**Information to Parents for Westfield Youth Basketball:**

* All groups will start on **Saturday, November 2nd.** The 1st and 2nd graders will start at 10:00 in the half gym at WACS (Westfield Academy and Central School). The older grade groups will be having skill assessments on this day. The 3rd-6th grades’ girls will meet from 12:00-2:00 in the large gym. The 3rd & 4th grades’ boys will meet from 2:00-4:00 in the large gym. The 5th & 6th grades’ boys will meet from 4:00-6:00 in the large gym. Skill assessments will continue **Saturday, November 9th** with the same schedule.
* Teams will be picked either on November 9th or in the next couple of days after. All teams will start practicing the week of **November 11th**. **You should receive a phone call from your child’s coach by the end of 11/12.** If you do not hear anything that day, please call Andrew at 753-6842 the following day.
* Games games will start on **Saturday, December 7th.**
* The 1st & 2nd grades group will be a “clinic.” We will focus on the fundamentals and skill building. There will be NO “set teams” and actual games. They will scrimmage a bit towards the end of the clinic. If this ends up being a large group again, we will split it into two smaller groups and parents will be notified. They will only meet on Saturday mornings and will NOT meet during the week.
* The 3rd through 6th graders will have one practice during the week and will play on Saturday afternoons. Many practices may be “joint practices” with other teams.
* The season will run November through January.
* Players must be in pre-kindergarten through 6th grade to play. (Grade groups: 1st & 2nd grades (clinic), 3rd & 4th grades (boys), 5th & 6th grades (boys) and 3rd-6th grades (girls). We’re going to try to do our best to separate 3rd & 4th grades and 5th & 6th grades girls this season. **Please note that some players may be moved up in grade groups at the discretion of the Recreation Director.**
* The fee is $35 for the first child, $30 for the second, $25 for the third for **Westfield residents** (Max. $90 per family) Partial scholarships are available. The fee is $50 for the first child, $45 for the second, and $40 for the third for **non-Westfield residents**. (Max. $135 per family) **Checks may be made out to the** **Village of Westfield.**

**Special Notes to Parents:**

* Please **do not drop off your child** for a practice or game until you see that one of their coaches are there.
* Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for practices and games. This means with a t-shirt and shorts. Basketball shoes are recommended, but NOT required.
* Each player will receive a team t-shirt. **Those signing up late are not guaranteed a t-shirt.**
* Please make sure that your child is also dressed appropriately when coming in from the cold and please make sure that they do NOT wear their wet shoes into the gym. **If possible, have them change into their playing shoes when they get inside.**
* Parents are responsible for having their children early to the games and are responsible for them when at the gyms, before and after the game. **They’re also responsible at all times for their children that are not playing at any particular time.** **No one should be in any other part of the school besides the gym/gym lobby.**
* Please remember that our coaches and officials are volunteers in most cases and are doing their best to help the children to learn the game and to have a fun time doing it. **Please support them to the best of your ability and remember that this program is about the children.**

**Rules/comments:**

* Remember, our objective is to provide a league where all participants can develop their skills and have fun doing so. **This is a developmental league; it’s not about winning and losing.**
* We use opportunities to teach when they arise and, above all, **encourage sportsmanship by everyone at all times. ALL PARENTS MUST SIGN OUR WESTFIELD REC. COMMISSION PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT IN ORDER FOR THEIR CHILD TO PARTCIPATE IN GAMES.**
* Anyone that wants a full list of league rules may request one by contacting Andrew at 753-6842. For more info on the Westfield Rec. Dept., check our website [www.westfieldny.com/recreation](http://www.westfieldny.com/recreation) or like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/Westfield/Rec/Dept](http://www.facebook.com/Westfield/Rec/Dept).