



Upward Basketball FAQ's

1. When do I register my child for Upward Basketball/Cheerleading?

Upward registration begins October 8th and will continue until each division is full, or midnight on October 31st. Register EARLY—divisions fill quickly! As divisions become full, we will close out registrations for that division.

2. How do I register my child for Upward Basketball/Cheerleading?

Online registration is highly recommended and will be available throughout the entire open registration period. Online registration can be accessed through a link on the HCLC website at <http://www.hcl.org/upward>.

3. What forms of payment can I use?

Registration is available online using a credit or debit card as payment.

4. How much is the registration fee and what is it used for?

Registration for the 2017-2018 season of Upward Sports is \$130 for all applicants. There are no late registration fees this year. The registration fee covers the operating expenses of running the league, uniforms, and the end-of-season closing ceremony.

5. Once I have registered my child, what is the next step?

Your child will need to attend one of the following evaluation/orientation sessions.

Evaluations are held “open-house” style and you are welcome to attend at any time, allowing approximately one hour for orientation, uniform sizing, and skills evaluation.

- Saturday, November 11th 3:00pm – 6:00pm
- Sunday, November 12th 1:00pm –4:00pm

6. What if my child cannot attend an evaluation?

We understand that due to scheduling conflicts, it may not be possible to attend during one of the available sessions. Please make every effort to attend. It is important that we get accurate jersey sizes and evaluate players to create teams that are balanced.

7. What happens at the evaluation sessions?

All participants will be fitted for uniforms. Finally, participants will complete a few short drills (shooting, dribbling, and shuttle run) along with having their height recorded.

8. What happens following the evaluations?

We assign coaches and begin creating teams based on the evaluation scores. Team rosters and coach assignments are targeted to be completed in mid-December. Please be patient as we take the time to create teams that are well-balanced based on all team members skills. There are 64 teams with up to 640 players across all divisions, and we must take into consideration practice night exclusions, carpool links, and sibling links, so this process can take considerable time.

9. Where can I sign up to be a coach?

If you would like to be an Upward coach, please complete the application available on our website at <http://hcl.org/upward>

10. What if I need to cancel my registration?

Prior to December 1st you can cancel your registration and receive a full refund. After that, \$60 will be refunded (the balance of the fee covers the non-refundable player costs billed directly to the league by Upward Sports).

11. When will I receive team assignments?

Team assignments will be provided to coaches prior to the first practice. The coaches will contact you to introduce themselves, confirm your team, and inform you of your first practice date and time.

12. Can I request that my child plays on the same team with friends?

We cannot honor requests to play on the same team with friends or requests for specific coaches. The Upward registration system automatically creates teams based on a combination of evaluation scores and experience in order to create an equal playing field for the participants.

With over 600 players, it is not possible to accommodate multiple friend requests or rearrange the teams without disrupting this balance or complicating the process of building team rosters. We ask for your understanding and hope that you see the value in how this system works. It is a great opportunity for all of us to make new friends.

You can make a request based on the need for **carpooling only**. Each player in the carpool must request the other player when registering. For example, John requests Mike on his registration and Mike requests John on his registration. **We cannot link more than two players in a carpool and multiple requests will not be honored.**

13. Where are the practices held?

1st - 2nd grade practice is held at HCLES Grange Campus (5425 S 111th St, Hales Corners, WI 53130).

3rd - 8th grade practice is held at HCLC Janesville Campus Community Center (12300 W Janesville Rd, Hales Corners, WI 53130).

14. When is practice held?

1st - 2nd grade practice is held for 1 hour/week on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday.

3rd - 8th grade practice is held for 1 hour/week on Sunday, Thursday, or Friday.

Your coach will provide you with your practice schedule once it has been determined.

15. What if other activities prevent us from practicing on a particular day?

With so many activities available, this is not uncommon. During registration you can choose **one** night that you are unavailable to practice, which the computer will take into account when forming teams. Because of limited practice time availability we are unable to accommodate requests for multiple exclusions of practice days.

16. When and where are the games played?

All games are played on Saturdays at the same campus where your practice is held (either Grange or Janesville).

1st - 2nd grade games are played between 9:30am and 3:30pm at the Grange Campus.

3rd - 8th grade games are played between 10am and 8pm at the Janesville Campus.

17. Will the games always be played at the same time?

No. Games are played at various times of the day and change on a weekly basis depending on scheduling and coaches' availability.

18. When is the full season schedule available?

We do our best to get the schedules to you as soon as possible after the teams are formed, and you will have them before the first Saturday of games on January 20, 2018.

19. Are the players required to wear uniforms?

Yes. Uniforms are included in your registration fee. Each child will be given a practice t-shirt, reversible jersey, and shorts. They will be required to provide their own shoes. The children will be sized for uniforms at the evaluation session in November and will receive them by their first practice.

20. What are the uniform colors?

The colors for the 2017 season are red and black. Numbers are white.

21. What are "Team Parents"?

In order to provide your team's coaches with the time that they need to focus on your children more effectively, each team will be asked to have a "Team Parent." This person will serve as a team coordinator in which they will handle communication, snack schedule, picture coordination, etc. We ask that each team has a volunteer to be Team Parent in order to ensure accurate team communication throughout the season. You will be able to volunteer by reaching out to your coach after team assignments are made.

22. Why are parents required to volunteer, and how much time is mandatory?

Upward Basketball and Cheerleading is completely run and organized by volunteers. Without volunteers, your children would not be given this opportunity. There is a large group of people that work behind the scenes year-round to coordinate all of the details and help keep the program running smoothly. Due to the volume of participants and games played throughout the season, each family is **required** to volunteer a minimum of 2 hours per child throughout the season.

23. Who do I contact with questions about cheerleading?

Your questions about Upward Cheerleading can be directed to the Cheerleading Commissioner, Cretia Heinz, by email at david-heinz@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 414-698-8135.