



Basketball Circuit FAQs: Winter 2021

- What is the Basketball Circuit?
 - The basketball circuit isn't your run of the mill YMCA basketball program. The basketball circuit provides regional circuits for players in Charlotte and surrounding areas. No more branch specific basketball, players will have games and practices at different YMCAs in their region around Charlotte seeing what all the YMCA of greater Charlotte has to offer. The basketball circuit will focus on drills and games designed to develop the fundamental skills of ball handling, dribbling, passing, shooting and defense. The basketball circuit will also focus on improving technique and building lasting friendships.
 - The word Circuit, can be used interchangeably with league and season.
- What is the cost?
 - Members- \$100 Non-members- \$140
 - My Y Pricing will apply
- What are the Basketball Circuit dates?
 - December 6-February 26
 - Our circuit was designed to get our athletes as much practice & game time as possible. Our schedule for u8-u16 will follow.
 - This is a tentative schedule and may change as the season approaches.

Week of 12/6/21	Practice (only)	
Week of 12/13/21	Practice (only)	12/18/21: u6 Meet & Greet
Week of 12/20 & 12/27	Off for Christmas Holiday	
Week of 1/3/22	Practice and Games	
Week of 1/10/22	Practice and Games	
Week of 1/17/22	Practice and Games	
Week of 1/24/22	Practice and Games	
Week of 1/31/22	Practice and Games	
Week of 2/7/22	Practice and Games	
Week of 2/14/22	Practice and Games	
Week of 2/21/22	Make Week / Post Season	Post Season: U12, U14, U16, U18

- Which region am I in/do I register for?
 - Look for the branch that you have played at in the past. You will register by finding your branch which will correspond to one of our regions.
 - North: Lowes, Sally's, Lincoln County & Lake Norman
 - Central North: Keith, Simmons, McCrorey & Johnston
 - Central South: Harris, Dowd and Stratford Richardson
 - South: Brace, Morrison & Steele Creek
- Can I sign up at any region?
 - Yes, of course, while we organized the regions geographically, athletes are welcome to sign up anywhere.
- Who do I contact if I have questions?
 - One of our sports staff will answer all questions sent via email at
 - North: northregionsports@ymcacharlotte.org
 - Ryan Swengros can also answer regional questions ryan.swengros@ymcacharlotte.org
 - Central North: centralnorthregionsports@ymcacharlotte.org
 - Adrienne Hobbs can also answer regional questions Adrienne.hobbs@ymcacharlotte.org
 - Central South: centralsouthregionsports@ymcacharlotte.org
 - Tony Williams can also answer regional questions tony.williams@ymcacharlotte.org
 - South: southregionsports@ymcacharlotte.org
 - Steven Crespo can also answer regional questions steven.crespo@ymcacharlotte.org
- Will practices and games be held at the branch that I register at?
 - Practices and games will be held at YMCA's within your region.



- Teams may have a combination of players from multiple branches.
- We will do our best to create a consistent practice and game schedule for each team.
- Schedules will be released in advance of the start of the season.
- What days will practice and games be held on?
 - Practices will take place Monday-Friday between 5:00-8:00pm for 55 minutes for U8-U16.
 - Games will take place Saturday between 8:00am-7:00pm.
 - Please note that Sunday might be used as needed between 12:00-5:00pm.
 - Make up games could also be held during the week.
 - U6 will have their practice and game on Saturday mornings using a practice-play model.
- How many spectators are allowed at games and practices?
 - Our space in our gym is limited, we ask that our families be understanding of this. We will not limit the number of spectators per athlete this season.
 - We do encourage families to sit socially distanced from each other and wear face masks.
- Can teammate and coach request still be made?
 - Yes, the YMCA will make every attempt to honor request but please understand that all request may not be met.
 - These requests should be made by 11/15/21.
- Are you still looking for volunteer coaches?
 - Yes, please consider coaching and visiting <https://www.ymcacharlotte.org/mission/join-the-mission/become-a-volunteer/coach-youth-sports>
- Will teams only consist of players from my branch?
 - Teams will be made up from all players within the region.
- Should my athlete bring a basketball?
 - We will have basketballs available.
 - If an athlete brings their own ball, please be sure that it is labeled.
- What COVID-19 safety measures are in place?
 - Players ages 5 and up are required to wear face masks when actively involved in the game, on the sidelines and during practice.
 - Parents/spectators must wear face masks and sit socially distanced when watching games/practices.
 - Coaches are required to wear face masks during games and practices and maintain social distance protocols.
 - If there is a Covid-19 exposure, we will exercise caution and ask that our athletes quarantine to prevent spread, this includes practices and game scenarios.
- Will there be team snacks provided at the end of each game?
 - No, we cannot have snacks at the end of each game at this time.
- My athlete is a part of the u6 age group when we will start?
 - U6 practice/play will begin on
 - 12/18- meet your coach and grab your jersey. Times will be shared as the date approaches.
 - 1/8 – will be the first practice/play day.
- What if my plans change, can I get a refund?
 - You can receive a full refund until the date of the 1st practice.
 - After the first practice but before the ½ way point, you can receive 50% back.
 - After the ½ way point, refunds will not be provided.