



Reno Ballers Basketball Club

Boys 3rd- 8th Grades

Girls 3rd- 7th Grades

FAQs

UPDATE POSTED ON JULY 22, 2020: As we all know, our daily landscape is in “motion” as businesses and families deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. We are all hopeful that our scientists can find a vaccine, or at least something to lessen the effects of the disease; the sooner the better. As of this update, we are basing the information below on the current status of life in Nevada and California (where we would generally play the bulk of our games at Hardwood Palace in Sacramento). As of the date of this posting, California is closed to all indoor activity through the rest of 2020, and maybe beyond.

With this in mind, the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows has made the decision to plan for a 2020-21 Reno Ballers season, but to not collect any payment for Reno Ballers (with the exception of the \$20 annual BGCTM membership fee) until we know we can travel and participate in tournaments. Teams will only practice for the foreseeable future. No uniforms will be ordered and there will obviously not be any tournament entry fees as there are no tournaments! The coaches have even agreed to take a 100% pay cut. Of course, since our coaches agree to help your kids by dedicating hundreds of hours in the gym without being paid, the impact of 100% of nothing will not be too severe! If and when our current health conditions change, we will reevaluate how we can safely move forward.

Thank you for understanding that the safety of the people who attend and visit our BGCTM sites is our greatest concern.

COVID-19

I can assure you that the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows has been daily doing everything possible to keep members and our staff as safe as humanly possible through enhanced cleaning throughout the day, the proper use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) by members and staff, including mandatory wearing of face masks, nightly cleaning by a professional cleaning company, and other procedures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Washoe County Health District. All members and staff entering our building have their temperature scanned and are daily asked about their current health conditions and that of other family members. Although we are not immune from having a member or staff who may be symptomatic, in such occurrences the member or staff is immediately sent home to be tested and cannot return to the Club until medically cleared to do so. We will continue to be vigilant in our efforts to protect our members and staff.

Before and after each practice, the basketballs are sprayed with a disinfectant that is non-toxic, water fountains have remained out of operation, and our floors are cleaned by a Zamboni-type machine, using that same disinfectant chemical. We will continue these cleaning protocols daily until the present danger no longer exists.

Start of Season

Kickoff and Team Formation Day is Saturday, September 26, at DWR facility (2680 E. Ninth Street). At present, due to the social distancing and other safety practices related to the COVID-19 pandemic, our Team Formation Day will be conducted differently this 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**; the first group between 8:30-9:00 am, the second group between 10:00-10:30. Groups will be separated on individual courts:

GROUP 1: 9:00-10:30

- **Boys 8th Grade (Ct. 1), Boys 7th Grade (Ct. 2), Boys 6th Grade (Ct. 3), Boys 5th Grade (Ct. 4, Small Gym).**

GROUP 2: 10:30-12:00

- **Boys 4th Grade (Ct. 1), Boys 3rd Grade (Ct. 2), Girls 6th/7th Grade (Ct. 3), Girls 3rd/4th/5th Grades (Ct. 4, Small Gym)**

All attendees (kids and adults) are required to have their temperature taken, and wear a face mask into the building. Adults will be required to wear their face mask until exiting the building; players may take their mask off during the tryout portion of the Team Formation process.

NOTE: This is all subject to change based on the evolving situation related to COVID-19.

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. *As noted above, the annual \$300 Reno Baller fee will not be due or collected until we know we will be able to participate in tournaments.* 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; 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 (no travel to California until at least January 1, 2021). In each age group, based on the number of qualified players, we will endeavor to have two teams. Teams members will be selected by the age group coaching staff based on ability, skill level, athleticism, work ethic, and attitude. Players will be 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 (if available).

Coaching Staff

- 8th Grade Boys Kalani Vaka, Brian Vaka, and Doug Cordova.
- 7th Grade Boys Calen Evans, Steve Flint, and Kevin Carpenter.
- 6th Grade Boys Jason Westphal, Scott Schellin, and Casey McCann.
- 5th Grade Boys John Franklin and Trevor Moffat.
- 4th Grade Boys TBD
- 3rd Grade Boys Kyle Schellin, Rick Stevens, and the "legend," Dickie Allen.
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- 6th/7th Grade Girls Ames Sabellano, Nate Carrier, and Shayla Carrier.
- 5th Grade Girls TBD
- 3rd/4th Grade Girls Steve George, Kevin Carpenter, Susana Villasenor, TBD

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 12:

- 8th Grade Boys Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 pm.
- 7th 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.
- 4th Grade Boys Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30-7:00 pm.
- 3rd Grade Boys Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00 pm

- 6th/7th Grade Girls Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00 pm.
- 5th Grade Girls Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00 pm.
- 3rd/4th Grade Girls Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00 pm.

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

NOTES:

- No practices during Fall Break, October 5-9.
- No practices during Winter Break, December 21-January 1.
- No practices during Spring Break, March 15-26.

*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 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

NOTE: As discussed previously, until or unless California reopens to indoor activities, Reno Ballers will NOT travel to Hardwood Palace or other California locations until tournament or games can safely be held.

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.