
LARCHMONT MAMARONECK BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (LMBA)

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Frequently Asked Questions: 2009-2010

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PLAY? Boys and girls in grades 1 through 12 residing in and/or going to school within the Mamaroneck or Rye Neck School Districts.

WHAT LEAGUE WILL I PLAY IN? This is not determined until registration is complete but we expect the following boys and girls leagues:

- Clinics: Grade 1 (all)
- Clinics: Grade 2 (all)
- Clinics: Grade 3 (most)
- Grade 4 League: (may include some 3rd Graders)
- Grade 5 League: (may include some 4th Graders)
- Grade 6 League: (may include some 5th Graders)
- Grade 7/8 League: (may include some 6th Graders)
- High School League: (all High School)

HOW ARE TEAMS FORMED? Clinic teams are formed by the league. League teams grades 4 – 8 are formed by the coaches through a draft. High school teams are formed by the coaches, together with the league commissioner.

WHAT IS "PLAYING UP"? Players in grades 3 - 6 may be eligible to play in the next highest grade, subject to roster availability. Players wishing to be eligible to be drafted up must indicate their willingness to play up on registration form, and participate in Skills Assessment. Most years only a few players in each grade play up.

WHO DECIDES WHICH LEAGUE FOR 3RD, 4TH, 5TH, AND 6TH GRADERS? Once LMBA determines the make-up of each league, the ultimate decision as to which players get drafted into the next higher league rests with the coaches of teams in that league. Coaches' children are automatically allowed to play on the team coached by their parent.

HOW MANY PLAYERS ON EACH TEAM? Our goal is to have teams of 9 to 10 players per team, but this can vary.

HOW MUCH PLAYING TIME WILL I GET IN GAMES? It is our policy to have every player play a minimum of one half of the game unless prevented by injury, tardiness, or for disciplinary reasons. If anyone feels they are not receiving their allotted playing time, they should first approach their coaches, and, if a satisfactory resolution cannot be reached, then LMBA.

HOW MANY COACHES PER TEAM? Two officially, but they are encouraged to enlist help from team parents.

WHAT SIZE BASKETBALL AND GOAL WILL BE USED? Clinics will use a Junior size basketball (27.5" circumference) and 8 ½ foot height drop-down baskets. League games will be played on regulation 10 foot baskets with intermediate size (28.5") basketballs, except for Boys Leagues for Grades 7 and above, which will use a regulation size (29.5") basketball.

WHERE AND WHEN WILL PRACTICES AND GAMES BE HELD? League practices will be weekday evenings at local school gyms; league games will be played on weekend afternoons. Your coach will provide specific schedules prior to your first session.

WHAT IS THE LIKELY CLINIC SCHEDULE? This will not be determined until registration is complete. Last year's schedule for Saturday clinics at Hommocks: 1G&2G 11:30-12:45; 2B:12:45-2:00; 1B: 2:00-3:15; 3G:3:15-4:30; 3B:4:30-5:45 (last year there was a combined session for 1G and 2G).

CAN I PLAY ON MY FRIENDS' TEAM? Clinic players only may indicate their preference to play with up to 2 specified friends on their registration forms. The requested preference must be reciprocal (i.e. if you request a teammate, they must request you) to be valid. While every effort will be made to accommodate these requests we cannot guarantee it.

ARE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE? It is the policy of the LMBA to encourage participation by all by providing scholarships for all families that would like to participate but cannot afford the registration fee. You may apply for a scholarship through the registration process online.

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