

ISLAND YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE



Parent FAQ

1. What is the Island Youth Basketball League (IYBL)?

The Island Youth Basketball League is a youth development league for boys and girls from **K4 through Grade 9**. IYBL focuses on skill development, confidence, teamwork, discipline, and love for the game.

We are **development first** by design. Competition is a byproduct of development, and players learn how to compete **healthily**, with confidence, respect, and sportsmanship.

2. What age groups and divisions does IYBL offer?

Players are grouped by **grade level**, not age, to ensure fair play and proper development.

Divisions:

Rookies
K4-K5

Ballers
Grade 1-2

Hoopers
Grade 3-4

Rising Stars
Grade 5-6

Superstars
Grade 7-9

3. When is the IYBL season?

The IYBL season runs throughout the year in phases:

Fall Jamboree (October)

Introduces families to the league, assesses player skill levels, and helps form balanced teams.

Winter League (February)

Structured league play with weekly Saturday sessions.

Spring League (April)

Continued development, league games, and progression.

Summer League (July - coming soon)

A more relaxed but competitive environment focused on fun, growth, and confidence.

4. When does the Winter League start?

- Winter League Tip-Off: Saturday, February 7, 2026
- Runs for 7 Saturdays from February 7 to March 21
- New Player Evaluation & Team Placement: Friday, February 6, 2026
- Weekly Saturday sessions include team practice, skills training, and games

5. When does the Spring League start?

- Spring League Tip-Off: Saturday, April 18, 2026
- Runs for 7 Saturdays from April 18 to May 30
- New Player Evaluation & Team Placement: Friday, April 17, 2026
- Continues the same Saturday format with practice, development, and games built into each session

6. Are practices separate from games?

No. IYBL is structured so that **practices and games are built into the same Saturday session**.

Each session includes:

Team practice

Skills training

Game play

This ensures consistency, reduces weekday travel, and keeps Saturdays productive and organized.

7. When are teams formed?

Teams are formed after the Fall Jamboree and finalized ahead of each league season.

Rosters are typically shared **one to two weeks before the league begins**.

8. When will parents receive schedules and updates?

Parents will receive:

Team rosters

Division schedules

Session times

Uniform and logistics details

These are sent via email and WhatsApp **in the weeks leading up to the season**.

9. What time will my child play?

Each division has a set Saturday time block.

For example: **Superstars (Grades 7-9): 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM**

This block includes team practice, skills training, and games.

10. How competitive is the league?

IYBL is development first. Players are encouraged to grow, try, learn, and build confidence.

Competition is introduced in a **healthy, age-appropriate way**, helping players learn teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship without pressure.

11. How do I register my child?

Each child requires **their own account and registration form**.

To register:

- Visit **ballinbyabeach.com/iybl**
- Create an account for your child
- Complete the registration form

If your child has participated before, simply **log in and update the existing registration** for the new season.

12. Do I need to create a new account for each child?

Yes. Each child must have a **separate account and registration**, even if siblings are in the league.

13. How do I pay?

Payment options appear at the end of the registration form.

Available options:

Credit or debit card (online)

Bank transfer

Instructions are provided once registration is completed.

14. What if I need financial assistance?

IYBL offers **scholarships to help offset the cost of participation.**

You can apply directly within the registration form and indicate the amount you are able to contribute. Applications are reviewed, and families are notified once processed.

15. Is the Early Bird discount still available?

Early Bird discounts typically end in late September. After that, standard registration applies, but families may still apply for scholarships.

16. What if my child is new to basketball or did not make a school team?

IYBL is ideal for beginners and developing players. The league is designed to support kids at all levels and help them grow with confidence.

If your child is outside the IYBL age range, we are happy to recommend partner clubs that cater to older players.

17. How will communication work?

We communicate with parents through:

Email

WhatsApp

Parent groups

Parents are encouraged to reach out anytime with questions.

18. What can families expect from IYBL?

Families can expect:

- Safe, structured Saturdays
- Skill development and confidence building
- Teamwork, discipline, and leadership
- Healthy competition
- Positive coaching and mentorship
- **Fun, fun, and more fun**

Basketball is the vehicle, but growth, joy, and community are the goal.

19. Where can I register or get more information?

Register or learn more at: [**https://ballinbydabeach.com/iybl**](https://ballinbydabeach.com/iybl)

You can also contact us via WhatsApp anytime.