

Friarsgate Basketball Association

Q: My children are in the same league age, will they play on the same team?

A: Yes, unless you request otherwise.

Q: My children are in different league age groups, can they practice on the same night?

A: We cannot guarantee they will practice on the same nights.

Q: My child wants to play with his friend (cousin/neighbor), can they play on the same team?

A: Since teams are selected by a draft process, we cannot guarantee children will be on the same team. We will make a notation of your request, and try to accommodate your requests.

Q: How many practices are there?

A: FBA schedules one practice per week. Before games begin, a weekend practice may be schedule.

Q: When are practices?

A: Practices are schedule Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday for 45 minutes. Practices start at 6:30, with the younger ages practicing in the earlier times.

Q: Where is Friarsgate Park?

A: Friarsgate Park is located at 1712 Chadford Road, Irmo, SC 29063. Their phone number is 732-3220. Driving directions can be located on their website at [Friarsgate Park](#).

Q: What are evaluations and why does my child have to attend?

A: Each child is required to attend one of the evaluation sessions (except for the girls leagues, where they are required to attend BOTH sessions). The evaluations consist of skill drills and scrimmages. Board members will be present to determine each player's skill. These assessments are used to help coaches draft evenly talented teams.

Q: Is my child "trying out" for a team during evaluations?

A: No. Evaluations are only to help us distribute the talent evenly across the league; players who have signed up and paid the registration fee will be placed on a team, regardless of their skill level.

Q:How are the teams selected?

A: For leagues with 4 or fewer teams, players will be assigned to teams by FBA Board members. When there are more than 4 teams in the age group, the head coaches will select team members.

Q: This is the first season my child has played; will he/she learn the game and get to play?

A: Our coaches teach the fundamentals of the game to each player, regardless of his/her skill level. Each league has a minimum and maximum number of minutes a child should play; the goal is EQUAL PLAYING TIME, REGARDLESS OF SKILL.

Q: How do I know what age group my child will be in?

A: Your child's age group is determined by his/her age on March 2nd of the end of the season. You can view this year's age groups at [League Ages](#).

Q: How long is the season?

A: For the younger age groups (5/6, 7/8, 9/10 & 9/11 Girls), practices begin in November.. For the older age groups (11/12, 13/14, 15/18 and 12/15 Girls), practices begin the first week of December. All age-groups, except 15/18s, will play in an exhibition game (Hoop A Rama) held on the second weekend in December. The regular season runs from January through the end of February.

Q: What is Hoop A Rama?

A: Hoop A Rama is FBA's kick off event. Team and individual pictures will be taken on this day. Each team will play a scrimmage game. A concession area will be set up to help raise money for our league. In addition, during half time of each game, our "Super Hooper Mom" shoot out will be held, with a mom from each team trying to sink the most free throws. We also sell 50/50 Opportunity Tickets, with 50% of the proceeds collected going to one lucky winner (drawing held at the end of the day).

Q: My son/daughter is trying out for the school basketball team, should I sign him/her up now?

A: Yes, sign him/her up now. If your child makes the school team, FBA will refund 100% of your registration fee - just let us know the good news!

Q: Do I need experience to become a coach?

A: No experience is necessary to become an FBA coach. FBA holds a Coach's Meeting to discuss the league rules and some fundamentals of practice. Richland County requires all coaches to be certified either through Richland County, or with NYSCA.

Q: What do I need to do to be a coach?

A: You need to fill out a Coach's Application first. You'll need to attend one of the FBA Coach's Meetings. You'll also need to become certified with Richland County or with the NYSCA organization in basketball. Friarsgate Park will set up times for you to become NYSCA certified. Please call the park directly to set up a time to view the videos (732-3220).

Q: Why do I have to pay the NYSCA fee?

A: Richland County Recreation Commission (RCRC) requires coaches for all their leagues to attend a certification clinic or be certified through the NYSCA program. This must be done before the first practice. Your certification fee is good for one year. If a coach does not attend the FBA Coach's meeting, he or she must be certified via NYSCA. NYSCA Membership benefits include coaching journals and \$1,000,000 liability insurance in effect while performing coaching duties. Go to www.nays.org for additional information regarding the NYSCA program.

Q: I am NYSCA certified for another sport; do I need to do anything for basketball?

A: Yes, you need to view the basketball portion of the video. There are no additional fees to become certified in another sport.

Q: If I have a concern or problem, who do I contact?

A: You may contact the league VP for the age group in question (see the list of board members on our web site, [FBA Board](#)). Or you may contact FBA via telephone (687-1761) or email friarsgatebasketball@yahoo.com.