

GCYGB Girls Basketball 2024-2025 Season Information

Fall Recreation League

- **Program Overview:** Now offering a developmental league for girls in the Greenfield-Central School system and Hancock County. Open to all girls grades 1st-6th grade. Season begins the week of October 21st with practices being held once per week. The first game is scheduled for November 2nd, 2024 and the last game is scheduled for December 6th. There will be a minimum of one game played per week with an occasional double header depending on number of participants and teams. All games will be held at GCHS Fieldhouse located at 810 N. Broadway Street, Greenfield, IN 46140.

Our mission is to ensure that each girl that plays basketball for our program improves their skills on the basketball court and most importantly, has fun. We teach basic fundamentals of the sport along with reinforcing important life skills such as sportsmanship, communication, work ethic, leadership, and teamwork.

- **Registration Fees:** Open registration runs from August 21, 2024-September 30, 2024. Registration will be accepted online at <https://leagues.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1866770> . We are offering a discount for the 2024-2025 season which will be as follows:
 - \$15.00 for grades 1st-6th
- **Refund Policy:** For the 2024-2025 season, the refund policy will be as follows:
 - August 21st-September 30th: full refund
 - October 1st-October 31st: 50% refund
 - November 1st and after: no refund will be given due to jersey orders already being placed
- **Recreational Divisions:**
 - 1st/2nd Grade
 - 3rd/4th Grade
 - 5th/6th Grade
- **Time Commitment:** Rec teams will practice one time per week for a total of one hour. Games will be held on Saturdays. There will be a minimum of one game played each Saturday with an occasional double header depending on the number of participants and teams. Weekday practices are scheduled sometime within the window of 6:00pm and 8:00pm and will be held at one of our GC elementary or intermediate schools. Days and times depend on gym availability and team assignment. If there is a conflict on a certain day (s) of the week, please note it in the comments section during the registration process. We will work diligently to accommodate all requests within reason.

- **Equipment Needed:** Basketball shorts and shoes. The league provides reversible jerseys. Each player should bring their own basketball, as coaches are only provided with 1-2 per team. Size 28.5 ball will be used for all divisions. Each player should also bring their own water bottle.
- **Rim Height:** 1st/2nd grade division will utilize an 8.5 foot rim height. 3rd/4th and 5th/6th grade divisions will utilize a 10 foot rim height.
- **Team Selection:** The players will be divided into teams with the goal of establishing competitively balanced teams. Recreational teams are formed based on the number of girls registered for each division and number of head/assistant coach volunteers. Girls basketball does not honor requests for player placement. Volunteer head coaches are allowed one request per player placement.
- **Coach Selection:** All head and assistant coaches are volunteers. The program will select the coaches from those who express interest on their participants' registration form or from other adults who express interest in volunteering with the program.

All coaches are required to complete a volunteer application/background check per GC requirements. Once an approval is emailed to you, that then needs to be forwarded to gcgirlshoops@gmail.com so we can ensure proper steps have been taken.

In addition, all volunteer coaches are strongly encouraged to attend 1 of our 2 coaches meetings where we will hand out coaches gear, discuss expectations, and provide helpful resources to effectively run a practice.

Volunteer application link found here:

<https://www.applitrack.com/gcsc/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=Volunteers>

- **Sportsmanship:** Unsportsmanlike conduct, including “trash talking” or any unsportsmanlike physical contact by players, coaches, or parents will not be tolerated. Please report any offensive conduct to the league director as soon as possible. Actions by any player, coach, or spectator demonstrating unsportsmanlike conduct before, during or after a game or practice will be subject to expulsion from the league. All parents/guardians will be required to review and sign the “Parent Code of Conduct” in order for your player participant to be eligible to play. Sportsmanship will be an encouraged topic for all volunteer coaches during practices to ensure all player participants know the expectation.

If you (as the parent/guardian) have a question about a coaching decision, please wait 24 hours and then send the coach a private message or discuss it privately. Questioning a coach's decision during the game, including a child's playing time, is prohibited.

- **Facility Usage:** We need to show the utmost care and respect for the school facilities that our league utilizes. Players, coaches, parents, siblings, and other spectators need to be careful not to damage anything on school property. Please remember the gym space we are utilizing during practice time and game time is a teacher's classroom. Materials that are not ours are not intended to be played with if left out, whiteboards and other materials are not to be tampered with. Doors are not meant to be open that are closed or propped open. Anywhere outside of the gym or the nearest restroom is not to be explored. Please help clean up after yourselves and your children following each game and/or practice. The gym space after school hours is a privilege we do not want to lose so please help by showing the utmost respect.