



TREASURE VALLEY AAU

INFO GUIDE

LEAGUE STRUCTURE

TVAAU is divided into two divisions: Varsity and Junior Varsity. All TVAAU games are played at West Ada District Middle Schools with two games played per Saturday. When appropriate multiple Varsity or Junior Varsity teams may form in one feeder school area. The divisions are formed based on the player's grade they are in during the current school year. Teams/players cannot play up or down.

TEAM FORMATION

The YMCA has a 98% placement rate. Following tryouts coaches make their selections based on try-out evaluations. In case of a team not having a coach the TVAAU sports office will divide the teams up, on the JV and Varsity level, according to overall tryout evaluation scores. Players who have not paid their fee will not be placed on to teams they've been selected to and therefore will not have a jersey ordered for them until that player's balance is \$0.

PLAYER REGISTRATION

To help ensure correct team placement we ask that players register for the program either before or at tryouts. Payment is due at the time of registration and can be completed online at www.ymcatvidaho.org or at any Treasure Valley YMCA location. Scheduled payment plans and financial assistance are also available.

TRYOUTS

Tryouts are to determine if the player will make a JV or Varsity team. This is a high school feeder based program. Players must currently attend an elementary school or junior high school that feeds into the school that they will try out with. Those trying out for Bishop Kelly must either currently attend a parochial school (i.e. St. Marks) or have a sibling attending Bishop Kelly. Players that are unable to make either try out date will only be eligible to play at the JV level. If your player attends a charter school and there is not enough players to form a full team from that school that player is only eligible to tryout for the high school district they live in.

EVALUATIONS

Players are evaluated based on fundamental basketball skills in comparison to others within their feeder school tryout and age group. No player name, contact or background information is provided to coaches prior to or at tryouts. Evaluations are based on a 10 point scale with the YMCA recommending coaches/evaluators start at 5 (average) and grade higher or lower based on player's performance in accordance to other players in same tryout evaluation group.

AAU MEMBERSHIP

All players must obtain a current National AAU Athlete Membership prior to practices beginning to be eligible for participation. AAU memberships are valid through August 31st each year. For those participants who select the YMCA to purchase their AAU membership there will be \$14 added to their registration fee. Click [HERE](#) for your AAU membership.



COACHES

All coaches are unpaid volunteers who give their time to improve the lives of players and help develop skills in basketball and the art of teamwork and effort. Coaches are subject to a backgroundcheck and are selected based on past coaching history and experience working with youth. Varsity division coaches will be expected to attend both tryout dates. As teams form the need for coaches increases. Please be aware parents of a team in need will be asked to assist in the recruitment of a coach. Once a coach is found and they clear the background check they will be the primary point of contact for the team.

UNIFORMS

At tryouts there will be sample uniforms available to get correct sizing. Uniforms include a top and shorts. If a player moves teams after the designated uniform order date or wants is unhappy with the fit of their initial uniform order it will be an additional \$40 to order a new uniform. Any participants that register after the uniform order date will not have their uniform before the first game of the season.

PRACTICES

Practices will be twice a week for 1.5 hours per practice and start no sooner than 6pm. Getting practice times and spaces is highly competitive as there is limited space for the growing number of programs being run throughout the Treasure Valley. In most cases teams will be limited to half a gym and will be expected to share gym space. Practices may be cut due to holidays, school functions and other community members getting access to the gyms. Practice times and spaces may not always be able to be made up through space held by the YMCA. Due to gym availability practice locations may increase a family's commute time.

COMMUNICATION

TVAU uses an online league management program called Playerspace. Upon registration you will be added to Playerspace where you will then be sent a username and password. Within Playerspace you can view team schedules, standings, brackets and communicate with your team from your designated team page. You will be able to post pictures, positive comments, set up email and text alerts about games or practices. Through Playerspace you will receive league wide emails about upcoming dates and talking points about league expectations.

REFUND POLICY

After the jersey order date there will only be partial refunds available which will cover jersey costs. Those partial refunds will be provided if the following happens: player injury, insufficient players to form a team or we were unable to recruit a volunteer(s) to coach the team. We can also apply those refunds as credit towards another YMCA program. Refunds will take 7 days to process once they are approved.