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Stoney Church
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Registration:

Online Registration Only! Our registration will open Tuesday, September 3rd, at 6:30 pm and divisions fill up quickly! Once a division closes, you can be placed on the waitlist during the registration process.

To register for our league, scan the QR code or go to the following link:

<https://registration.upward.org/UPW86922>

Refund Policy:

Full payment is due upon registration. After November 1st, refunds cannot be guaranteed. We can only guarantee a request for one practice night that your child cannot attend. (See practice information below.) No other requests can be guaranteed.

Tips when registering:

- Confirm that you've registered for the correct division (grade/gender). We register by the grade your child is in for the 2024-2025 school year. **Kindergarten is co-ed.** We cannot guarantee a spot if your player is registered incorrectly.
- Add ALL email addresses that you would like on file as this is our primary method of communication.
- Save upward@stoney.church in your contacts to prevent important league emails from going to spam.
- Payment (\$125) is due in full at registration and completed online only.
- The only request that can be guaranteed is one night that your child CANNOT practice.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO NOTE BEFORE YOU REGISTER YOUR CHILD:

Each player must attend one of the following dates for player evaluations. Please note: Due to the way the players are evaluated, the timing is different for the K-4th Grade Divisions and 5th/6th Grade Divisions.

- **Kindergarten-4th Grade:** A link will be sent to you to sign your player up to be evaluated for *approximately 20 minutes* on one of the following days:
 - Wednesday, October 16th, 2024, from 5pm-8:00pm or,
 - Wednesday, November 6th, 2024, from 5pm-8:00pm.
- **5/6th Grade Girls:** A link will be sent to you to sign your player up to be evaluated for 1.5 hours on:
 - November 7th, 2024, from 5:30pm to 7:00pm (Arrival times start at 4:50pm).
- **5/6th Grade Boys:** A link will be sent to you to sign your player up to be evaluated for 1.5 hours on:
 - November 7th, 2024, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm (Arrival times start at 6:15pm).

Practices: Teams and practice days/times are established by the end of November. Practices begin December 3rd, 2024. Your child will practice for 1-hour per week on either **Tuesday from 5pm-8pm, Wednesday from 5pm-9pm or Thursday from 5pm to 7pm**. Each child will have *one hour of practice and one game each week*. Our last week of practices will be the week of March 13th, 2025. *If your child has another activity during the Upward season, please make sure you attend each of your Upward Practices. Your child is an important piece of the team!* Our volunteer coaches work hard with their teams and need every player at practice to be able to teach their team their plays so they can have the best game day experience possible.

Games: Game schedules are established by the end of December and will be given out by coaches. Games are on Saturdays beginning January 11, 2025, and ending March 15th, 2025. *There will be games and practices during the February school break.*

Upward Celebration: Our Upward Celebration will be held on March 16th, 2025.

See the back for some frequently asked questions!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Q: **What Divisions does Upward Basketball at Stoney Church have available?**

A: We have a Kindergarten Division that is Co-ed. All other divisions are by grades and gender. Our divisions are as follows:

1st & 2nd Grade, 3rd & 4th Grade, 5th & 6th Grade

Q: **How do I know what size uniform to order my player?**

A: Select your best guess at registration. Then make sure your player gets measured or tries on the jersey at their evaluation.

Q: **What does our registration fee cover?**

A: In addition to your practice and games, the fee covers the jersey, shorts, and t-shirt for your player, along with iron-on game day stars, our family fun nights, the Upward celebration, and a gift.

Q: **My child has never played basketball before. Is this the appropriate league?**

A: Yes! Upward Basketball is tailored to children of all levels of skill and experience.

Q: **What does it mean when it says this league is a ministry first?**

A: Upward uses the power of sports to share the Gospel and promote the discovery of Jesus in every community by engaging the whole athlete - mind, body, and soul. There will be coach-led devotions during practice and half-time devotions on game days. Each child will receive Practice Cards each week that are discussed during practice.

Q: **What is the appropriate basketball size for my player?**

A: Kindergarten -2nd grade is size 27.5 inches and 3rd-6th grade is size 28.5 inches.

Q: **What is the height of the basketball hoop for my player?**

A: Kindergarten -2nd is 8 feet, 3rd-4th is 9 feet and 5th - 6th is 10 feet.

Q: **What time will my child play on game day?**

A: Game days typically begin at 8am with the younger grade levels and continues through the day ending with 5th and 6th grade boys around 5pm.

Q: **Can I put in a request for my child to play with a friend or a specific coach?**

A: Friend and coach requests cannot be guaranteed. The league's priority is to create competitively balanced teams to create the best experience for all players. This is a great league to make new friends and work with a variety of coaches! Once teams are formed and sent to coaches, we will not make roster changes.

Q: **What are the colors this year for uniforms?**

A: The Upward Website is showing we are Green on one side and Gray on the other this year!

Q: **Am I qualified to be a coach?**

A: This is a ministry first, so coaching simply requires the love of Jesus and the ability to work with kids! You will be given all the support you need whether you have ever coached basketball before or not. Email upward@stoney.church if you have questions about coaching.

Q: **How do I volunteer?**

A: We would love for you to join in on the fun of Upward at Stoney Church. This is a volunteer-run league and we need you! Volunteer opportunities include the Snack Shop, Referee, Scorekeeper, Greeters, Tear down, setup, and event planning. Please email upward@stoney.church for more details!