



## Hamilton Family YMCA Youth Basketball Winter 2012

- Ages Divisions:** Divisions will be split as follows, where numbers permit: 3 – 4, 5 – 6, 7 – 8, 9 – 10, 11 – 12, 13 – 16. The age determination date is January 1, 2012.
- Dates:** Open registration ends December 10. Registrations submitted after December 10, 2011 will be charged a \$10 late fee. Practice will begin the week of December 19. Games will be played on January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, and 25.
- Skills Testing:** Participants age 7+ should attend one session of skills testing. Participants will be graded on their speed, ball handling, shooting, jumping, and athletic ability. The results will be used by coaches to draft teams. Skills testing dates: Saturday, November 19, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM, Tuesday, November 29, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, and Saturday, December 10, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM.
- Free Clinic:** All participants age 5+ are invited to attend the free basketball clinic to be held on December 17. Details are TBA.
- Teams:** Boys and girls will play in separate divisions when numbers permit. In 2011, boys and girls played separately from age 7 thru age 12. Teams will be made up of 8 to 10 players each. **SPECIAL REQUESTS ARE NOT GUARANTEED.**
- Sponsors:** Team sponsors are needed for the upcoming season. Cost to sponsor a team is \$150. Sponsorship dollars benefit the Hamilton Family YMCA Strong Kids Campaign. Please contact Nathan Daugherty for more info.
- Coaches:** All coaches are volunteers. If you are interested in coaching, please be sure to indicate it on your child's registration form. Coaches are always needed!
- Site:** Practices will be held at the Hamilton YMCA, Ridgedale Baptist Church, and the Downtown YMCA. Last season, games were played at the Hamilton YMCA, the Downtown YMCA, Ooltewah High School, Ooltewah Middle School, Notre Dame High School, and Ridgedale Baptist Church. Teams will practice once per week for an hour.
- Games, Etc:** All regular season games are scheduled on Saturday. Games will begin approximately 9:00 AM and last until each team has played their game for the week. Each team is guaranteed and scheduled 8 games during the season, except teams in the 3 – 4 age division who are guaranteed six games. Players will rotate in and out of the game at the coach's discretion as it complies with the YMCA's playing time rules. All children will play one full quarter in each half. The game schedule will be released the week of December 26.
- Staff/Referees:** Two referees will be on hand to officiate and supervise all games. Parent volunteers will be needed to operate the scoreboard and keep track of the scoresheets.
- Uniform:** Each child will be given a YMCA basketball jersey. Parents must provide shorts for their child; black shorts are recommended. Shoes must be rubber-soled athletic shoes.
- Pictures/Etc:** Team pictures will be taken during the season. Picture day will be announced to parents prior to the specified date. Picture times are typically 45 minutes to an hour prior to game time. Parents may choose to order picture packages at an additional cost; however pictures are not included in the registration fee. Order forms will be available at the gym on the day of pictures.
- Tournament:** Teams in the 7 – 8, 9 – 10, 11 – 12, and 13 – 16 divisions will end the season with a random draw, single elimination tournament. Preliminary games will be played during the final week of the season, February 20, with each tournament ending on February 25. More details will follow.
- Facebook:** Find us on facebook! Search 'Hamilton Family YMCA Sports' and click the like button to stay up to date on all sports programming offered by the Hamilton Family YMCA!
- Other:** Now that you've registered, you're simply waiting for a coach to call you. Coaches will be making their calls beginning December 12 thru December 16. If you haven't heard anything by then, not to worry! We want you at practice the week of December 19! Simply call the YMCA at 899.1721 and ask to speak with Nathan or email [ndaugherty@ymcachattanooga.org](mailto:ndaugherty@ymcachattanooga.org).