

Southwest Youth Basketball Organization, Ltd.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)



What is the SWYBO?

The Southwest Youth Basketball Organization Ltd. was formed to provide opportunities for boys in grades 4th through 8th (3rd grade beginning in 2009) and who reside in the Southwest school district boundaries to be able to play basketball at the tournament level. Please don't confuse these teams with your son's school team as our SWYBO teams play a higher level of competitive basketball.

How does the SWYBO operate? How are decisions made? Who selects the coaches?

SWYBO is a nonprofit organization and we operate under Section 501 (c)(3) of the IRS Code. The club has a board and is advised by the boy's high school coaching staff from Southwest High School. The coaching staff at Southwest helps the board decide who coaches the youth teams.

What is SWYBO's purpose and mission?

To further enhance and provide our boys the opportunity to compete and play at the highest level of youth basketball in the immediate area. In striving to play at this level, it is our hope that our players improve their overall basketball skills and have fun doing so. The members of this organization will try to reach a balance between being competitive in tournaments and teaching basketball skills.

May my son play in the SWYBO if he attends a school outside of the Southwest school district boundaries?

Our teams are intended for boys who plan on attending Southwest High School. If your son doesn't plan on attending Southwest he's always welcome to play on other youth based basketball teams in the immediate area.

How are teams selected for the SWYBO?

Team selections are generally held in the fall of the year. It is a privilege (not a right) to play on a SWYBO team and players and parents should treat it in that manner and be dedicated to working hard and attending all practices and games. The Southwest High School coaches, with input from the grade level coach, will choose the players for each team. There may be restrictions on the number of players and teams, these restrictions include practice time and space availability, financial resources and available coaches. If there aren't enough coaches, enough gym availability or too few players, cuts will unfortunately be made. If there are multiple teams in a particular grade there might be a "Blue" team and a "White" team formed. That decision will be left up to the high school coaches and the youth coaches involved.

I have questions about playing time, who do I contact?

The SWYBO doesn't guarantee any practice or playing time to anyone and playing time is left up to the discretion of your son's coach(s). These are tournament based teams and should not be confused with your son's school based team. Parents should understand that equal playing time in tournament games is not the goal of this club. Generally, playing time is earned in practice. Parents should understand this before they commit their son into the program.

How much does it cost for my son to participate in the SWYBO?

The registration fee for participation in the SWYBO is currently set at \$50 for grades 3 & 4 and \$100.00 for grades 5 through 8. These fees may be adjusted on an annual basis.

Does my son have to pay for his uniform?

No. SWYBO provides your son's jersey and shorts, which are required to be returned at the conclusion of the season. Any additional uniforms or outfits are the sole responsibility of the parents.

Does the SWYBO cover travel expenses to any tournaments?

No. Travel expenses are the responsibility of the parents.

When are the practices held?

Each team's scheduled practice times will vary from week to week based on gym availability and tournament schedule. Practices are generally held during the weeknights but on occasion there might be some weekend practices. Your son is required to attend these practice sessions unless there are justifying circumstances. If missed practices becomes a recurring theme it will effect your son's playing time and might lead to dismissal from the team. The majority of our practices are held at Southwest, Lombardi and King.

How many tournaments will my son play in?

Depending on his grade level, it could be as few as 4 or 5 or as many as 10 to 12. Tournaments are generally played on weekends between early December and late March.

How do I get directions to the tournaments?

The coach of your son's team ought to provide directions, if not please contact him as most tournaments provide these directions in their entry packet. (www.mapquest.com is another excellent source of travel directions to the various tournament sites)

Can my son miss a tournament or practice for family or personal issues?

Yes. It's a long season and we don't want the kids to miss out on family related issues (vacations, etc...). However, if this becomes a recurring theme (every practice or every other weekend) it will effect your son's playing time and might result in his dismissal from the team. Your son made a commitment to his team and is expected to follow through on it.

How does the SWYBO raise funds?

We will raise funds through hosting youth tournaments and through the collection of player fees. The Southwest High School Boys Basketball Program also helps us with staffing at our SWYBO tournament(s) and they share in the net proceeds as well but on a pro-rated basis.

What about basketball camps?

You are encouraged to enroll your son in the various summer basketball camps that have been recommended by your son's coach(s) and/or the Southwest Varsity Coach. This obviously includes any Southwest Youth Basketball Camps.

How can I get involved with the SWYBO?

Anytime, anyway, anyhow! The success of the SWYBO ties closely to the involvement of our parents. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved and we are always open to new ideas and suggestions.

Who do I contact with any concerns?

Please e-mail Jerry Paschke at jpaschke@new.rr.com with any concerns or questions.

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