at the end of each session to achieve parity. Expect to move.

Why do you only schedule 2-3 games at a time?

We only schedule 2-3 games at a time so we can shift teams as appropriate. This means that you will only have a few days notice on game times for certain of your games. Staying flexible is the price you must pay for our skill balancing.

If a team can't play, can the game be rescheduled?

No. No rescheduling will be allowed. The game must be played at the scheduled time. Call Kevin Windsor (653-4484) ahead of time if you must forfeit so we can find a replacement for your team.

Why aren't any trophies awarded?

Because we seek parity and playing over winning, we do not award any trophies for winning.