



**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION
RECREATION BASKETBALL FAQ
2024 – 2025 SEASON**

Recreation Basketball Program Overview 2024-2025:

- League Dates: Saturdays starting December 7
(Schedule Contingent on School District Calendar)
- Registration Opens: Tuesday, September 3 at 9:00 am
- Late Fee: \$15 charge starting Friday, November 21 at 9:00 am
- Boys and Girls Grades 1 through 8 (not co-ed)
- Times Vary: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Location: Springfield Township Middle School Gym
- Fee: \$105 Resident / \$115 Non-Resident

Schedule Contingent on School District Calendar

- Team Placement Dates: Saturday, December 7
- Practice Dates: Saturday, December 14 & 21
- Game Dates: Saturday, January 4, 11, 18, 25 & February 1 (*Makeup Date: Feb. 8 or 22*)
- Saturday, December 7, 2024 (*Placement*)
- Saturday, December 14, 2024 (*Practice*)
- Saturday, December 21, 2024 (*Practice*)
- Saturday, December 28, 2024 (*No Game – School Closed*)
- Saturday, January 4, 2025 (*Game*)
- Saturday, January 11, 2025 (*Game*)
- Saturday, January 18, 2025 (*Game*)
- Saturday, January 25, 2025 (*Game*)
- Saturday, February 1, 2025 (*Final Game*)
- Saturday, February 8, 2025 (*Makeup Date*)
- Saturday, February 22, 2025 (*Makeup Date*)

Pending the school activities schedule, the Recreation Basketball League could conclude on February 1 with a makeup date of February 8 or 22.

Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Department is partnering with Big Game Hoops for the Winter Recreation Basketball League.

This program is an instructional, developmental program for players of all different skill-levels. No cuts will be made and no prior experience playing basketball is required. The Springfield Township Winter Recreation Basketball League is the perfect league for players with zero experience. Big Game Hoops' objectives for partnering with the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Department is to foster a love and passion for the game of basketball within each player by providing a safe, fun, positive and nurturing environment for everyone involved.

There will be designated time slots for each age group each Saturday for practices and games. The league will consist of 8 weeks of basketball activities ranging from assessment to practices to games.

During registration, an opportunity to make a friend or coach request will be available. Requests limited to one per person. Requests will only be considered if the person requested reciprocates the same request.

A crucial and vital component to a successful season are Volunteer Parent Coaches. There can never be a situation in which there are too many Volunteer Parent Coaches. NO prior playing experience in the game of basketball is required to be a Volunteer Parent Coach. Volunteering to be a Parent Coach is a great way to get involved and connect with your son and/or daughter if your schedule allows you to volunteer your time.

If you are planning on coaching for a Springfield Township Parks and Recreation program, the following clearances will be required:

- PA Child Abuse Clearance: www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS
- PA State Criminal History Clearance: www.epatch.state.pa.us

Q: What should I expect during the Recreation Basketball League?

A: The Recreation Basketball League is for fun! It is a non-competitive league and provides players the opportunity to work on skills in a relaxed environment.

Q: How can residents and non-residents register for Parks and Recreation sports leagues?

A: Currently registrations are accepted online via RecDesk. Please visit our website at <https://springfieldmontco.recdesk.com/Community/Home>. You will need to set up an account and then can browse our programs to register. Payment must be made at the time of registration in order for the registration to be complete. For specific questions, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 215-836-7600, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Q: What is included with the price of registration?

A: The Springfield Township Recreation Basketball League will include eight weeks of basketball with instruction from volunteer coaches. The program will include team placement, practices, and games. Each Saturday, players will have one hour for practice and games. The league will feature eight weeks of basketball, the first week will be team placements, the following two meeting dates will be practice. The remaining five meeting dates will be games. Each child will receive a game jersey.

Q: When and where will practice and games be held?

A: Players will practice on Saturdays at the Springfield Middle School Gymnasium any time between 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Q: What size is the court?

A: Players in grades 1 – 6 will play on half court. Players in grades 7 – 8 will play on full court.

Q: How many players are on a Recreation Basketball roster?

A: 10 players are on each roster.

Q: Can my child request to play with a friend or specific coach?

A: Of course! Simply indicate the name of a friend or coach during the registration process. The Township will attempt to honor one request per player. All requests must be reciprocated.

Q: What should my child bring to practice and games?

A: Players are instructed to bring a sneakers, and water to every practice and game. Balls and jerseys will be provided.

Q: I am unable to make the team placement date. Am I still eligible to register?

A: Yes, you may still register if you are unable to make the team placement date. Your child will be placed on a team based on either mutual friend request or where roster space permits.

Q: When will I know what team my child is on?

A: Parents and guardians will receive an email with team assignments from Big Game Hoops no later than one week prior to the first meeting date.

Q: My child plays in CYO and has a scheduling conflict, can I please request a specific practice/game time?

A: No.

Q: How do I sign up as a volunteer coach? Do I need clearances?

A: All head coaches and assistant coaches can indicate their interest in volunteering during the registration process. All volunteers are required by the state of Pennsylvania to acquire a Child Abuse Clearance and Criminal History Clearance. These clearances are free and valid for 5 years.

PA Child Abuse Clearance: www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS

This clearance is free for volunteers to complete and will be valid for 5 years. Allow ½ hour to complete. The PA Child Abuse Clearance will ask for a Keystone ID. This is a username YOU create.

PA State Criminal History Clearance: <https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>

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