

Fern Creek Optimist Basketball



Basketball season is just around the corner and now is the time to register for what is sure to be another exciting year! Last year we had about 400+ players, and we expect even more this year. Our basketball league is available to players 3-18 years old. We anticipate separate divisions for 3/4, 5/6, 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13/14 and 15-18 years old depending on the number of players who sign up to play. We will have co-ed, boys, and girls teams. **The deadline for registration is Saturday, October 22nd (late registrations are an additional \$25, if there is space available).** Everyone has the ability to sign-up by mail. To do that, return the completed registration form and a check for the registration fee to the address listed below. There is also an **online registration option on our website**. Anyone who wishes to register in person can do so at Fern Creek High School in the lobby of the Big Gym on Saturday, October 1st and 15th 2011 (9:00AM – noon) or Saturday, October 8th @ Dick's Sporting Goods on Hurstbourne Lane (9:00 AM – noon).

SCHEDULE:

Tryouts will be held at Fern Creek High School on Sunday, October 23rd. All players 7-18 will go to check-in tables in Big Gym for tryout instructions. Tryout times are as follows:

Ages	7/8	9/10	11/12	13/14	15/18	Girls
Times	1:30	3:00	1:00	2:30	4:00	4:00

The eligibility age is the age each player is as of December 31, 2011.

All players who sign up will be placed on a team. Ages 3-6 will be drafted and contacted by a coach. The purpose of tryouts is to balance the teams as much as possible. Every player is expected to attend tryouts. We anticipate practices will begin during the second week of November. The games will be played at Fern Creek High School on Saturdays and Sundays starting the first week of December. We plan to have a 10-game season that will conclude mid-February.

As a reminder, Fern Creek High School asks **that no one park in the Fire Lanes** during tryouts, practices or

Practices will be held at various gyms in the Fern Creek area. Each team ages 7/18 will have a one-hour practice on a weekday evening and a game (approximately 1 hour) on Saturdays or Sundays. All teams with players 3/6 years of age will practice prior to their Saturday or Sunday game time. There may be some weekends where a team plays more than one game.

FEES:

The registration fee is \$120 per player (3/4 & 5/6 age groups pays \$85). Please make checks payable to: Fern Creek Optimist. Return the completed registration form along with check/money order for the registration fee to: FCO Basketball, 10002 Brighton Springs Court, Louisville, KY 40291.

NOTE: If more than 2 siblings in a family participate, the cost for the 3rd player is ½ price.

We Need Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Sponsors:

Volunteers play an integral role in the success of the Fern Creek Optimist Program. We need volunteer coaches and assistant coaches. If you are interested in volunteering, please mark the appropriate section on the registration form.

Note: Players who play for school teams in 8th grade or below can participate in our league.

Sponsors are needed. We need one (1) company sponsorship for each team. The cost to sponsor a team is \$100. As we did last year, if a player finds or provides a sponsor for his/her team, then his/her registration fee is only \$85.00 (\$55 for 3/4 & 5/6). This discount is based on availability, and the **sponsor's check must accompany the player's check for registration.**

Questions on coaching, sponsorship opportunities or other matters should be directed to Rob Robinson. Contact him at 609-3368 or roberobincoach@yahoo.com The website for the league is ferncreekoptimist.org