



YMCA Men's Recreational Basketball League - Pilot YMCA of Niagara - Niagara Falls branch

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why is the league open to men only? Will other leagues be offered in the future?

This is a pilot league based on expressed demand from male members. Future leagues, including the continuation of the Men's basketball league, will be considered for other sports, co-ed/women, and other YMCA branches based on the success of this league and the demand for such expansion.

Q: Who can participate in this league? What experience do I need to participate?

The league is open to all men 18 year and over. No basketball experience is required. Participants are encouraged to consider any health or physical considerations they may have before registering.
YMCA membership not required.

Q: Can players be added to the team roster after registration closes/the league begins?

No player can be added to a roster after the commencement of the league on January 23, 2020. All players are encouraged to register during the registration period of October 15 – December 15, 2019. Registration between December 16 and January 23 is at the discretion of the YMCA.

Players not appearing on a team roster will not be permitted to play any games of the YMCA Men's Recreational Basketball league. Photo ID/membership cards will be verified before the start of play for each game.

Q: How will I know if my registration has been processed if I register online?

Players will receive an email confirmation of registration within 72 hours of registration. Questions related to registration can be directed to



nfleagues@niagara.ymca.ca or, for more immediate service, by calling the Niagara Falls YMCA at 905-358-9622.

Q: What happens if I miss a game? Do I need to play a minimum number of games?

Players will not be reimbursed for any games they do not attend. A minimum 5 players are required per team for game play. All members of the team are not required to play each game; teams simply must have the minimum number of players present to avoid forfeit of a game.

Players are not required to play in a minimum number of games during the season. Registration fees will not be adjusted to reflect the number of games played by each player.

Q: What do I need to bring on game day?

Players will be issued YMCA membership cards, which will be required for access to the YMCA. Should you forget your Y card, government issued photo ID will be required for entry.

No personal belongings such as gym bags, coats, clothing will be permitted to be stored in the gymnasium. All players will be required to store their belongings in a locker. Use of a lock is strongly encouraged. YMCA is not responsible for any lost or stolen items. Combination locks are available for purchase at the YMCA membership desk.

Non-marking shoes required. Team jerseys will be provided to each player before the beginning of play on week 1.

Q: Can my team request a specific time for our game slot each week?

The YMCA will determine game schedule once registration has closed. Based on the number of registered teams, the bracket of play will be decided. Teams may request a specific time slot, but the YMCA cannot guarantee teams will play in a specific time slot each week.

Q: What happens if the actions of a player do not reflect YMCA etiquette?

The YMCA (including the YMCA Men's Recreational Basketball League) is a shared experience for everyone to enjoy. YMCA members, guests, volunteers and staff all accept the responsibility to treat one another with care, honesty, respect, responsibility, health and inclusiveness.



The YMCA reserves the right to revoke or suspend membership privileges/participation in the YMCA Men's Recreational Basketball League at its sole discretion, for:

1. Any inappropriate behavior not conducive to a values based family environment;
2. Any personal conduct (at or away from YMCA premises) that may be prejudicial to or incompatible with the YMCA's values, goals, business interests and public reputation; or
3. Any breach of YMCA rules, policies or procedures (including those relating to harassment or discrimination).

The personal safety and security of members, guests, volunteers and staff is of the utmost importance. Any person acting in a manner in YMCA programs or facilities that threatens any one's safety will be asked to leave, and may face a suspension or revocation of membership at the discretion of the YMCA Branch Manager or designate.

Q: What happens if I sustain an injury during the basketball season?

Players are encouraged to consider any health or physical considerations before participating in the YMCA Men's Recreational Basketball League. The YMCA cannot be held responsible for any injury sustained during play.

As stated on the registration form: I understand that through participation in sport there is a risk that I may be injured through participation. I release the YMCA of Niagara from all liability related to my participation in YMCA Men's Recreational Basketball League. I confirm I have properly noted any medical conditions that I may have. I confirm that I am to physically participate in the sport I have registered for. If I receive a concussion in the YMCA Men's Recreational Basketball League or elsewhere, I will not be permitted to continue to participate until I am physically able.

Q: How will the YMCA communicate game results and updates?

Weekly game results, standings, scores and other league updates will be distributed via email on Fridays before 5 PM. Please be sure you've provided us with your email in order to receive these update.

Q: What happens if there is inclement weather on Thursday game day?

During severe weather and any other unforeseen circumstances, the safety of staff, volunteers, members and participants is an overriding concern for the



YMCA. We encourage players of the league to check social media for information. Announcements will be posted as soon as possible on: YMCA of Niagara Website, YMCA of Niagara Twitter Page and YMCA of Niagara Facebook Page. If the YMCA is open games will run as scheduled. Players may choose not to come in, in which case they will not be granted a refund for games missed. If the YMCA is closed, games will be rescheduled and may extend the season schedule.