



# Reno Ballers Basketball Club

## 3<sup>rd</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys & Girls Teams

### FAQs

Like the rest of the world, Reno Ballers looks forward to life returning to normal next season. Barring any unforeseen circumstances or changes in the current health direction of the nation, we should be back in business by our scheduled start date of September 25, 2021.

#### Start of Season

Kickoff and Team Formation Day is Saturday, September 25, at DWR facility (2680 E. Ninth Street). This is our practice facility throughout the season. Players should come prepared to exhibit their skills and abilities. Reno Ballers staff will also be available to answer parent questions, etc. All those attending Team Formation Day ***must enter through the westside parking lot entrance***. As we get closer to our start date, more information will be available on this site about group/team times; however, we can state that the time will be sometime between 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

#### Requirements to Become a Reno Ballers Member

- Complete and submit a Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows Registration Form and pay the \$20 BGCTM annual membership fee.
- Complete and submit a Reno Ballers Player Information sheet.
- Pay the annual fee of \$300 via credit card, check, or cash. Additional family members who are accepted pay \$175 each.
- Maintain good grades in school.

**NOTE:** Financial assistance is available to those who qualify. Those seeking financial assistance must contact Reno Ballers Administrator Steve George ([sgeorge@bgctm.org](mailto:sgeorge@bgctm.org); 775-360-2442), who will set-up a meeting and provide what information is necessary to meet the requirements.

#### What the \$300 Annual Fee Covers

- Team competition reversible jersey and shorts.
- Travel tournament entry fees.
- When necessary, overnight hotel accommodations for players.
- Three free tickets to the Reno Ballers Extravaganza

#### 2020-21 Teams

Reno Ballers offers multiple age-level teams, all of which have the opportunity to compete in local and/or travel tournaments. The number of players per age group depends on the number of players who met the coach's qualifications. Teams members are selected by the age group coaching staff based on ability, skill level, athleticism, work ethic, and attitude. Players are expected to participate in team practices held in the evening twice a week at our E. Ninth Street facility, and Saturday morning ball-handling training (when available).

## Coaching Staff

Our entire coaching staff is comprised of experienced and dedicated men and women who all volunteer their time and efforts to assist your player in becoming the most he/she can be.

- 8th Grade Boys Calen Evans, Steve Flint, and Kevin Carpenter.
- 7th Grade Boys Jason Westphal, Scott Schellin, and Casey McCann.
- 6th Grade Boys Kremont Buchanan.
- 5th Grade Boys Kyle Schellin, Rick Stevens, and the "legend," Dickie Allen.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Kyle Schellin, Rick Stevens, and the "legend," Dickie Allen.
- 7<sup>th</sup>/8th Grade Girls Ames Sabellano, Nate Carrier, and Justin Tolotti.
- 5<sup>th</sup>/6th Grade Girls Steve George, Kevin Carpenter, and Laura Tolotti.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4th Grade Girls Larry Cooper.

## **Tentative Practice Schedules**

All teams have two weekday practices. Two hour ball-handling practices are held on Saturday mornings from 8-10 at DWR. NOTE: The schedule below may be adjusted, as necessary, depending on the number of teams/players.

Begin the week of October 11:

- 8th Grade Boys Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 pm.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 pm.
- 6th Grade Boys Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 pm.
- 5th Grade Boys Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30-7:00 pm.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4th Grade Boys Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00 pm
  
- 7<sup>th</sup>/8th Grade Girls Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00 pm.
- 5<sup>th</sup>/6th Grade Girls Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00 pm.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4th Grade Girls Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00 pm.

\*Saturdays, 8:00-10 am: Ball-handling sessions are required attendance by all Reno Baller players.

### **NOTES:**

- No practices during Fall Break, October 2-10.
- No practices during Winter Break, December 17-January 2.
- No practices during Spring Break, March 12-27.

\*Season traditionally ends on Memorial Day weekend.

## **Commitment to Reno Ballers**

Athletes who wish to be part of Reno Ballers must agree to make a strong commit in terms of participation, including attending scheduled practices and Saturday morning ball-handling sessions when their team is not playing in a tournament, and working at a level to develop the skills necessary to compete at a high level of competition.

Baller players must be committed to play ONLY with the Reno Ballers, and not for any other club **basketball** team during their time as a member of the Reno Ballers.

Players are not precluded from participation in other sport programs. Reno Ballers staff is happy to work with multi-sport athletes to develop a schedule that will allow the athlete to participate in Reno Ballers and other sports.

## **Tournaments**

Reno Ballers teams travel to the Sacramento area to play in one-day tournaments at the Hardwood Palace ([1091 Tinker Road, Rocklin](#)), participate in several large tournaments hosted in the Reno area, and play in local Reno/Sparks area tournaments.

Players are invited to play on Travel Teams; meaning not all players are guaranteed to travel to all tournaments. Players are invited to travel to tournaments based on their practice commitment and demonstrated hard work.

Playing time while at tournaments is at the discretion of the coach. Reno Ballers believes all players should have the opportunity to exhibit their skills and gain from the valuable experience of playing in such tournaments if they have earned that time through their practice commitment and demonstrated hard work.

Tournament schedule is established by the coaches.

## **Reno Ballers Extravaganza**

Our major fundraiser of the year is the annual Reno Ballers Extravaganza, a much-anticipated event that highlights the successes of the program and recognizes players, parents, coaches, and community leaders who have played an exceptional role in making Reno Ballers all it can be for all members. The event is entirely volunteer-driven, thus necessitating parent participation. The revenue from the Reno Ballers Extravaganza covers all of the program expenses not met through the \$300 annual registration fee. The traditional date of this event is the first Saturday in June.