



East Louisville Sports (ELS) Basketball

What is ELS?

In fall of 2008 Middletown Recreational Association (MRA) rolled out its new name - East Louisville Sports (ELS). It's just a new, updated name for the same organization that has served Middletown and eastern Louisville for many decades. The new name better represents the players and parents that participate in our baseball, softball and basketball leagues.

Registration?

ELS holds online registration and in person registration. Times and locations are posted at the EastLouisvilleSports.Com website. There is a credit card processing fee for online registration. The registration fee is refundable if requested before uniform orders are placed. The online processing fee is not refundable.

Refunds?

All refunds would be in the form of a check mailed to you from the ELS treasurer. To request a refund you must include name and mailing address of person to whom the refund is to be issued. Also provide whether original registration was from in person or online registration and in what form of payment, cash, check or credit card.

When are Practices?

5/6 year old leagues: This age group practices prior to their games. Typically a 1-Hr 15-min time slot includes practice and a game.

Players 7/8 League: teams will normally practice at *Hite Elementary*. Practices slots are Mon. – Friday. 6:00 and 7:00. 1-hour. 1 night per week, the night is selected by the coach.

When are Practices? (cont)

9/10 and 11/12 years: are provided a 1 hour practice once a week as provided by the league. Practice night varies and is selected by the coach.

Although practices times are offered at various gyms in the area, some coaches may use other options or sites available to them personally at their expense.

The High School League and Middle School League are a games only league. No practice times provided by the league.

When are Games?

Leagues have up to a 10 games minimum including a post season single elimination tourney. Game time slots begin on Saturdays, beginning at 9:00am and running through late afternoon and Sundays beginning at noon and run until early evening. Games are at Eastern High School. Times and game days are dependent on overall size of league and specific age groups.

Typically 7/8, 9/10, 11/12 age groups are *projected* to play on Saturday. 5/6, MS, HS age groups on Sunday. This could however change at ELS discretion and scheduling needs.

When does the Season Begin?

A brief tryout is held in November for coaches to assess the player's individual skill level, NOT to cut. All players are selected to a team. Practices begin late November. Games begin early December and end by March 1st. No tryouts for Mini-5/6 yo.

Tryout – Skills assessment:

You will receive an email informing you of the specific time for your age group. Time/location information is also posted on the ELS Facebook page and on the ELS website. Everyone is placed on a team. No one is ever cut. There are no make-up or additional tryout dates. If you cannot attend the tryout it is not a problem. We do ask that you send us a brief email giving your personal assessment of

your players skills. This will help us to place him/her in the correct round of the draft. If he is 8yo and can already dunk the ball, we need to know that. ;-)

There are no tryouts for 5-6 year olds.

What about playing time?

ELS rules provide for "equal" playing time. With 8 players on a team, every player will play a bit more than half the game.

Can I become a Coach?

We are always looking for coaches. Since we are involved with youth sports, all coaches are required to submit to a police background check. A copy of the background check form is posted in the Handouts section of the ELS website.

Where are games played?

All games are played at the Eastern High School, although in some special cases and to help with scheduling, we may use other gyms to conduct games.

What are the specific rules at my age group?

The ELS Basketball rulebook is posted under the handouts tab on the ELS website.

Can a Coach select an Assistant coach?

ELS basketball only officially recognizes the head coach position. Assistant coach information is asked on applications only as an additional piece of information for the Head Coach to consider when drafting a team. As a head coach you may wish to have an assistant to help you. Your "assistant's" son/daughter, however, must be drafted in accordance with the rules of the draft. Only the Head Coach's son/daughter is guaranteed to be on the Head Coach's roster.

In the 5-6 age group you may request to be placed with a specific coach or with other players since no draft is conducted. This should be noted on your application or sent in an email to ELS.

Special Requests Policy:
ELS Policy - Player special requests

ELS leagues conduct player assessment tryouts with a draft on age groups 7/8 year old and above. Coaches draft teams based on their own player evaluations from tryouts. This is done in an attempt to achieve an overall balance in the league.

Often, parents will make special requests such as playing for specific coaches, with friends or classmates to help with carpooling, not to practice on a particular night of the week, etc...

Unfortunately, ELS cannot accommodate special requests. ELS will make available written special requests that it receives (via email etc....) to the age group commissioner and to coaches prior to the draft. ELS encourages coaches, if possible, to consider the special request when drafting teams. They are not required to do so.

If your special request cannot be accommodated, you can request a refund if the request is made prior to uniforms being ordered.