

Woodside Troy Upward Basketball Parent FAQ for 2022 Season

Online registration for the 2022 Season of Upward Basketball will begin on or around September 15, 2021.

What is Upward Sports?

Upward is more than a game! Your child will have fun learning or improving their sport-specific skills through Upward. Participation will give your child a chance to experience good sportsmanship on and off the court. Woodside Troy offers Upward Basketball with Cheerleading once per year.

What's new this year?

Uniform sizing will no longer take place at Evaluations. Parents must enter uniform size choices for participants DURING registration. Please use the sizing charts provided here for accurate sizing:

[Basketball Jersey Sizing Guide](#) [Basketball Shorts Sizing Guide](#)

Who can play?

Our program is for kids who are in grades 1-6 during the school year that our season runs. Registration eligibility is based on actual grade – NOT on age.

How much does it cost?

- Basketball fee: \$85 per player if registered by November 1, 2021. \$95 per player after November 1.

What is included in the fee I pay?

- Basketball players will receive a reversible mesh jersey and an Upward t-shirt
- Game day and year end awards
- Equal playing time for basketball players
- A one-hour practice and one-hour game each week starting in January

What is the refund policy?

- A full refund of registration fees may be requested until January 9, 2022, or after January 9 if the player has not taken delivery of their uniform.
- Once players receive their uniforms, a partial refund may be requested
- After practices begin in January and uniforms are distributed, if the league is forced to shut down because of COVID restrictions or other orders from local health authorities, no refunds will be issued.

What dates do I need to put on my calendar?

- September 15, 2021 | Registration begins
- November 1, 2021 | Last day to register at early registration rate
- November 2, 2021 | Registration rates increase by \$10 per kid
- November 4, 2021 | Evaluation Night #1 | 6:15-8:00pm | Last Names A-E arrive anytime between 6:15 and 7:00pm | Last Names F-L arrive anytime between 7:00 and 8:00pm
- November 9, 2021 | Evaluation Night #2 | 6:15-8:00pm | Last Names M-R arrive anytime between 6:15 and 7:00pm | Last Names S-Z arrive anytime between 7:00 and 8:00pm
- January 1, 2022 | Participants are notified of team placement by this date

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- January 10-13, 2022 | Week that practices begin
- January 22, 2022 | First Game Day
- February 14-19, 2022 | Mid-Winter Break
- March 19, 2022 | Last Game Day and End of Season Team Parties

What are Evaluation Nights?

- In an attempt to draft fair and equal teams, each basketball player must be evaluated according to height, skill, and assertiveness
- Evaluations take approximately 20-30 minutes and are held in the Woodside Gym on the dates listed above
- All basketball players must attend one of the two Evaluation Nights
- A player that cannot attend their scheduled Evaluation/Orientation Night should attend the other Evaluation/Orientation Night.
- Please contact the church office if your child will not be able to attend either one of the Evaluation/Orientation Nights to make other arrangements for evaluation.

What do I need to know about practices?

- Each team is assigned a practice day and time that will stay constant through the season
- Practices last one hour
- Practice times are 5pm, 6pm, 7pm, or 8pm Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Wednesdays we only have 5pm practices.
- Typically, younger grades practice at the earlier times and older grades at the later times
- Each practice includes a 5 minute "team talk" devotional that focuses on a biblically based character virtue

Can you tell me about Game Days?

- Each team will play a total of 8 games, one each Saturday during the season
- First game day is Saturday, January 22, 2022
- Last game day is Saturday, March 19, 2022
- There will be no games on Saturday, February 19, 2022 for our Mid-Winter Break (no practices the week of February 14-17)
- Game start times vary from 8:00am until 6:00pm
- All games will be held at Woodside's Troy Campus in one of our two gyms
- All games will have volunteer referees who will emphasize good sportsmanship

How are basketball teams formed?

- There is a maximum of 10 players per basketball team
- No co-ed teams – boys are placed with boys; girls are placed with girls
- Each player signs up as an individual – not as a group or team
- A player may request up to 2 friends to be on the same team, but they MUST be in the same grade to request to play together
- Teams are drafted AFTER Evaluation Nights
- Most divisions will have 6-10 teams
- We do NOT form teams by school or neighborhood

What is an End of Season Team Party?

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End of Season Team Parties will take place on Saturday, March 19, 2022, following each team's final game. This will be a fun time of celebration for your kid's team. Every player will receive a gift. Please contact your kid's coach to see how you can make your team's party a fantastic celebration!

What if I would like to volunteer to coach or referee?

Anyone interested in coaching and/or serving as a referee can let us know of their interest via any of the following options:

- Indicate your interest on your child's registration form
- Email [Jon Everhart](mailto:Jon.Everhart@WoodsideBible.org) for basketball coaching opportunities or referee opportunities
- Call the Woodside Kids office at 248-710-1266

NOTE: All applicants will have to meet minimum volunteer requirements set out by Woodside Bible Church leadership to be approved to volunteer. Completing the application does not guarantee placement as a coach.

Have more questions not answered here?

Call 248-710-1266 or send an email to WoodsideKids@WoodsideBible.org. You can also visit the Upward Sports website at www.upward.org for more information, including another parent FAQ and this year's uniform colors!