

Lincoln Spirit Basketball Club

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Lincoln Spirit Basketball Information is below.

Lincoln Spirit Basketball Club is our competitive, coach-select basketball program that focuses on fun and player development for players looking to compete and develop in an encouraging atmosphere. All teams will play in the Gatorade Winter Basketball League.

Teams are put together by coaches. Individuals looking for a team can register as an individual to try and be picked up by a team. If we are not able to find a team for a player, they will have the option to be placed on a YMCA Recreational basketball team or receive a full refund. Placement is not guaranteed.

Each coach is required to submit a team roster form to the Spirit Basketball Office. Players will then be sent the link to register for their specific team. Players are not officially registered until they have turned in their individual registration and payment.

Note: You will not receive the link to register for your team until after the team roster deadline - October 1.

Teams must play in the grade level of their oldest rostered player. Players cannot play up more than one grade level.

Gatorade Winter Basketball League Information

- ◆ All Spirit basketball club teams will play in the Gatorade League.
- ◆ Leagues for both Boys and Girls teams grades 3rd - 8th. (League Director reserves the right to combine divisions if necessary)
- ◆ 3rd Grade game days - Saturdays afternoons
- ◆ 4th - 8th Grade game days - Sundays afternoons
- ◆ 11 game regular season beginning the weekend of November 21/22. Single elimination season ending league tournament Feb. 27/28, March 6/7. No games or practices over Thanksgiving weekend and LPS Holiday Break.
- ◆ Two practices available per week at over 40 LPS gym locations.
- ◆ NSAA registered referees.
- ◆ Team roster must have at least 8 players.
- ◆ All Head Coaches must be at least 18 years old.
- ◆ As a volunteer coach with the YMCA of Lincoln, NE, you are giving us permission to conduct a review of your background which may include criminal history and/or child protective services.

Important Dates

- ◆ Individuals looking for a team deadline: September 30
- ◆ Team roster deadline: October 1
- ◆ Players on team registration: October 5 - 15
- ◆ Coaches Meeting: November 4
- ◆ Team conflicts deadline: October 28
- ◆ Practices begin: November 9
- ◆ Schedules released: November 6
- ◆ League play dates: November 21 - February 21
- ◆ Season ending tournament date: February 27/28, March 6/7

On the next page you will find available Spirit Basketball packages to choose from and pricing for the 2026 - 2027 season.

Choosing Your Teams Program

Coaches will select which program option they want for their team. This will be selected when turning in your team's roster so that the fees can be sent out to your players specifically so they can register for the team. Coaches will be given a list of tournaments to choose from to select for their team. The Spirit Basketball Club will submit registrations and payments for your league and tournament fees based off of the program chosen.

Spirit Basketball Club Program Options (All teams will play in the Gatorade Winter Basketball League) *Difference in options is the number of tournaments			
Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
• 11 game regular season • Single elimination tournament to end the season • 2 practices per week/1.5 hours each • 3 open gym nights (Sundays) • Spirit basketball uniform required • 2 team basketballs provided • All YMCA of Lincoln Member receive \$15 off registration • Teams will sign up for practice space before the coaches meeting • \$147 per player • \$112 uniform fee (not included in player fee)	• 11 game regular season • Single elimination tournament to end the season • 2 practices per week/1.5 hours each • 3 open gym nights (Sundays) • 1 tournament • Spirit basketball uniform required • 2 team basketballs provided • All YMCA of Lincoln Member receive \$15 off registration • Teams will sign up for practice space before the coaches meeting • \$172 per player • \$112 uniform fee (not included in player fee)	• 11 game regular season • Single elimination tournament to end the season • 2 practices per week/1.5 hours each • 3 open gym nights (Sundays) • 2 tournaments • Spirit basketball uniform required • 2 team basketballs provided • All YMCA of Lincoln Member receive \$15 off registration • Teams will sign up for practice space before the coaches meeting • \$197 per player • \$112 uniform fee (not included in player fee)	• 11 game regular season • Single elimination tournament to end the season • 2 practices per week/1.5 hours each • 3 open gym nights (Sundays) • 3 tournaments • Spirit basketball uniform required • 2 team basketballs provided • All YMCA of Lincoln Member receive \$15 off registration • Teams will sign up for practice space before the coaches meeting • \$222 per player • \$112 uniform fee (not included in player fee)
***If you are looking for information on just joining the Gatorade Winter Basketball League as a non Spirit team please use the information sheet labeled Gatorade Winter Basketball League on our website.			

Lincoln Spirit Basketball Club Uniforms

All Spirit teams Bronze - Diamond are required to wear the Club's standard uniform and colors as decided by the YMCA Youth Sports Branch and Lincoln Spirit Basketball Club.

Each member should be clothed in the same manner of basic equipment as their teammates (excluding the brand of footwear). Basic equipment refers to: jersey or shirt - bearing a unique number on the back and shorts.

Parents will pay for their child's uniform and size selection at time of their player registration. Each player will receive 1 reversible jersey, 1 reversible pair of shorts, 1 shooting shirt. Jerseys are the same as 2025-2026 season.