



Hamilton Family YMCA

2026 Youth Basketball Season Information Sheet

Cost: **Member-\$95 Non-Member-\$125**

Divisions	Numbers permitting, age divisions will be 2-4 coed, 5-6 coed, 7-8 boys, 9-10 boys, 11-12 boys, 7-9 girls, 10-12 girls, 13-16 coed. The age of the child on 1/1/26 will determine the age division and placement. If the birthdate of child is in question, a birth certificate will be required.
Dates/Late Fee	Registration deadline is 11/30. Late registrations will be accepted onto a waiting list up until 1/13, as long as spots remain on teams. Registrations that are submitted after 11/30 will be charged a \$15 late fee. Skills Evaluations will be held on 12/6. Times will be 4&under at 9am, 5yrs at 9:45am, 6yrs at 10:30am, 7yrs at 11:15am, 8yrs at 12pm, 12&under at 12:45pm, 16&under 1:15pm. (Evaluation of skills are to better balance teams). Teams may begin practicing the week of 1/5, Kickoff Jamboree 1/10. Games will begin 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28.
Practices/Teams	Practices will begin the week of 1/5/26 times and days are determined by the volunteer coach your child gets placed with. Practices will be held at the Hamilton YMCA, and various other gyms. Teams will practice once a week for an hour with the day, and time determined by the coach. If you have access to a basketball gym please email Travis at Tcorder@ymcachattanooga.org Parents can request to not practice a certain day or time and the YMCA will do our best to accommodate said request. Special requests are not guaranteed. Teams will be made up of 8 -10 players each. Numbers permitting, players age 7 and up will be separated into either a boy's league or a girl's league.
Competitive Teams:	There will be a competitive league separate from the rec league in 9-10, and 11-12 year old boys. If you would like to put a team into one of those leagues email Travis at tcoder@ymcachattanooga.org .
Coaches	<u>WE ALWAYS NEED COACHES!</u> All coaches are volunteers. If you are interested in coaching, please indicate that on your child's registration form. There will be a mandatory meeting for all coaches on 12/3 or 12/5 at 6 p.m. at the Hamilton Family YMCA.
Games	All regular season games will be played on Saturdays. Games will begin at 8:00am and last until each team has played their game for the week. Each team is guaranteed 6 games during the season. The game schedule will be released the week of 1/5. Games will be played at the Hamilton YMCA, Concord Baptist Church, Downtown YMCA, North Georgia YMCA, Tyner Middle and High, Ooltewah High and Central High Orchard Knob Middle. 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.
Staff/Referees	In the 2-6-year-old division, coaches will assist with refereeing. For the 7-16-year-old division, there will be one referee present. Parent volunteers will be needed to operate the scoreboard and keep track of the score sheets.
Uniform	Each child will be given a YMCA Basketball jersey. Parents must provide shorts, socks, and shoes (Shoes must be rubber-soled athletic shoes).
Pictures	There will be no formal picture day this season. Coaches will organize the time for a team practice/game for parents to take their own photos.
Tournament	Teams in the 7-9, 10-12 and 13-16 divisions will end the season in a single elimination tournament. Seeding will be determined by a random drawing. The tournament is scheduled to take place in the last week of the season 2/23-2/28 No Practices this week for all teams. Ages 2-6 will not have a tournament.
Communications	Once registered, participants will not receive an email from their child's coach until after 12/26. All participants should receive an email from their coach or the YMCA by 12/27 to inform them of the practice day and time. If you haven't heard anything by then please email the Senior Program Director Travis Corder at Tcorder@ymcachattanooga.org