

Cost: \$225 per player *

What is included ?

- 12 Regular Season Games
- Playoffs at end of the Season
(All teams qualify)
- Full Uniform (Player gets to keep)
- MBA Logo Basketball
- Medical Injury Insurance
- Weekly Practice
- League Newsletter every other week
- Assigned practice time once per week
- Fun Day Competition
- Professionally Managed Program
- Website Access
- Nice Game Facilities
- Awards Banquet Dinner
- Picture Yearbook at the end of the year

* Special discount of \$25 for additional players in the same household. **Cost for additional child in same household is \$200.**


REGISTRATION

Registration begins on March 1 for the 2011/12 year. We take registrations on a first come first served basis. We have limited space per age Division. We have sold out every year since our beginning. We do keep a waitlist after we have sold out in case we have any drops before the season starts. The league will be filled before summer is over.


All registrations are done online through the website: { [HYPERLINK](http://www.metrobasketball.org) "http://www.metrobasketball.org" }. You may pay by check or credit card. Register early to guarantee a spot for next season!

You can visit our MBA website at www.metrobasketball.org

What People Are Saying About The MBA

 My family and I have been involved with the MBA for 11 years now. Our participation in this league has been very instrumental in the development and success of our two oldest children. We wholeheartedly feel that involvement in the MBA was crucial to their development. Kevin Wilkinson and the rest of the administrators have put their hearts and souls into making this league what it is today. I would like to challenge anyone to find a comparable league...that makes a point out of teaching character, morality and humanitarian efforts like this league does. Speaking from years of experience with organizations as well as others, no one does it better than the MBA.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamood

 I have been a part of the MBA for seven years, the past six as a coach. The MBA has allowed me to meet a great group of people...I now consider my friends. With an outstanding commitment from dedicated volunteers and directors, it is a testament to the MBA that the league continues to grow in size and popularity. Thank you for letting me be a part of it.

Mark Bruce, Coach



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***Metro Basketball
Association***

**Michigan's Premier
Youth Basketball
League**





WHO WE ARE:

The MBA is a youth basketball league which has been serving families of Metro Detroit for the past **22 years!**. Founded in 1989 we have had well over 6,000 boys and girls be part of our program, many who have continued to excel on local high school and college basketball teams. Many former players are now returning to the MBA as staff, coaches, and even parents of current players. Games and practices are located in the Dearborn/Garden City/Taylor area and has sold out every year since its inception!



OUR PHILOSOPHY:

The MBA's core philosophy is to build character and teach life lessons to young people through the game of basketball. We strive to teach each child the basketball skills and fundamentals needed to improve their play while stressing sportsmanship, team play and education. The MBA provides a competitive basketball environment while not promoting a "winning is everything" attitude. We want every player to enjoy their experience in the MBA and to enjoy the game of basketball to its fullest.



WHY WE ARE SUCCESSFUL:

#1 The league is run by knowledgeable, experienced, basketball personnel

The league directors have had extensive experience teaching basketball and running clinics in all age groups. They have a deep understanding of the game of basketball and most importantly understand the techniques needed to improve each child's basketball ability. Many also have had high school and college playing and coaching experience

#2 We will attract the best coaches available!

In addition to quality coaches already identified, our experience has shown that running a top level program will attract area individuals to coach who are committed to teaching basketball and the MBA philosophy. All of our coaches must submit a resume of experience and be approved by the MBA Board. All coaches must submit to a National criminal background check

#3 Every team has only 8 players!

With such a small amount of players per team, practices are more beneficial for everyone. Coaches and their assistant can spend much more time and attention instructing each player, while providing each player more quality time participating at practices. We limit teams to 8 players because we are truly concerned about the player and that he/she has a great basketball experience.

#4 Maximum amount of playing time!

Utilizing high school rules for all age groups will give 32 minutes of **stopped time** per game! This ensures that each player gets significant on-court action. We have a formula for a guaranteed minimal amount of game time per player.

#5 Skills and player development!

We stress individual basketball skills and team play. It is required that a minimum amount of practice time is utilized for basketball drills and player skill development. We provide coaches clinics to demonstrate how to run meaningful and effective practices. Coaches are also monitored and given guidance if needed throughout the year.

#6 High School Referees!

For all age groups, referees are MHSAA sanctioned or are high school caliber referees. This eliminates much of the frustration of coaches, players and parents during the season by utilizing qualified experienced referees.

#7 Same Practice Day/Time Each Night!

Each team is scheduled for a 2 hour block of time, on the same night every week. This allows parents to schedule other activities and avoid conflicts.

#8 Saturday is Game Day!

All games are played on Saturdays (9:00am – 5:00pm) for all divisions. The upper division (i.e. grades 7-8) will also play an additional game, one night per week.

#9 Teams are drafted each year!

Players are chosen on teams through a proven draft method which generally equalizes the caliber of each team. This leads to more competitive games and more fun for the players, coaches, and parents.

The league is divided into three age groups

Blue Division 3rd and 4th Grade
White Division 5th and 6th Grade
Red Division 7th and 8th Grade

The Blue and White Divisions start in November and run through Mid March. The Red Division begins the last week of January and runs through Mid March.

#10 Lots of Extras

In addition to the 12 regular season games, every team plays in an NCAA style playoff tournament at the end of the season. There are family fun days, an awards banquet, and bi-weekly newsletters. Every player also receives a full uniform, basketball and a bi-weekly newsletter highlighting every game played with game stories..



Though we teach basketball skills, our main mission is to teach life lessons through the game. We want to help develop great athletes, but more importantly, we want to develop great people of character. We believe there is right way to do everything.

“Pursuing Victory with Honor!”