



Summer 2024 Youth Basketball

Parent Meeting

Meet the Athletics Team

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Where can I find Information?

- **Website - PlayTCsports.com**
 - Game Schedule
 - Rules
 - Season Information on the basketball specific page
- **Other Department Contact Information**
 - Athletics Team Email: playtcsports@thecolonytx.gov
 - Main Department Line: 972-625-1106
 - Answered: M-F 6:30am - 9 :00pm & Saturday 8:30am-6:00pm

Important Season Dates

- Week of 5/28/2024 - Practices begin
- 5/27 - Memorial Day - No practices
- 6/15 - Games begin
- 6/19 - Juneteenth - No Practices
- 7/4 - 4th of July - No Practices
- 7/6 - No Games
- 7/27 or 8/3 - Last day of Games



Age Verification

Birth Certificates or passports will be required this season for anyone to play!

- **We will note on the rosters ages for the children we have received birth certificates or passports from. If the ages are blank, that means we have not received anything to verify.**
- **Please pass this information along to your parents! The deadline to receive age verification is by 5/22. If we do not receive a birth certificate or passport the child will not be able to play until we receive it and verify the age.**
- **What we will take?**
 - Birth Certificate
 - Passport
- **Parents have these options to submit:**
 - Email it to playtcsports@thecolonytx.gov
 - Stop by the recreation center for staff to make a copy.

Age Qualification

What is the aging date for this season?

9/1/2023

How does the aging date work?

Whatever age your child was on 9/1/2023 is the division they qualify for.

- Example: My child was 10 on 9/1/2023, but he is now 11 years old. He technically qualifies for the 10U division. If you would want to play up in the 12U division you would have to get approval from the Athletics staff.

For the upcoming fall sports the new aging date will be 9/1/2024!

***You can find an informational sheet with more information on exceptions on playtcsports.com!**

Practice & Game Locations

Practice Locations

- Ethridge Elementary School
 - 6001 Ethridge Drive, The Colony, Texas 75056
- Strike Middle School
 - 8798 Scotty's Lake Lane, The Colony, Texas 75056
- The Colony Recreation Center
 - 5151 North Colony Blvd, The Colony, Texas 75056

Game Location

- Strike Middle School
 - 8798 Scotty's Lake Lane, The Colony, Texas 75056

**Maps located at
the end of the
presentation!**

Practice Information

- Each team receives 1 practice per week for the season
- Please remember we are guests at all of these locations so please make sure you are following any policies and picking up your trash after practice or games!



Game Information

- **When is the first weekend of games?**
 - June 15th
- **Where do we play?**
 - Strike Middle School
- **How many games for the season?**
 - Teams will be scheduled 6 games
- **Who makes the playoffs?**
 - The top 4 teams in each division will make the playoffs.
- **Game Schedule**
 - The game schedule will be released by May 31st

Please do not screenshot or print the schedule! Our goal is not to make any changes for the season, but there is a chance that changes might happen. The schedule online is the most up to date always!

Jerseys

- Each team will receive a new set of jerseys.
- We will **NOT** have extra jerseys at games so please make sure your child is wearing their jersey or has their jersey for the game. *If they do not have their jersey, they cannot play.*
- Please make sure your players are **ONLY** using the jersey provided for this season. This ensures your team will not have any duplicate numbers which causes issues with scorekeeping and managing the game!
- **Game Day:**
 - Home - Grey
 - Away - Blue

Coaches

We rely on volunteer parent coaches for this league to run!

- **Coach Requirements**
 - **All coaches are required to do a background check in order to coach for the season!**
- **Anyone who would like to assist on the sideline at games or assist at practice must go through the background check process!**
- **The background check process can take 2-5 business days.**
- **Anyone that is not officially cleared will not be allowed on the sideline.**

Thank you to all of those who have volunteered their time to coach!

Spectator Guidelines

- All spectators must stay on the spectator sideline during the game. Only background approved coaches may be on the team bench.
- Spectators must sit on the bleachers on the opposite side of the team benches.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct from parents will not be tolerated. Depending on the severity of the conduct we will ask the individual to leave the complex. Play will not resume until they leave.
- **Ejection/Consequences**
 - If a parent is ejected from a game they will not be able to attend the next game. Once allowed back if they get ejected for a second time they will not be able to attend any games for the remainder of the season.
- **The aforementioned suspensions will be the minimum penalty enforced and may be increased in each situation due to the severity of actions.**

Rules - Division Breakdown

6U Coed

- **Ball Size:** 27.5
- **Basket Height:** 8'6
- **Game Length:** 4 Six Min. Quarters
- **Free Throw:** No free throws
- **Lane Violation:** 5 Seconds
- **Full Court Defense:** No full court defense allowed

8U Boys/9U Girls

- **Ball Size:** 28.5
- **Basket Height:** 8'6
- **Game Length:** 4 Six Min. Quarters
- **Free Throw:** 13.5
- **Lane Violation:** 5 Seconds
- **Full Court Defense:** Full court defense will be allowed the last minute of each half and during overtime. (Except if the point spread is 15 or more points)

10U Boys

- **Ball Size:** 28.5
- **Basket Height:** 10ft
- **Game Length:** 4 Eight Min. Quarters
- **Free Throw:** 13.5
- **Lane Violation:** 5 Seconds
- **Full Court Defense:** Full court defense will be allowed the last two minutes of each half and during overtime. (Except if the point spread is 15 or more points)

12U Boys

- **Ball Size:** 29.5
- **Basket Height:** 10ft
- **Game Length:** 4 Eight Min. Quarters
- **Free Throw:** 15
- **Lane Violation:** 3 Seconds
- **Full Court Defense:** Full court defense may be played at anytime (Except if the point spread is 15 or more points)

Rules - Playing Requirements

- **Playing Requirements**

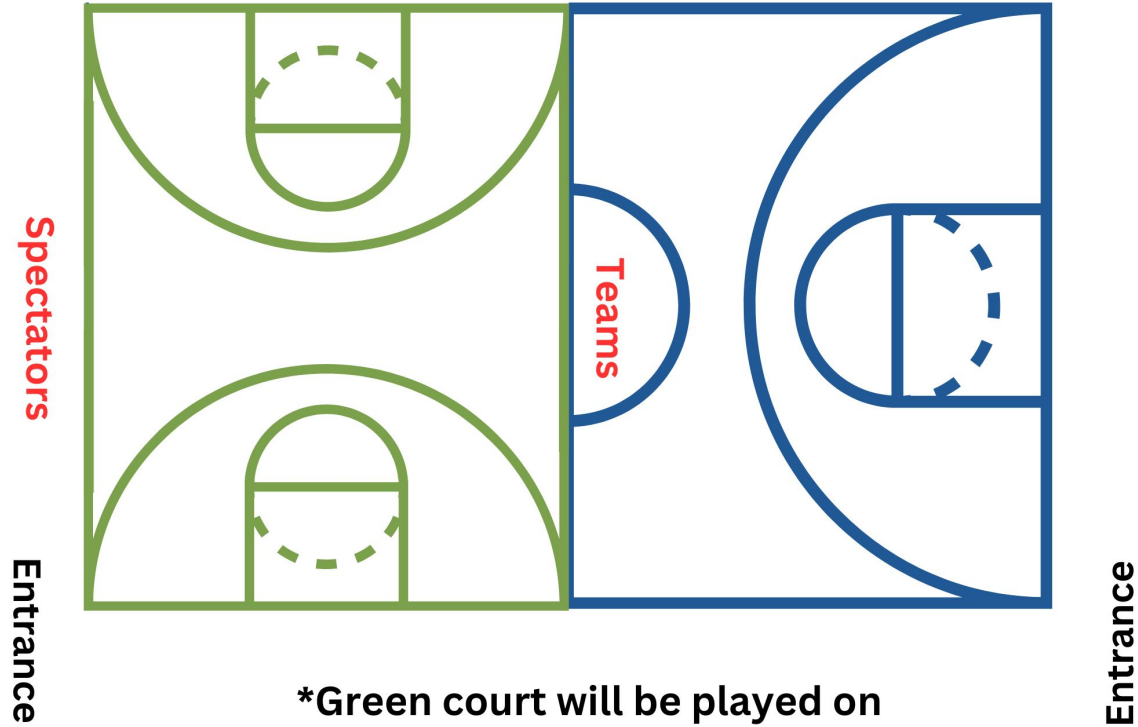
- The coach is responsible to designate 5 starters (4 for 6U) for each game and to note these starters on the scoresheet. These five starters **MUST** play the entire first quarter. No substitutions are allowed (Exception: a player may be taken out due to an injury but must return to the game as soon as they are able to)
- All remaining players are automatic starters for the second quarter, and **MUST** play the entire second quarter without substitution (See exception above).
- If there are fewer than five remaining players to start the second quarter, only those players who played the **ENTIRE** first quarter are eligible for substitution.

6U COED Format

- **4v4**
- **Games played on the side court**
- **Score is not taken**
- **We use wristbands in this division as a visual for the children to know who to guard. We provide the wristbands for games.**
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6U Court Layout

Bleachers



*Green court will be played on

Team Formation

Factors we use to determine teams:

- **Coach Requests**
- **Friend Requests**
- **Age**
- **Seasons Played**
- **School**
- **Number of players registered**

*** Teams can only have a max of 10 on their roster**

Season Survey

We will be publishing a survey near the end of the season that we would appreciate everyone fill out! We value your feedback and are always looking for ways to improve the league!

Some areas in the league we have changed/added from past surveys:

- **Changed formatting of the 6U division**
- **Added the pre-season parent meeting for better communication**
- **Starting the good sport initiative**
- **Starting the season newsletter for this upcoming season**

***We will send out a link to the survey around the 2nd to last week of the regular season!**

Miscellaneous Information

- **Basketballs**
 - We do not provide basketballs for practices. Please send a notification to your team to bring their own ball to practices.
- **Awards**
 - The first place and second place team will get medals in each division.
- **Replacement Jersey**
 - If you need a replacement jersey, it would cost \$10.



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Ethridge Elementary School
6100 Ethridge Drive, The Colony, TX 75056



Practice Location:

Recreation Center

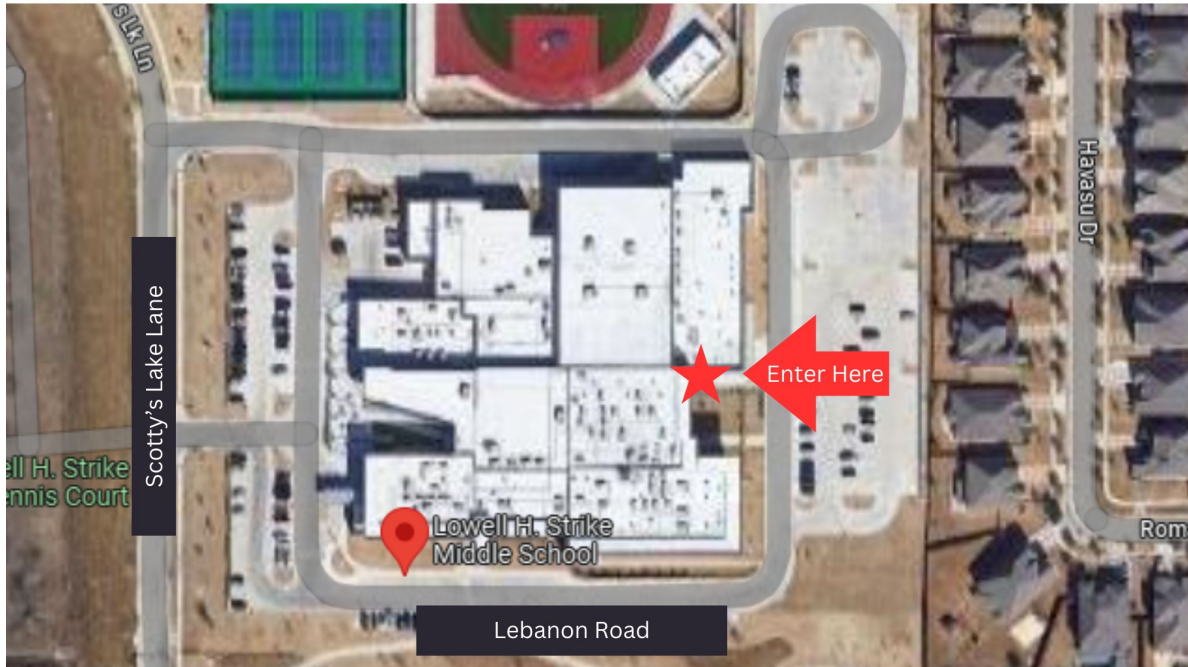
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Practice & Game Location:

Strike Middle School

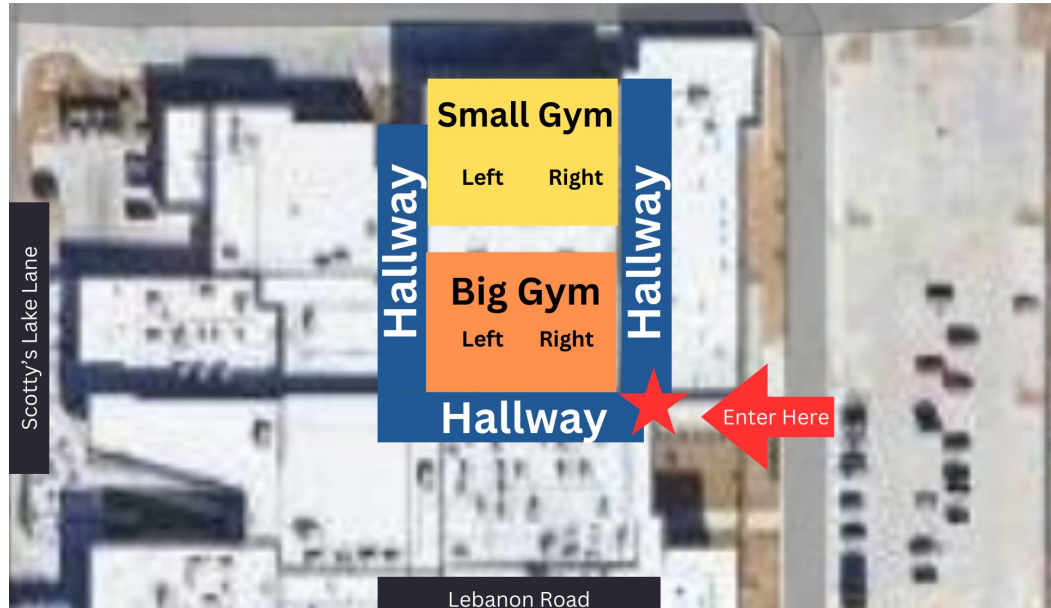
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Gym Practice Map

Strike Middle School

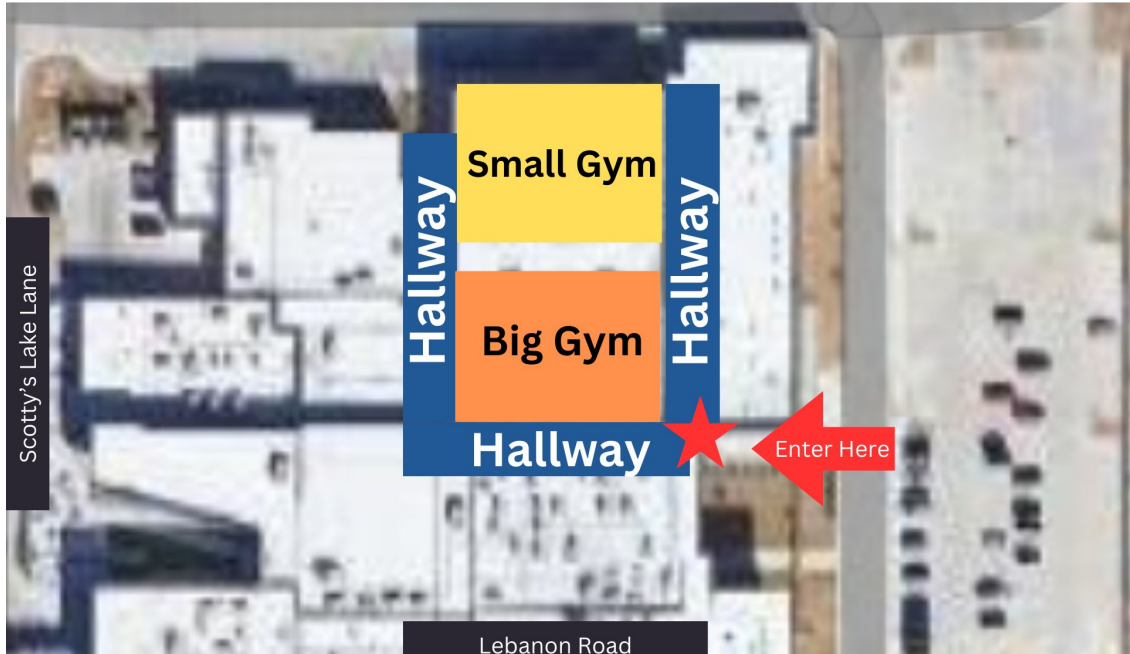
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Gym Game Map

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Any Questions?

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