

# **Hollywood Dodgers 2012 Li'l Hoopsters Camp General Information**

Welcome! We are delighted that your child is participating in our Li'l Hoopsters basketball camp. We hope it turns out to be a beneficial experience for your youngster—we know it will be for us! Camp enrollment was better than expected, so we had to make some adjustments to our original plan. Here is what you can expect over the next 8 sessions:

**Clinics** – 3 weeks (1/21, 1/28, and 2/11) are set aside for instructional clinics which will emphasize fundamental skill development. Participants have different levels of experience, but they can all benefit from the drills. In order to make the clinics more manageable and effective, we are breaking them up into two sessions—one for those with little or no experience and one for the more experienced players.

If it looks like the majority of the participants need additional work, we will run a 4th clinic on March 3<sup>rd</sup> in lieu of the scheduled games. We will post an announcement the week before and will send out an email message. **(Please check your email the night before each session as that is how we will communicate any last minute changes.)**

**Games** – Players who registered individually will be assigned to one of eight teams after the 2<sup>nd</sup> session; team assignments and schedules will be emailed prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> session. Team entrants will be kept together (with one exception), and special requests will be honored to the best of our ability.

Four games (with 22-minute halves) will be scheduled per evening with start times at 5:15, 6:10, 7:05, and 8:00 pm.

**Jamboree (3/17)** – The Li'l Hoopsters Camp culminates in a final get-together with a potluck dinner, activities for the players, and awards presentation.

**Coaching/Team Reps/Volunteers** – The clinics will be run by Coaches Dave Uyeshima, Jim Nakabara, and Robert Yamaura (former high school varsity basketball coaches with many years of experience). Assisting them will be numerous Hollywood Dodger players, coaches, and parents as well as some Li'l Hoopster alumni. Camp parents are also encouraged to help out, if they so desire.

For the games, we would like two or three parents to coach each team. Coaches will be allowed to run alongside their players, so they can provide immediate instruction to them. If any players are uncomfortable and need a parent at their side, that's okay, too.



We also need a parent rep for each team. There isn't a lot to do—just schedule snacks for the games and sign-up team members for the jamboree potluck.

Anyone interested in volunteering should speak with the Hoopsters' staff or email us at [hwd@hollywooddodgers.org](mailto:hwd@hollywooddodgers.org).

**Officiating** – Hollywood Dodger high school students who officiate for the CYC league will referee the Hoopster games. Officiating throughout the league will be adjusted according to the players' needs. For those who have more experience, the referees will make closer calls, so the players can learn what is and isn't allowed. For those who have less experience, the referees will allow a little more room for error, so the players can get the hang of the game and develop basic skills.

**Jerseys** - Pinnies (vests that the players wear over their shirts) will be provided for the games. The pinnies will be collected and washed after each game. Existing teams may wear their regular team uniforms. Please notify us if they plan on doing so.

**Refreshments** – Water will be provided for the players during the clinics, games, and jamboree. Snacks will be provided to them at the close of each clinic. **Once the games begin, teams will be expected to organize their own snacks.**

Refreshments for the spectators are provided by the various Hollywood Dodger teams. Please visit the snack stand--it's a great place to mingle! Keep in mind that one of the goals of the Li'l Hoopsters Camp is to form new teams for the Hollywood Dodgers Youth Organization. **We would appreciate it if you would refrain from using the camp to recruit players for other organizations.**

**Hollywood Dodger Membership** – If you are interested in joining the Hollywood Dodgers, please notify one of the Hoopster staff members.

**Contact Us** - Please feel free to share any concerns or suggestions you have with us, either in person at the gym or by email at [hwd@hollywooddodgers.org](mailto:hwd@hollywooddodgers.org).

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**Thank you for participating in the Li'l Hoopsters Camp!**

