

# 2015/16 YOUTH BASKETBALL

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Basketball season is just around the corner! Pre-season registration for grades 3-6 is now open and will continue through November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Coaches will host “open gym” sessions for interested players in early November. The regular season runs from November 9 through February 19.

## Volunteers needed

All of our youth sports programs are managed, coached and officiated by volunteers. We are still in need of coaches for most of our teams this year; please contact the Rec Department if you can help in any capacity this season, from head coach to referee to bench manager.

## REGISTRATION

1. Go to [thetfordrec.com](http://thetfordrec.com) and to create a registration form.
2. Follow the instructions on your registration form to submit fees.

**New to Rec?** Please read the Welcome Letter on the site’s home page

### **Need a refresher course on using the online system?**

Click on the “[How to Register for an Activity](#)” link from the home page.

### **Please complete your registration process ASAP.**

Timely registrations enable us to create accurate rosters for coaches and save families from paying in-season registration prices.

Pre-season registration fees (October 19- November 6): \$35.00

In-season registration fees (November 7-November 20): \$50.00

## Season Overview

Coaches will host “open gym” sessions for interested players in late October and early November. The regular season runs from November 9 through February 19.

### Practices:

- 3/4 teams will practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- 5/6 teams will practice Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- Coaches may schedule additional weekend practices.
- Tentative practice times are listed on our website. Final practice schedules will be available once we have volunteer coaches for all four teams.

### Games:

- Start times for weeknight games: 5:00 or 6:00 pm.
- Start times for Saturday games will vary.
- There are no games scheduled on Ski Program Fridays.

### Tournaments:

While schedules have yet to be announced, our teams are invited participate in two-three tournaments per year.

- Orford Lions' Club Tournament: December 12-13
- Lyme Holiday Tournament: December 27-29
- Hanover Tournament: Mid-February.

## Program Overview

### Who can play?

- Thetford's youth basketball program is open to children in grades K-6.
- We do not make cuts or limit roster size; everyone who registers for the program can participate. We welcome all players with a willingness to learn and be part of a team.
- We expect players to adhere to the standards of behavior and sportsmanship established by their coaches.

## **Is Thetford part of a League?**

Thetford is a member of the **Upper Valley Recreation Association (UVRA)**. Founded in 1977 as a means of promoting positive athletic experience for young athletes in the Upper Valley, the UVRA establishes standards for participation as well age-appropriate modifications to the standard rules of play.

## **How are teams established?**

All teams are divided by grade level. Teams for players in grades 3-6 are also divided by gender.

- Players in grades K-2 participate in our co-ed **Saturday basketball clinics**. These clinics will begin in January and registration will be available in December.
- Players in grades 3-6 are assigned to one of four **traveling teams**. These teams play 10-12 games per season against other local towns and are invited to participate in local tournaments.

## **Who will coach my son or daughter's team?**

**Volunteers make our youth programs possible!** All of our youth sports programs are managed, coached and officiated by volunteers. We are still in need of coaches for most of our teams this year; please contact the Rec Department if you can help in any capacity this season, from head coach to bench manager.

## **Where do teams play?**

All Rec practices and home games take place in **Thetford Elementary School** gym. Away games will be hosted neighboring towns. Coaches will provide directions to away games.