



Frequently Asked Questions

Rec League Practices and Game times and Locations

- 1. I have a question about the grades 3-4 Rec League and 5-6. Is it one practice during the week or practice every day and then games on Saturday? Are games typically at AM or PM? How long are the games?**

For MMYBL's 3-4th and 5-6th Grade Recreation League (Rec) League, we schedule one 1-hour practice per week from Monday-Friday nights between 5-8:30 pm. Games are scheduled on Saturdays between 8 am-1 pm and last 1 hour.

- 2. I'm confused; do practices last from 5-8:30 on weeknights? Do games run from 8-1 pm on Saturdays?**

No, we schedule practices and games within blocks of gym time available from the local schools in the district. Weeknight Practices last only 1-hour and once coaches lock in their desired practice night, location and time stay that way throughout the season.

Games on Saturdays will rotate locations and times based on matchups and last only 1-hour.

- 3. How many practices do the 1st-2nd graders have a week? Are they on weeknights?**

1-2 division teams have one, 1-hour practice/scrimmage on Saturday Mornings at Jericho Elementary School. The practices/scrimmages will rotate between 8-1 pm so that teams can play each other within the league.



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4. Where do teams practice?

3rd-6th Grade teams practice at Brewster-Pierce (Huntington), Browns River Middle, Camels Hump Middle, Jericho Elementary, and Richmond Elementary.

1st-2nd Practice at Jericho Elementary Only on Saturdays.

5. Where do teams play?

3rd-6th Grade teams play on Saturdays at Browns River Middle or Camels Hump Middle schools. Champlain Valley Recreation Association (CVRA) games can be played at CHMS or BRMS for home games and other schools within Chittenden County for away games

1st-2nd scrimmages at Jericho Elementary School on Saturdays only.

Rec League Registration

1. What are the age/grade requirements for rec?

Grades 1-2	Ages 5-7
Grades 3-4	Ages 7-10
Grades 5-6	Ages 10-12

1a. Can my Kindergartener play? They like basketball!

Yes, they can as long as they are socially and physically able to play with kids older than them.

The test for this is pretty simple- Are they able to play any sport or outdoor activity with older kids on their own WITHOUT Mom and Dad supervising?

If yes-then they are ready to play. If not, wait a year for social skills and confidence to catch up.



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1b. My 2nd Grader is pretty good at basketball, and she's done some camps this summer and plays with her older sister all the time. Can she play up with 3-4?

MMYBL encourages players to 'play up if they feel comfortable again if [THE PLAYER](#) expresses interest and ability to play with older kids. If your player is interested in playing up a division, they will need to attend our Rec League Evaluation day for 3-4 or 5-6 divisions to see if they are a good fit for playing with that age group.

2. I tried registering my player, but it says no programs are available. Does that mean I missed registration, or they can't play?

In MOST cases, the player's birthdate may not match our 'Age/Grade' gates set up in our registration system. When this happens, please email the Rec Coordinator to let them know about the situation, and they can work with you to register your player.



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Mini Metro FAQs

Grades 4-6	Ages 9-12
Grades 7-8	Ages 12-14

1. How do I register for Mini-Metro?

Register at MMYBL.ORG. Select Mini-Metro Tryouts. Try-outs are 100% Free of Charge.

2. Why are there Tryouts?

Mini Metro is a competitive AAU league. The teams are formed based on the school district. Any child living within the MMUUSD district can try out and play on a team if selected, including homeschooled children. All players must try out and be evaluated by the coach of the team they are trying out for that season. These can be group or individual workouts.

3. Can 4th Graders play in Mini Metro?

Yes. However, MMYBL's policy is to place 5th graders who are eligible and interested in teams first before 4th graders, regardless of skill level comparisons between players. Rosters are 9-15 players and are built at the coach's discretion.

4. What happens if my player doesn't make the team?

MMYBL offers Rec League options for players through 6th grade that do not make a mini-metro roster. We also encourage players and families to talk to our mini-metro coaches about opportunities to have their player practice or work out with the team if all parties are comfortable with that scenario. However, it does not mean the player is on the team for gameplay.



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5. What are the costs

For the 2022-23 Season returning Mini Metro players with a jersey from the previous season will pay approximately 90 dollars if selected for a team

4th and 5th graders, or new players will pay \$130 to cover the cost of a new jersey

6. When are Mini Metro Practices?

Mini Metro teams practice 2-times per week, with practices scheduled between 5-9 pm Monday-Friday. Coaches can schedule on Saturday if needed, based on the schedule.

7. When Are Mini Metro Games?

Mini Metro games are on Sundays between 8 am-3 pm. Each game is 1 hour in length. These games are played at gyms throughout the state, including MMU, BHS, and BFA-St. Albans, Colchester, Spaulding, and Crosset Brook Elementary in Duxbury.

8. So we have to travel for games?

Yes. The schedule is set by the Mini Metro League, not by MMYBL. Mini-Metro tries to keep traveling to a minimum;

9. Can my player play in Mini Metro and Rec?

Yes. We encourage our Mini Metro players to play 5-6 rec so they can get more playing time and help build the rec program for 5-6 graders that can't commit to Mini Metro or were unable to make the team. If a Mini-Metro player decides to play rec, they will only have to pay for a T-shirt for the team that they are on.

10. Can my player play in Mini Metro and Middle School Basketball?

Yes. We encourage our Mini Metro players to play for BRMS and CHMS teams. However, this can mean more practice and playing time which can be a considerable commitment. Help your player prioritize their time commitments so that academic and family obligations come first.

Mini Metro competition, by and large, is better than middle school basketball, so if your player is serious about playing at higher levels, we encourage them to play Mini-Metro as much as possible.



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11. I've heard that playing time is equal and that if players miss practices or games, they can lose playing time; true?

Playing time is set by the coach of the team. The coaches base decisions on the assessment of talent, athleticism, attitude, work ethic, social skills, teamwork, and other factors.

Coaches have the authority and latitude to create their team rules and values and enforce them as they see fit. A Coach can bench a player, suspend a player temporarily, or remove a player from the team entirely for violating team, MMYBL, or Mini Metro rules.

Before suspending or terminating a player, the coach will advise the MMYBL Mini Metro Coordinators, and the League president of these types of

Mini-Metro's mission is to prepare players for higher levels of competitive basketball play at the middle school, high school, and beyond. Players who commit to their teammates seriously, work hard, and have a positive attitude will do great. If a player commits to playing Mini-Metro all 4-5 years, they are eligible; they will have a better than 50% chance of making the MMU Varsity basketball team as a Junior or Senior if that is what they want to achieve.