

August 16th, 2024

Greetings Byron Basketball families,

Registration for the 2024-2025 Traveling Basketball Season is officially open! We have been busy planning the upcoming season in partnership with Byron varsity coaches Kyle Finney & Ben Pollock in order to provide a fun and enriching season for boys and girls in 3rd - 8th grades.

You can register your players by using the [Register Now](#) button on our website.

Player Registration

Registration Opens: August 16th, 2024

- Registration Fees
 - 3rd Grade : \$150
 - 4th - 6th Grades: \$300 (4th grade fee includes shorts & jersey)
 - 7th - 8th Grades: \$300
 - Fees include all practices and tournaments

Registration Closes: September 14th, 2024

Late “waitlist” Registration accepted until September 21st, 2024

- availability based on roster sizes
- additional \$50 late fee will be added

Coaches Registration

Registration Opens: August 14th, 2024

Registration Closes: September 21st, 2024

[Register to Coach](#)

NEW in the BBA 2024-2025 Season

Based on Parent, Player, and Coaches feedback the board has approved the changes for the upcoming season:

BBA 7th Grade / 8th Grade

- ❖ Byron Schools will no longer sponsor/schedule tournaments for school ball teams
- ❖ To maintain this opportunity for BBA players, BBA has approved:
 - Expanding 7th / 8th grade BBA tournaments from 6 to 8
 - Adding 7th / 8th grade BBA practices during school ball season

Registration Fee

- ❖ *No increases for grades 3rd - 6th*
- ❖ *\$50 increase for 7th/8th for additional tournament entries and practices*

Volunteer Information

- ❖ *In support of our basketball program and the community it serves, we encourage parent/guardian involvement through volunteerism. However, we understand that not everyone can commit time due to various reasons. To ensure the smooth operation of our program while accommodating all families, we have instituted a Child Participation Fee for those unable to fulfill volunteer requirements.*
- ❖ *Volunteer Requirement:*
 - *Each family is encouraged to volunteer a minimum of 2 hours per child throughout the basketball season. Volunteer opportunities may include but are not limited to coaching, refereeing, scorekeeping, concessions, and event coordination.*
- ❖ *Child Participation Fee*
 - *Families who are unable to volunteer for a minimum of 2 hours per child will be required to pay a Child Participation Fee of \$150.00 per child enrolled in the basketball program. This fee will be included in the registration of the child.*
- ❖ *Fee Payment Procedure:*
 - *The Child Participation Fee must be paid in full before the start of the basketball season.*

Scholarships

Scholarships are available for families who are unable to participate due to the costs of the program. Contact a BBA board member or email hoops@byronbasketballassociation.com for details.

Additional Grade Level Information

3RD Grade

- Practices will start the week of October 21
- Parent & Family Scrimmages November 9, 2024 (+Summer Skills recognition)
- Reversible jersey will be provided (*to be returned at end of season*)
- 4 tournaments including:
 - BBA Holiday Classic Dec 7 or 8
 - Other local tournaments in January/February
 - BBA Winter Clash Feb 8
- 3rd Grade will play a minimum of 4 tournaments

4TH Grade

- Uniform fittings Sept 22 or Sept 24 (more details following registration)
- Practices will start the week of October 21
- Parent & Family Scrimmages November 9, 2024 (+Summer Skills recognition)
- 6 tournaments including:
 - Rochester Early Bird, November 23-24, 2024 weekend
 - (Girls) RCYBA Spring Tournament, February 15-16, 2025 weekend
 - (Girls) will conclude the traveling season at MYAS Grade State Championships, February 22-23, 2025 weekend
 - (Boys) RCYBA Spring Tournament, February 22-23, 2025 weekend
 - (Boys) will conclude at MYAS Grade State Championships March 2-3, 2025
- 4th Grade will play a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 8 tournaments that will be a mix of Southeastern MN and metro-area tournaments. Tournaments are typically a minimum of 3 games.

5TH Grade

- Practices will start the week of October 21
- Parent & Family Scrimmages November 9th, 2024 (+Summer Skills recognition)
- 8 tournaments including:
 - Rochester Early Bird, November 23-24, 2024 weekend
 - (Girls) RCYBA Spring Tournament, February 15-16, 2025 weekend
 - (Girls) will conclude the traveling season at MYAS Grade State Championships, February 22-23, 2025 weekend
 - (Boys) RCYBA Spring Tournament, February 22-23, 2025 weekend
 - (Boys) will conclude at MYAS Grade State Championships March 2-3, 2025
- 5th & 6th Grades will play a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 10 tournaments that will be a mix of Southeastern MN and metro-area tournaments. Tournaments are typically a minimum of 3 games.

6TH Grade

- Practices will start the week of October 21
- Evaluations for 6th grade will be September 15 and 22
- Parent & Family Scrimmages November 11th (+Summer Skills recognition)
- 8 tournaments including:
 - Rochester Early Bird, November 23-24, 2024 weekend
 - (Girls) RCYBA Spring Tournament, February 15-16, 2025 weekend
 - (Girls) will conclude the traveling season at MYAS Grade State Championships, February 22-23, 2025 weekend
 - (Boys) RCYBA Spring Tournament, February 22-23, 2025 weekend
 - (Boys) will conclude at MYAS Grade State Championships March 2-3, 2025
- 5th & 6th Grades will play a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 10 tournaments that will be a mix of Southeastern MN and metro-area tournaments. Tournaments are typically a minimum of 3 games.

7TH / 8TH Grade

- BBA players are required to also be registered for Byron Middle School Basketball
- Evaluations September 15 and 22
- 8 tournaments including:
 - Rochester Early Bird, November 23-24, 2024 weekend
 - (Girls) RCYBA Spring Tournament, February 15-16, 2025 weekend
 - (Girls) will conclude the traveling season at MYAS Grade State Championships, February 22-23, 2025 weekend
 - (Boys) RCYBA Spring Tournament, February 22-23, 2025 weekend
 - (Boys) will conclude at MYAS Grade State Championships March 9-10, 2025
- 7th - 8th Girls will conclude the traveling season at the (Girls MYAS Grade State Championships, February 23
- 7th - 8th Boys teams will conclude at MYAS Grade State Championships March 10
- 7th & 8th Grades will play 8 tournaments, up from 6 in 2024-2025, that will be a mix of Southeastern MN and metro-area tournaments. Tournaments are typically a minimum of 3 games

Practice Objectives

- Our objective is to have 2 practices per week for each team grades 3-6.
- Our objective is to hold practices Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights whenever possible.
- Our objective is to have younger grades practice at earlier times.
- Our objective is to avoid Friday practices, and as a rule not to schedule Wednesday practices.
- 7th - 8th grade practice with Byron Middle School teams throughout the school ball season. New in 2024-2025 - Additional BBA practices will be scheduled during the school ball season. This schedule will be determined based on gym availability and to avoid conflicts with the school ball schedule once available.
- With all of these objectives in mind, understand we will not meet all of these objectives during the season. Availability is always challenging as many programs compete for gym space during the winter season. We ask for your flexibility and understanding in our efforts to meet these objectives.

Volunteering and Byron Tournaments

BBA will host 2 tournaments during the 2024-2025 season. Both will have a volunteer sign up on our website that will be sent to all BBA families.

- Byron Basketball Holiday Classic - December 7th and 8th, 2024
- Byron Basketball Winter Clash - February 8, 2025

Again, you can register your players by [clicking the link here](#) or on our website using the "Register Now" button.

Additional information can be found in the [BBA Parent Guidebook](#)

Help us spread the word! If you know families who have not been part of BBA in prior seasons, please forward this email to them. We are so excited about the upcoming season and hope you'll find it's our best one yet. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at hoops@byronbasketballassociation.com .

Respectfully,

BBA Board

PS - If you no longer wish to receive messages from the BBA, please click the link below to unsubscribe and you will be removed from our email list.