

Mighty Mites Basketball 2016
Parent's Program Schedule & Overview
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Description

Mighty Mites is an introductory basketball program for children ages 5 to 8. The emphasis is placed on providing all participants with the opportunity to learn the rules of the game, basic skills, team work, and good sportsmanship. Skills are taught through practice drills and games. Our focus is on having fun and teaching players how to work together as a team, not on winning. Since this is the case, we do not keep score during games. *Teams are designated by using the coach's last name. See attached team roster for your team name.*

2016 Schedule

The schedule will run on Saturdays from January 23 to February 27 – a total of six meetings. Teams will play for one hour between 1:30-5:00 pm each Saturday. All practices and games will take place at the *Central Point Elementary School Gymnasium located at 450 S. 4th Street, Central Point*. The first week will be practice only so that participants can learn basic skills prior to their first game. For each of the following sessions, the first half-hour will be a team practice. The second half-hour of each session teams will play against one another in a game. Team meeting times will rotate weekly to allow each team to play against a different team. Players need only be present for their scheduled practices and games. We have provided a 15 minute break following completion of your games to provide time for players and parents to leave the facility prior to the next set of teams arriving. After completing your game, please move players off the court as soon as possible to allow for the next teams to begin practice.

The schedule for 2016 is as follows:

Date	1:30 – 2:30	2:45 – 3:45	4:00 – 5:00	
Jan. 23	Cardoza & Scheid	Williams & Edmunds	Ontiveros & Heiller	Practice Only
Jan. 30	Williams v Ontiveros	Cardoza v Heiller	Scheid v Edmunds	Practice & Game
Feb. 6	Cardoza v Edmunds	Williams v Heiller	Ontiveros v Scheid	Practice & Game
Feb. 13	Scheid v Heiller	Ontiveros v Edmunds	Cardoza v Williams	Practice & Game
Feb. 20	Cardoza v Ontiveros*	Williams v Scheid*	Edmunds v Heiller*	Practice & Game*
Feb. 27	Williams v Edmunds	Ontiveros v Heiller	Cardoza v Scheid	Practice & Game

*Team photos will be taken on February 20 with packages available for purchase on this day. Photos will be taken by Spencer Studio and available for pickup prior on the February 27th. The team photo schedule for February 20 will be as follows:

2:30 Williams Before Practice
2:40 Scheid Before Practice
2:50 Cardoza After Game
3:00 Ontiveros After Game
3:10 ***Catch up on photo schedule, or short break***
3:20 Edmunds Before Practice
3:30 Heiller Before Practice

Please review the schedule carefully, players may need to arrive early or stay after games on Photoday.

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Parents or Family Members on the Court

Due to liability and safety issues, we cannot allow any family members or friends on the basketball court during practices or games. If a team member's siblings or friends come to the practice and games, please bring entertainment as the basketballs and court area will not be available for their use.

Team Rosters

Your child's team roster is attached. Registration began before all coaches were set but we have made every effort to ensure that your child is on the team of their choice, per special requests made during registration. There may be some players who need to be moved onto different teams. Contact Dave Jacob at the number above if a roster change is needed prior to the beginning of the season and we'll do our best to accommodate your needs.

Coaches

Mighty Mites coaches are volunteers who are giving their time because of their enjoyment of the game. All coaches go through a background check prior to the start of the season.

Rules of the Game

The Court: Games will be played full court. We have found that this works best in that it provides plenty of room for the teams to play and moves the audience away from the courtside. Baskets will be fully lowered.

The Clock: Timekeeping will be done by Parks and Recreation staff with each game consisting of four quarters of six minutes each with no timeouts. This will allow for the completion of games within the half hour allowed. Parks and Recreation staff will start each quarter with a jump ball.

Player Substitution: There will be time at the end of each quarter to bring in players off the bench. Unless required by an injury or other issue, no substitutions should take place during a quarter. *Our goal is provide all players with equal playing time.*

Team and Individual Defense: All teams will play half-court defense only: After a score or turnover, the team transitioning to defense will move behind the half court line – **no full court press allowed.** This provides for equal opportunities for each team to play a set offense.

Individual Defense: We will make every effort to teach players proper defensive techniques. Our coaches are asked to reinforce that proper individual defense requires limited physical contact with opposing players, but this is a skill to be learned. Although we do our best to teach these skills, there will be contact between players. We will use these occurrences as opportunities to teach proper defense. Please be patient!

Officiating: We will have a program coordinator who will be on the court during all games. The coordinator will keep the games moving by calling side outs and ensuring that players on defense move behind the half court line after a score. Fouls will not be called but players will be made aware of improper defensive/offensive techniques. Coaches will also be on the courts with players during games. This provides for the opportunity to teach players as the games progress.

If you have any issues or concerns please don't hesitate to discuss these with the Mighty Mites Coordinator or Parks and Recreation staff.