



# Frequently Asked Questions - Players

## Youth Basketball Winter 2026

### 1. Key Dates (subject to change)

- 12/16: Registration for Winter CLOSES and our waitlist opens
- 12/17: AHPD starts building teams and practice schedules
- 1/2-1/6: Rosters and practice schedules sent via email
- 1/7: Mandatory Coaches Meeting 7:15pm @ Pioneer
- 1/9: Game schedules go live [Arlington Heights Park District - QuickScores.com](https://www.quick-scores.com)
- 1/12: First week of practices
- 1/17: First weekend of games
- 3/7: Last weekend of games

### 2. Key Practice and Game Locations

- ARC - [660 N Ridge Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60004](https://www.google.com/maps/place/660+N+Ridge+Ave,+Arlington+Heights,+IL+60004)
- Camelot - [1005 E Suffield Dr, Arlington Heights, IL 60004](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1005+E+Suffield+Dr,+Arlington+Heights,+IL+60004)
- Pioneer - [500 S Fernandez Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60005](https://www.google.com/maps/place/500+S+Fernandez+Ave,+Arlington+Heights,+IL+60005)
- Poe School - [2800 N Highland Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60004](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2800+N+Highland+Ave,+Arlington+Heights,+IL+60004)
- Westgate School - [500 S Dwyer Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60005](https://www.google.com/maps/place/500+S+Dwyer+Ave,+Arlington+Heights,+IL+60005)

### 3. How do I volunteer to coach?

If you're interested in coaching this season please fill out this google form with your information and practice preferences. [Practice Preferences Form](#). We'd appreciate if everyone interested (whether you clicked "YES" to coaching when registering already or not) complete this form. It will give us a head start on finding the perfect practice day, time and location for you. Once submitted, you can then expect a follow-up from us with more information about the Coaches Meeting, responsibilities, and other important details. Thank you in advance for volunteering! [Practice Preferences Form](#)

### 4. How are practice schedules determined?

When creating a practice schedule we take your coach's preferences on day, time and geographic location strongly into consideration. NOTE: Recreation Park and Frontier Park are not available for scheduling this season. Given the limited gym space we ask for flexibility and understanding in regards to practice location assignments.

### 5. How often do we practice?

Each team is given one 1-hour time slot per week to practice. Changes/cancellations will be determined and communicated by your coach.

### 6. What should we bring to practice?

Players are asked to wear close-toed gym shoes (don't have to be basketball specific) and comfortable athletic clothing. Players should also bring their own water bottle and basketball. Some facilities have spare basketballs to use if you don't have one, but their availability and correct sizes cannot be guaranteed. (27.5in for 1st-2nd grade, Size 28.5in for 3rd-5th grade).

### 7. How are teams decided?

We look to place participants on a team with others from their school and do our best to honor friendship requests as well. Rosters are typically rolled over Fall to Winter, but not year over year.

## **8. When and where are the games?**

The game schedule will go live at [Arlington Heights Park District - QuickScores.com](http://Arlington Heights Park District - QuickScores.com) no later than January 9. This is the general formula for game times (subject to change):

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Boys/Girls play in the morning slots Saturdays and Sundays 9am-12pm.

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Boys/Girls play in the mid-day slots Saturdays and Sundays 11am-2pm.

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Boys play at Poe in the morning slots on Saturdays and Sundays 9am-12pm, or at Camelot or Pioneer in the afternoon slots 1pm-3pm.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade and up play at in the afternoon slots Saturdays and Sundays at Camelot, Pioneer or Poe 1pm-4pm.

## **9. How do we get our player jerseys?**

All new players are issued a park district reversible basketball jersey as part of the registration fee. Jerseys will be distributed by your coach at the start of the season. Returning fall players may keep the same jersey.

## **10. What if I need a different jersey size?**

ARC, Camelot and Pioneer will have extra jerseys in varying sizes for players to swap if needed.

## **11. What is covered in the Coaches Meeting?**

We review general topics such as rules per division, program philosophy, expectations, logistics, tips for coaching and more. We will also hand out Coach's t-shirts, team jerseys, and criminal background check forms.

Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:15pm. Pioneer Community Center.

## **12. Can my team practice together at Open Gym?**

Yes and No. You can meetup as a team at open gyms, but get no special privileges. Players and coaches will be treated the same as anyone else attending open gym. This includes paying for entry (as needed), no designated baskets or courts, etc.

## **13. I've changed my mind about this season. How do I get a refund?**

Fill out a [Refund Request Form](#) on the Arlington Heights Park District website. Our registration specialists will handle everything from there. Refunds will not be issued once the season has started.

## **14. I missed the registration deadline and now I'm on the waitlist. What does that mean?**

All registrations after the deadline will be automatically placed on our waitlist. Our goal is to find as many waitlisted participants roster spots as possible. However, this will only occur after initial teams have been formed so we may not be able to group them with classmates or accommodate friend requests. You will not be charged for the program until after you've been placed on a team.

If you have any additional questions or concerns please contact:  
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